#### Communication

#### **Denison Email Account**

We will communicate with students through their Denison email accounts. Students should check this account regularly and respond to requests in a timely fashion to avoid missing deadlines.

## **Pre-Departure Planning**

Once your student has been accepted into their program, the program partners will be their key resource. Program partners will provide information and pre-departure instructions that should be followed carefully. Consult with the program staff if you have **any** questions at all. They will help students understand the visa process, tell you when to book airline tickets, etc. We are here to help but the program provider is a student's first call.

#### **Administrative Concerns**

#### **Pre-Approval of Courses**

Courses must be approved for transfer credit before your student can leave for their program. The deadline for approval of Summer, Fall, and Academic Year programs is May 1. The deadline for Spring programs is December 1. Failure to get approval could mean that credits do <u>not</u> transfer back to Denison.

#### **Student Status**

If your student decides not to go on their program, please notify us as soon as possible because they will not have housing or the ability to register for classes until we change their status back to "on campus."

Approval to participate in off-campus study is based on the condition that students remain in good academic standing the semester preceding their term abroad. Denison reserves the right to withdraw approval if there is problematic shift in a student's academic performance prior to the start of the program, even if the student is in good academic standing.

## **Money Matters**

#### **Financial Aid**

Need-based Denison grants and almost all federal, state, and private scholarships, grants, and loans may be applied to OCS. Eligibility for Denison grants, as well as provider partnership grants, is dependent upon the completion of the FAFSA by **March 1** and the verification process by **April 15**. The Financial Aid Office uses the FAFSA to determine your students aid eligibility and posts an estimated aid package to each student's Self-Service account by mid-June (Fall study), or mid-August (Spring study).

#### **Scholarships**

If your student receives a Federal Pell Grant, we strongly encourage them to apply for the Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship offered by the U.S. Department of State. Visit the Gilman International Scholarship website for more information. Additional scholarships can be found on globaltools.denison.edu. The Lisska Center is available to help students with their applications.

#### **Important Financial Aid Dates**

March 1	Deadline to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
March 15	Deadline to file taxes electronically.
April 15	Deadline to complete the financial aid verification process.
Mid-June (Fall)	Estimated financial aid award posted to Denison Self-Service.
Mid-August (Spring)	If eligible, Program Partner Awards are also made at this time.

#### **OCS Costs**

Since Denison does not charge its own tuition for OCS, the cost of participation varies from case to case. While Denison merit scholarships cannot be applied to OCS, the comprehensive costs of OCS are often much lower than those at Denison, which serves as an offset to the lost scholarship. Partnership and Denison grants are also available.

In most cases, the OCS Administrative Fee is the only charge on a student's Denison account. The fee for 2019-20 is \$280 (summer) or \$895 (semester). These fees are evaluated annually and may increase. All other fees associated with OCS are usually paid directly to the provider.

#### **Program Deposit**

Program providers will charge a nonrefundable deposit within several weeks of your students acceptance. This means that even though your student may not hear an admission decision for a number of weeks, they should begin to gather the funds for the program deposit now.

## **Apply Financial Aid to OCS**

If your student receives financial aid, Student Accounts can forward a credit balance on your students Denison account directly to the program provider. With this arrangement, students are responsible only for paying the net balance to the provider. For more info, contact Yolanda Rosato.

## **Monthly Payments**

If your student/your family are enrolled in a Tuition Management Systems plan and that account is current, your student may use it to pay the invoiced fees associated with OCS. For more information, contact Yolanda Rosato at: 740-587-6795 or rosato@denison.edu



## **Academic Accommodations**

Students seeking academic accommodations for OCS must contact the Academic Support & Enrichment Center (20 Higley Hall, x6666) well before leaving for their program.

## **Conduct Issues**

Disciplinary or Academic Integrity offenses can result in Denison rescinding a student's approval of participation or expulsion from a student's OCS program. More information is available under the Policies tab on globaltools.denison.edu.

## **Passports**

Students should apply for a passport right away. Students who already have a passport should make certain that it will not expire until at least six months after the end of their program. At least one parent/guardian should also have a valid passport in case of an emergency.

## **Student Visas**

Students are responsible for determining whether a visa is required for their program. If one is required, it is up to the student to follow the visa application instructions given to them by the program partner. Students should always consult with program partners about visa requirements.

## **Health & Safety**

## **Maintaining Continuity of Healthcare**

Students with special needs related to physical or mental health should communicate with the program provider well before the program so that on-site arrangements can be made to insure continuity of care.

#### **Insurance**

Denison covers students abroad with EIIA insurance. This insurance is for evacuation and emergency care. Your student may wish to purchase supplemental insurance if their own healthcare policies will not work off campus (or out of the country). Many program partners provide this as part of a student's fees, so please check before purchasing.

#### **Safety Advisories**

Parents/guardians and your student should be aware of the safety concerns noted on the U.S. State Department, Federal Centers for Disease Control, and World Health Organization websites.

#### **Vaccinations**

Your student should consult the Federal Centers for Disease Control website for specific guidelines for their location of study. Local health departments often offer vaccinations at a more reasonable cost than private doctors'

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