UW International Academic Programs (IAP)
Worldwide and Worldwide Dissertator Programs

Overview

“IAP’s goal is to remove the financial barriers for UW-Madison students to study abroad and to make study abroad accessible to as many students as possible. As an auxiliary unit, IAP receives no additional funding from the state or university to administer its programs and operates its budget on a cost recovery basis. “

UW-Madison students studying abroad via the IAP program are exempt from paying UW-Madison tuition and academic fees as per UW system policies. IAP participants instead are assessed a fee which recovers the actual costs of the program which includes the program expenses, IAP administrative fee, and CISI health insurance coverage for the duration of the program. See http://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/

Student MAY wish to consider IAP program if

- For unfunded dissertators (or dissertators with fellowships) the IAP Worldwide Dissertator program may make sense. If funded, check with funding source.
- Students apply to the IAP program and if accepted pay a program fee for one or two semesters, which is for all residency categories less than three dissertator credits.
- The program fee includes the required CISI (Cultural Insurance Services International) health insurance for study abroad.
- Graduate School needs advisor permission prior, with a statement that the expected work will be the equivalent of 3 credits of 990.
- IAP will enroll student for a placeholder credit of zz100 but assess no UW tuition and segregated fees.
- Upon return, the student, advisor, and IAP collaborate to assess the work and convert zz100 to 990.
- International students will want to check with ISS for any visa implications.
- See http://www.studyabroad.wisc.edu/programs/program.asp?program_id=369

Students generally would NOT consider IAP program if

- IAP program probably does not make sense for most TA/PA graduate students with campus-based duties, and non-dissertators. It may technically be an option for some dissertator RAs, but the program should still expect to pay the tuition remission surcharge.
- Typically, UW graduate appointments provide tuition remission already - making the IAP program less appealing. Remission cannot be extended to the IAP program’s administrative fee.
- For most pre-dissertators the number of required full-time credits, and class/course requirements, make the translation from placeholder credit to graduate credits difficult. It is possible.

For ALL students traveling abroad outside of IAP program

- Obtain CISI international insurance that includes evacuation. This can be done through UW Risk Management: http://www.bussvc.wisc.edu/risk_mgmt/international%20health%20insurance.html
- Register with the US State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program: https://step.state.gov/step/