

Study Abroad and Exchange

Students participating in a Study Abroad Program are NOT eligible to receive subsidized/unsubsidized/PLUS or alternative loans through the University of Victoria. You will be paying your tuition fees to the other school (abroad). You must therefore make arrangements with that school (not UVic) for financial aid. Please note: the University of Victoria does NOT participate in consortium agreements.

Exchange students

US students studying on an **official UVic exchange** ([UVic Global Engagement](#)) are considered to be UVic students for subsidized/unsubsidized/PLUS and alternative loans. This means that:

- you pay tuition and fees to UVic
- you apply for US loans following UVic procedures

IMPORTANT! US Department of Education regulations stipulate that you can receive US Direct Loans while on exchange only if:

- you attend a school that participates in the **US Direct Loan Program (Title IV)**, and
- the school attended is **located outside of the US**

If you intend to go on an official UVic exchange, and wish to receive funding through the US Direct Loan Program (Title IV), you must provide proof to Student Awards and Financial Aid that you will be attending a Title IV eligible school (see above). Please check the [Federal School Code Search](#) to make sure the partner university is also eligible to assess students for Title IV funds.

- Select 'Foreign Country' in the drop-down menu. If the partner is eligible, then UVic can assess you for Direct Loans.
- If the partner university is **not** eligible, you will not be eligible to receive Direct Loans for the period of your exchange, you may not be eligible for any future US loan funding, and you may be required to pay back any previous funding you have received.

No funding will be disbursed unless this information is provided to Student Awards and Financial Aid.

Reminder:

Students who wish to receive funding through the US Direct Loan Program (Title IV) while attending a foreign school (either on campus or as part of an official exchange) may not be registered in an ineligible course or program. An ineligible course or program is defined as:

- A program offered by a foreign institution may not include any use of a telecommunications course (distance education), correspondence course, or direct assessment except that distance education technologies may be used to supplement and support instruction in a classroom located in the foreign country where the students and instructor are physically present.
- A foreign institution may not permit students to enroll in any course offered by the foreign institution that takes place in the United States, including research, work, internship, externship or special studies.



- An eligible foreign institution may not enter into an arrangement under which a Title IV ineligible entity provides any portion of the eligible institution's programs. The University of Victoria is a public institution and does not have any agreements with other institutions to provide partial instruction. The University of Victoria has only one location and does not operate any satellite campuses.

