



Penn Global Seminars Financial Policies

Program Fee and Inclusions:

Penn Global Seminars (PGS) are funded by a generous donation from the Ahmad Fund and contributions from Penn's Global Engagement Fund. These funds cover the majority of program costs and are intended to make this program accessible to all students.

Every PGS student will be charged a flat program fee of \$950 for participation. This program fee serves as the student contribution toward the full program travel experience, and includes round trip airfare, all hotels and accommodations, all ground transportation, entrance fees, translation and guide services, and group meals. Students will only be responsible for the cost of any personal meals and incidentals, as well as any visa/consular fees if applicable.

The \$950 program fee will be billed to committed PGS students via their student account. The first \$500 will be charged as a non-refundable deposit upon commitment to the program, and the remaining balance will be charged at the end of the add period of the semester when the course is offered. Payment must be made in accordance with the University's [published payment schedule](#).

Financial Aid Information:

For eligible students with demonstrated financial need, the policy of Student Registration and Financial Service (SRFS) is to cover the student's contribution to their Penn Global Seminar with a mixture of grant and loan funding.

Penn Abroad will provide SRFS with the PGS program fee information. SRFS will add that amount to each committed student's total cost of Penn attendance, increasing their eligibility for financial aid. SRFS first increases the parent contribution by 5% to help cover the difference. For any remaining financial need, SRFS will offer 60% of the funding in grant and 40% in loan.

Students are not required to accept any loans that are offered to them; those who do should discuss next steps with their financial aid counselor. The process is different for federal loans, student aid loans, and alternative loans.

To address any questions regarding the process for obtaining a financial aid adjustment, students should contact their designated financial aid counselor as listed on Penn InTouch.

Penn Tuition:

Penn Global Seminars are part of the regular academic year, and thus PGS participants will continue to be charged Penn tuition and fees. These charges will be billed via the participant's student account as in any regular semester.

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**Program Deposit:**

Students accepted to Penn Global Seminars courses will have two weeks to commit to the program before their place is offered to a student on the waitlist. A \$500 non-refundable deposit will be charged to all committed students shortly after commitment. This \$500 deposit will be applied toward the total program fee of \$950. The remaining \$450 will be charged at the end of the course add period of the semester when the course takes place. Students for whom the commitment deposit causes financial hardship may reach out to Penn Abroad to discuss a payment plan.

Refund Policy:

A \$500 non-refundable deposit will be charged to all committed PGS students at the time of commitment and will be applied toward the \$950 program fee. The remaining \$450 program fee balance will be charged via the Penn student account at the end of the course add period of the semester when the PGS course is offered.

The program fee of \$950 is non-refundable and non-transferable. Exceptions will only be made in the case of extraordinary circumstances, as determined by Penn Abroad.

Students who do not participate in the required course travel will not be eligible for any refund of the program fee.

Any PGS student who is dismissed from the course travel will not be eligible for any reimbursement of the program fee.

Withdrawal and Dismissal Policy:

After committing to this Penn Global Seminars course, you will be charged a \$500 non-refundable deposit by Penn Abroad via your student account. This deposit is non-refundable and non-transferable, and will be applied toward the total program fee of \$950. Students who withdraws or is dismissed from the program after committing will not be issued any refund of the program fee. In addition, any student dismissed from the program will be subject to a disciplinary review, and will not receive credit for the course.

By committing to a Penn Global Seminar, you authorize the University to make deposits and/or payments related to course travel on your behalf. Should you withdraw at any time after you commit to participate, or if your admission to the program is rescinded or travel with the seminar prohibited, Penn Abroad reserves the right to charge you for any non-recoverable payments made on your behalf via your Penn student account. Penn Abroad further reserves the right to seek reimbursement for any non-refundable PGS travel costs expended on your behalf.

Exceptions to these PGS financial policies will only be made in the case of extraordinary circumstances, as determined by Penn Abroad.

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