COST ESTIMATES

We are currently in the process of estimating costs for all J-Term 2018 programs. Costs for each program will be established by the time the application goes "live" on April 3. Students may review costs estimates online at that time.

We try very hard to estimate costs as accurately as possible. However, all costs are subject to change. Factors affecting the final costs include fluctuations in airline fares; airline fuel surcharges, taxes, and fees; significant changes in the course itinerary and destinations; changes in the number of participants; and fluctuations in the dollar exchange rates.

WHAT IS INCLUDED IN COURSE COSTS

For students on International J-Term Programs

Course costs listed in printed materials and on the website are estimates and include round-trip airfare, administrative fees, accommodations, some group meals, transportation for required study trips, program leader expenses, visas (for U.S. residents), medical and self-insurance, entrance fees, tickets for scheduled group events, and 6 passport photos (if taken on campus). Costs not included are individual meals, passport fee, transportation to/from airports in the United States, spending money for gifts and miscellaneous expenses, prescription drug costs (if needed), and pre-trip immunizations (if recommended).

For students on domestic J-Term Programs

Course costs listed in printed materials and on the website are estimates and include round-trip airfare or other transportation costs, administrative fees, accommodations, some group meals, transportation for required study trips, program leader expenses, entrance fees, tickets for scheduled group events, and other program related costs. Costs not included are individual meals, transportation to/from airports in the United States, spending money for gifts and miscellaneous expenses, and pre-trip immunizations (if recommended).

A NOTE ABOUT FOOD COSTS

The amount of money needed for meals not included in course fees depends on the eating habits and tastes of the individual. The Luther program policy is to give students responsibility for buying most meals, thereby allowing students some control over course costs. Estimated additional meal costs are listed in course materials and on the website.

J-TERM TUITION AND BOARD COSTS

As you know, J-Term tuition is already included in the comprehensive fee for students who are enrolled full-time at Luther for either fall semester or spring semester. Any student who is not enrolled full-time at Luther for at least one semester during the 2017-18 academic year will be charged J-Term tuition. In addition, there is no food cost rebate for students who are off campus for J-Term; SODEXO has already built in an estimate for the number of students off campus for J-Term when they set the annual meal plan prices.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

All payments are to be made at the Office for Financial Services. All checks should be payable to Luther College and should include “J-Term” and the student ID on memo line. On-line payments may be made at my.luther.edu.

For students on International J-Term Programs

The payment schedule is as follows:

Time of Acceptance: Non-refundable $200 program deposit (you may not apply loan money toward this deposit)
September 15: $1,000 payment
October 15: $2,000 payment
December 1: Balance due payment (the CGL will notify you of this amount)

For students on domestic J-Term Programs
The payment schedule is as follows:
**Time of Acceptance:** Non-refundable $200 program deposit (you may not apply loan money toward this deposit)
September 15: $1,000 payment
December 1: Balance due payment (the CGL will notify you of this amount)

PASSPORT AND PASSPORT PHOTOS
Students participating in an international off-campus J-Term are required to obtain a passport. Passports must **not** expire before **August 1, 2018**. Early passport application or renewal is encouraged. Students should check with individual courthouses (or post offices) if they have questions. Applications and renewal forms may be obtained and processed at the Winneshiek County Courthouse Recorder’s Office, at post offices in larger cities, or courthouses in many counties throughout the United States. Details may be found online at: https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/passports.html.

Passport photo sessions are scheduled on campus in March, April, and May during spring semester and in September and October during fall semester. The spring semester dates/times are as follows:
- Thursday, March 9 9:00 AM-4:00 PM  Visual Media, Dahl Centennial Union 213
- Thursday, April 13 9:00 AM-4:00 PM  Visual Media, Dahl Centennial Union 213
- Wednesday, May 3 9:00 AM-4:00 PM  Visual Media, Dahl Centennial Union 213

**All students** participating in an international J-Term course—even those students with passports valid until August 2018—**should have 6 passport photos taken at one of the on-campus photo sessions**. The cost of these photos is covered in the course costs. If students miss the on-campus photo sessions, they will have to make arrangements to have photos taken off campus and the cost is not reimbursed.

LOCAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
Almost all international J-Term programs will depart from either the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport or the Chicago O'Hare International Airport. If the program departs from Chicago, students will be given the option to reserve a seat on a chartered bus to/from campus at cost. If the program departs from Minneapolis, students will need to make their own transportation arrangements to/from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

INDEPENDENT TRAVEL
In general, we do not permit students to travel on their own before or after the J-term program. Since we purchase group tickets for J-term travel to keep costs low, it is problematic to allow certain ticket holders to deviate from the schedule. In addition, we believe group travel is an important part of the overall J-term experience. Also, because our J-term programs tend to move from location to location very quickly, it is difficult for students traveling on their own to catch up with the group.

The CGL does make some limited exceptions for students to deviate from the schedule when it is for legitimate reasons (for example, a student will be visiting family members in the region prior to or after the J-term program, a student is departing from the J-term program to attend a semester abroad program). Students interested in deviating from the schedule must speak with Chelle Meyer as soon as possible and no later than November 1. Students who have been approved to deviate from the schedule are responsible for paying any fees associated with the schedule deviation. Finally, students who deviate before or after a J-term program must understand that Luther is not responsible for their travel arrangements, managing travel
glitches, and health and safety issues outside of the actual program dates and locations specified in the program itinerary.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Students do not need to register for J-Term off-campus courses during the official fall semester registration period. Staff in the Center for Global Learning will send course rosters to the Registrar’s Office and students will be automatically registered.