

**Walla Walla University**  
Adventist Colleges Abroad Participation Policy  
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## **Introduction**

Walla Walla University actively supports the Adventist Colleges Abroad (ACA) Language Program. The ACA program allows students to immerse themselves in the culture and life of the host country and to become conversant in the language. Summer, quarter-by-quarter, and full-year opportunities are available. (See current ACA bulletin for participating language programs.)

## **Course Evaluation and Credit Toward Degree**

In keeping with typical regional accreditation standards, courses listed in the applicable ACA bulletin and taken while studying through an ACA program are considered in-residence and will be recorded on the WWU transcript. Courses that are listed on an ACA transcript but do not match the ACA bulletin in prefix, number, title, and credits during the applicable year taken, will not be recorded on the WWU transcript. Such courses may be considered as potential transfer credit. Course credit will apply for one of the discipline prefixes listed in the ACA bulletin but will not be allowed for both (i.e. HIST/ENGL 399 - 3 credits, may be taken for either History credit or English credit but not both – 3 credits total). Credit may not be split between discipline prefixes.

Courses will be evaluated based on content rather than course prefix. (i.e. Though a student enrolls in Contemporary Religious Outlook with a SPAN prefix, the course will be evaluated as an RELH course at WWU based on content.) WWU/ACA course equivalency information is available in the Academic Records office or online at: <http://www.wallawalla.edu/academics/student-academic-services/academic-records/aca1/>

## **College Student Participation**

A College level student choosing to participate in an ACA program sponsored by WWU.

- Must have completed at least 16 quarter credits as a regular student of WWU for full-year eligibility.
- Must pay \$100 ACA processing fee prior to application being submitted to ACA.
- College level students may enroll in a 9-credit summer ACA program without prior WWU attendance, however must pay the \$200 WWU enrollment fee and \$25 ACA processing fee prior to application being submitted to ACA.
- Must be competent in the language (minimum: one year of college language or two years of secondary study) – applicable to full-year non-minor programs only.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in the language and an overall GPA of 2.5 or above.
  - Student cannot be on academic probation.
- Should complete ENGL 121, 122 and a general studies math course prior to studying abroad.
- Have a good citizenship record.
- Have an application on file in the Academic Records Office on the appropriate ACA application form.
- Should expect to take a normal full-time academic load.
- Should not enroll in more than 18 quarter credits per academic term. Exceptions to this policy must be made in advance. Additional credits reported without prior approval may not be accepted as WWU credit.
- Understands that by withdrawing from all ACA courses within a term, student will be considered totally withdrawal from WWU. This may affect continuing financial aid and scholarship eligibility.
- Ability to meet the financial requirements.
- Loses WWU scholarship eligibility if they attend an ACA program for more than 3 terms, not including summer.
- WWU will bill 70% of WWU tuition for subsidy.
- Must pay ACA tuition in full in advance, less subsidy and awarded financial aid.

## **Academy/High School Student Participation**

A student who has not yet earned a high school diploma but is seeking college level ACA credit, may be accepted as a WWU participant in a language program under the following guidelines:

- Has been accepted as a freshman at WWU and paid WWU enrollment fee; or
- Has completed six semesters of high school and paid \$250 WWU processing fee.
- Student's cum high school GPA is 3.25 or above.
- Student must be recommended by the high school principal or vice-principal to participate in the program.
- Student may not enroll in more than 9 quarter credits per term.
- Participation is limited to summer programs only.
- Student understands ACA coursework will be recorded on the permanent university transcript, which may enhance or reduce acceptance to a specific university.
- Dual credit may be earned for both the high school diploma (at the discretion of the high school) and a university degree.
- Student is not eligible for financial aid until high school diploma is earned.
- Payment in full must be received by WWU prior to application being submitted to ACA office.
- WWU will not bill subsidy. Parents may work directly with employer to determine subsidy eligibility. Some employers may pay in advance to help meet the payment-in-full requirement.

### **Financial Aid**

During the ACA experience, a Walla Walla University student who qualifies, is eligible for the following financial aid programs:

- Educational Allowance
- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal PLUS Loan
- Federal Direct Subsidized Loan
- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- Outside Scholarships (Non WWU)
- Private Loans
- WWU Communications and Languages ACA Scholarships

WWU ACA students are not eligible for the following financial aid programs during their ACA experience:

- WWU Scholarships (Except as noted)
- WWU Grants
- WWU Institutional Loans
- Federal Perkins Loans
- Federal Nursing Loans
- Federal SEOG Grants
- Washington State Need Grants
- Federal Work-Study
- State Work-Study
- NPUC Grant
- Any scholarship or grant for which WWU chooses the recipient or controls the funds