PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY Study Abroad/Financial Assistance Fact Sheet

Federal Title IV Student Financial Assistance regulations allow for students to receive federal funds to take a course(s) in an official College Study Abroad semester(s). A student who is eligible for Title IV grants or loans may receive funds provided the student has current eligibility.

Students should plan to contact the Financial Aid Office early if they are seeking assistance for a Study Abroad semester. This will allow time for the Financial Aid Office to evaluate eligibility and provide funding for the semester if funds are available. The following variables are to be considered when evaluating eligibility for Study Abroad.

- Student must be enrolled and seeking a Degree at PSU.
- Student must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress by financial aid regulations.
- The course(s) the student is taking in the Study Abroad Program must be on the student's Degree Audit. ***The credit earned abroad must apply toward degree requirements*.
- Student must have eligibility for Federal Title IV funds for the semester(s) of Study Abroad. ***Student must have filed the FAFSA and is eligible to receive aid.*
- Students who have received their maximum allowable funding for the current academic year will not be eligible for additional funding.
- Student must be enrolled in a sufficient number of credit hours for the semester(s) of Study Abroad to receive financial assistance funds.
- To receive student loan funds, a student must be enrolled at least half (6 hours) time for any given semester.
- Some students with a low Expected Family Contribution (EFC) may receive Pell Grant funds if enrolled less than half-time.
- There is a separate application for summer which is available April 1st. To receive Federal funding in the summer a student must be enrolled in 6 hours.
- Students must pass ALL hours in the Summer in which they are awarded aid.

If a student is considering a Study Abroad program, seeking guidance from the Office of Financial Assistance is recommended. To discuss options or to schedule an individual meeting, students can contact Sheila in the Office of Financial Assistance, at <u>ssaba@pittstate.edu</u> or <u>620-</u>235-4244.