

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

## How much is this going to cost?

The Office of International Educations works with each student individually to ensure the most cost effective manner for the student to participate in an international experience.

## Study abroad fee

A \$350 study abroad fee is applied to all students, regardless of program type. This fee exists to offset the costs incurred through foreign transcript evaluation, credit transfer, processing of federal and/or state financial aid for disbursement to the student, and other administrative expenses. Students who enroll in the Leipzig or Yucatan programs do not pay this fee.

## RC Extension Campuses

Students participating in the Leipzig or Yucatan programs will pay a program fee in addition to their normal semester charges for tuition, fees, room and board. This program fee covers the group flight, excursions, and **most** other expenses involved in the program.

## Exchange, affiliated, and unaffiliated programs

An **exchange** is essentially a trade of places. A student in a foreign country pays his or her tuition, room, board, and fees. A Roanoke College student pays RC tuition and fees, room and board. The students then trade places and receive the benefits of what the other student has paid for at his or her home institution.

An **affiliated program** does not involve an exchange of students, but rather allows Roanoke College to directly enroll a student in a foreign institution or program. Roanoke College will charge students for tuition and fees. Depending on the program, students may be charged for housing and/or meals as well. A student is never charged twice for the same service. For instance, if a students pays for housing here, they will not be charged for housing abroad.

An **unaffiliated program** is not connected to Roanoke College through a contractual agreement. In order to participate on an unaffiliated program, the student must withdraw from Roanoke College. The student is not billed by Roanoke College, but also cannot receive the Roanoke College institutional **or** federal financial aid. The student would pay out of pocket for the program. There are limitations on what courses transfer in this situation. No assistance from the Office of International Education will be given to students who enroll in unaffiliated programs.

## What additional expenses should we expect?

- Passport and visa fees
- Travel costs: airfare, transportation, and personal travel expenses
- Textbooks
- Sometimes students must pay a refundable housing deposit
- Insurance (if participating in an ISEP program)