

How much more is Education Abroad Programs compared to a semester at SCSU?

This is a question that the Education Abroad Office often gets. To answer this question, we put together the following information to show you the estimated cost it takes to live in the St. Cloud Coborn Plaza Apartments, the Residential Halls, and off-campus housing for one semester. We then compared it to participating in one of our semester-long education abroad programs.

Living Situation for One Semester	Total Price
St. Cloud Corborn Plaza Apartments	\$9,481
St. Cloud Residential Hall	\$8,082
St. Cloud Off-campus Housing	\$5,717
Australia	\$14,800
Chile	\$9,579
England	\$12,150
South Africa	\$9,200

NOTE: Not all of SCSU's semester programs are listed. The above program costs include round-trip flight, room, in-state tuition costs (the number of credits vary per program), SCSU orientation and administrative fees as well as the cost of an ISIC insurance card. Programs will vary on in-country orientation, board, in-country travel, and books and school supplies.

The following breaks down the price of living in St. Cloud for one semester in three areas.

Living situation for one semester	Rent	Utilities	Meal Plan	Tuition and fees	Books and supplies	Parking	Total
Corborn Plaza Apartments	\$3,637	Included in "rent"	\$1,380	\$3,757	\$600	\$107	\$9,481
Residential Hall	\$2,238	Included in "rent"	\$1,380	\$3,757	\$600	\$107	\$8,082
Off-campus Housing	\$1,260	\$100	Varies	\$3,757	\$600	Varies	\$5,717

Coborn Plaza Apartment rate were based off the residential life website.

(<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/reslife/reshalls/cobornplaza/rates.asp>)

Residential Hall rates were based off this link on the financial aid website.

(<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/financialaid/payment/documents/Insert-PreliminaryFY14.pdf>)

The price of the meal plans was based off of the Husky Any Time meal plan.

Tuition and fees were based on 15 credits per semester for a Minnesota resident.

The price for books and school supplies is an estimate found on the Financial Aid website.

Parking was based on the least expensive annual parking permit at SCSU.

Off-campus housing prices were derived from a student worker in the Education Abroad Office from their fall 2013 living costs from the beginning of August to the end of December.

Rent including parking and most utilities (\$315 per month) = \$1,260

Xcel energy split 4 ways (on average \$12 per month) = \$48

Charter cable TV and internet split 4 ways (on average \$13 per month) = \$52

Food and entertainment is not figured in to the total and will vary between students who live in off-campus housing.

“Rent” for a 4 Bedroom Unit in the Coborn Plaza Apartments includes all utilities, full appliances, furnishings, cable TV and internet.

“Rent” in the Residential Halls includes local telephone service, cable TV, wireless internet, all utilities, community activity fees and the newspaper readership program.

****All costs listed are subject to change and were derived from the SCSU Residential Life, Financial Aid, and Public Safety websites as well as from the Education Abroad Office.***

