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To: Prospective Off-Campus Study Students

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Grinnell College offers students approximately 90 off-campus study programs serving approximately 250 students per year. This letter is to inform you about the policies related to the charges billed by Grinnell College for the off-campus program.

With the exception of the initial deposit, which the student pays directly to the program, Grinnell College pays all program invoices directly and in turn bills students for the remaining balance after financial aid has been applied. The following is a list of off-campus study tuition, fees and other charges billed by Grinnell:

- The tuition of the program you attend or Grinnell's tuition, whichever is greater. Please bear in mind that the comprehensive fee published by some programs may also include charges in addition to tuition, such as room and board, transportation, etc. Grinnell considers only the portion of these fees representing tuition when determining the tuition charge to be billed by Grinnell College. Grinnell bills these fees separately (room and board, transportation, etc.) and not as part of the tuition.
- Off-campus study administrative fee (\$300)
- Grinnell College student health insurance (which may be waived)
- Room and board charged by the program
- Transportation, such as airfare, if billed to Grinnell College by the program or paid in advance by Grinnell College
- The Program fee can encompass multiple charges (i.e., room/board and transportation or other expenses charged by program). It is not reduced to itemized expenses and does not include tuition charges.
- Miscellaneous fees if charged by the program (student activity fees, lab fees, local transportation, books, etc.)

The College will bill the student the estimated costs of the program in which the student is enrolled prior to the beginning of the semester. A spreadsheet illustrating **estimated costs** of each program is available online at <http://www.grinnell.edu/about/offices-services/financial-aid/ocs>. After Grinnell receives the invoice from the program, an adjustment will be made to the student billing to reflect actual charges. Please note that programs differ in the types of charges they bill to Grinnell College. Personal expenses above and beyond actual program costs that are not included by any program in the charges billed to the College are entirely the responsibility of the student.

The following example is an illustration of an itemized bill from Grinnell College for a student studying off-campus for one semester:

Itemized Detail:	Amount:	Totals:
Grinnell College Tuition (2017-18)	\$25,007.00	
Grinnell College OCS Administrative Fee	\$300.00	
Grinnell College Health Insurance	\$1,516.00	
Room & Board (charged Grinnell by Program)	\$4,000.00	
Airfare (charged Grinnell by Program)	\$1,000.00	
Miscellaneous (charged Grinnell by Program)	\$500.00	
Total Charges		\$32,323.00
Credits: Sample Student Aid Package		
Trustee Honor Scholarship	\$5,000.00	
Grinnell National Merit Scholarship	\$1,000.00	
Pell Grant	\$1,875.00	
Grinnell Grant	\$3,000.00	
Direct Loan	\$2,750.00	
Total Credits		\$13,625.00
Estimated Balance Due		\$18,698.00

#### **FINANCIAL AID:**

Students approved for off-campus study (OCS) programs who wish to receive aid must go through the same financial aid process as students intending to remain on campus. All financial aid deadlines and requirements still apply. Awards for the fall semester are generally mailed in June, and awards for the spring semester are mailed in November. Certain conditions apply to OCS that may affect your award:

- Trustee Honor Scholarships and Grinnell International Grants can be used for OCS but cannot be adjusted upwards to reflect increased costs.
- Tuition Remission benefits can only be applied to Grinnell-in-London and Grinnell-in-Washington OCS.
- Students are not permitted to work abroad. Therefore, Federal Work-study eligibility may be replaced by loans.
- Aid will not under any circumstances exceed the cost of attendance.

Students who decide to attend an off-campus study program NOT APPROVED by the OCS Board are not eligible for aid through Grinnell College, nor can Grinnell be responsible for notifying lenders that students have enrolled elsewhere. All questions pertaining to financial aid should be addressed to the financial aid office at (641) 269-3250.

If you have other questions, please contact the Office of the Cashier at (641) 269-4100.