PIIRS Global Seminars Withdrawal Policy

The PIIRS Global Seminars are made possible, in part, by generous contributions of alumni and friends and the ongoing efforts of the Office of Development. This funding enables PIIRS to subsidize the cost of each seminar for all students by at least half. Students eligible for term financial aid receive additional assistance from these endowed funds to meet seminar fees.

Withdrawing from a PIIRS Global Seminar, therefore, carries financial as well as academic consequences, depending on the date of the withdrawal:

1. Students who commit to participate in a Global Seminar by the advertised deadline, March 2, and then withdraw before the seminar begins (i.e., from March 3 through the day before departure for the seminar in June or July) will be charged a $500 cancellation fee. Students who withdraw and have received financial aid through PIIRS, the Office of International Programs (e.g., the Dean’s Fund), or a program or department must return all funding, including for nonrefundable airline tickets that may have been purchased and paid for with University funds.

2. Students who withdraw from a Global Seminar within the first 2 weeks (i.e., from the day before departure for the seminar through 5:00 p.m. EST, on Friday of week 2) will be responsible for the $500 cancellation fee + any supplemental funding (see #1 above) + 25% of the advertised program fee.

3. Students who withdraw from a Global Seminar after week 2 (i.e., beginning 5:00 p.m. EST, on Friday of week 2), will be responsible for all fees and funding + the $500 cancellation fee.

Exceptions to these financial policies will only be made in the case of family or medical emergency circumstances, as determined by PIIRS, the Office of the Dean of the College, and/or University Health Services, as appropriate.