



What is the Semester EA Program Cost Comparison Sheet?

This form is a useful tool for students who are interested in studying abroad on a semester program. This table is designed to help you compare *the cost of attendance at MTSU for a semester* versus *the cost of studying abroad for a semester*. The first section is an estimate of fees that a typical full-time undergrad spends to attend MTSU (Surprised by this amount? Take the time to add up your detailed semester-expenses!).

The other two sections provide example budgets for a provider program in Europe and an exchange program in Asia. (What is the difference between a provider program and an exchange program? Read about the Program Types on our website!) And the final section allows you to create a budget for a program you are considering.

TIPS FOR FINDING A BUDGET-FRIENDLY PROGRAM!!

- Choose a program which includes meals! Homestays are a good affordable option.
- Avoid large cities. Smaller cities tend to be less expensive.
- Be open-minded about location. Exchange programs (which are typically less expensive) are much less competitive in less popular locations.
- Evaluate the cost of living expenses (food, ground transportation, etc.) for various countries.
- Weigh the program price and length of stay. You should be comparing per day fees as some programs are much longer than others, even during the same term!
- Choose a program with more inclusions (excursions, airport pick-up, etc.). These minor expenses add up quickly.
- Take into account the cost of airfare, which varies greatly depending on location.
- Apply for all scholarship opportunities! Pay attention to the early deadlines. More aid/scholarships are usually available for semester or year-long programs.
- Financial Aid typically applies towards EA fees (although all students must figure this out individually). Make sure you are taking courses that are **required** for your MTSU degree to have access to federal aid!

FAQ about Budgeting: *Do I have to pay MTSU tuition in addition to tuition paid to my education abroad program? NO! You, of course, must pay tuition to receive university credit but you do not pay tuition twice. Depending on the program setup, you will either pay tuition to MTSU **OR** to your program in order to receive university credit.*

Need advising? Meet with an EA Advisor!

Walk-In Advising Dates/Times

Mon-Wed, 1pm – 4pm, each week while MTSU classes are in session

No appointments needed or taken during walk-in advising hours



Semester EA Program Cost Comparison

*Average MTSU Student, F/T Undergrad

Application Fee	N/A
Study Abroad Program Fee	N/A
Tuition & Fees	\$3,938
Housing (utilities, internet, etc)	\$2,500
Meals	\$1,800
Health Insurance	\$400
Airfare	N/A
Student Visa	N/A
Passport	N/A
Books	\$500
Ground Transportation (gas)	\$400
Personal Expenses	\$2,000
Miscellaneous	varies
TOTAL	\$11538

EXAMPLE ISA Prague, Czech Republic

Application Fee	N/A
Study Abroad Program Fee	\$11750
Education Abroad Fee	\$50
Tuition & Fees	Included
Housing (utilities, internet, etc.)	Included
Meals	\$1200
Health Insurance	Included
Airfare	\$1,200
Student Visa	\$150
Passport	\$135
Books	\$100
Ground Transportation	\$100
Personal Expenses	\$1600
Miscellaneous (excursions, tutoring, airport pick up)	Included
TOTAL	\$16285

*Based on MTSU Cost of Attendance

EXAMPLE MTSU Exchange – KGU, Japan

Application Fee	N/A
Study Abroad Program Fee	N/A
Education Abroad Fee	\$50
Tuition & Fees	\$3,938
Housing (utilities, internet, etc)	\$2,553
Meals	\$1,865
Health Insurance	\$400
Airfare	\$1,750
Student Visa	\$100
Passport	\$135
Books	\$200
Ground Transportation	\$200
Personal Expenses	\$2000
Miscellaneous	N/A
TOTAL	\$12991

NOW CHOOSE YOUR OWN!

Program Option	_____
Application Fee	_____
Study Abroad Program Fee	_____
Education Abroad Fee	\$50
Tuition & Fees	_____
Housing (utilities, internet, etc)	_____
Meals	_____
Health Insurance	_____
Airfare	_____
Student Visa	_____
Passport	_____
Books	_____
Ground Transportation	_____
Personal Expenses	_____
Miscellaneous	_____
TOTAL	_____

Please note these figures are ESTIMATES based on the costs for the 2014-15 academic year. Costs will vary and are dependent on the exchange rate, inflation rate, individual spending habits, and amount of additional travel.