

GIF Budget Planning Tool

All prices are **ESTIMATES** listed in US Dollars – based on general, non-specific conversion from Euros. This sheet is to provide a frame of reference for an average traveler for a semester at Gonzaga in Florence. With good planning and budgeting, students could plan to spend less than \$5,000; yet it also reflects how costs can add up quickly. A good starting point is an average of 175-200 Euros per week (or 185-215 USD per week).

Expense Description	Comments/Notes	Min	Max	YOUR COST
Tuition and Fees	12-18 hours	\$24,900		
Program Fee	Housing & meals for program dates (14 meals/week), for Fall includes orientation weekend in Florence/Tuscany	\$6,000 Fall	\$6,100 Spring	
Opening Tour	Opening Tour is a mandatory part of the program	\$1,650 Fall	\$650 Spring	
Technology Fee	Required for GIF campus	\$300		
Fitness Facility Fee	Required for GIF campus	\$20		
Program Deposit	Towards the total billed balance	(\$500)		
	Billed to Student	\$32,370	\$34,470 Spring	
	Scholarships/Financial Aid	Subtract from Above		
		AMOUNT OWED TO GONZAGA		
Additional Personal Out of Pocket Expenses				
International airfare	Price will vary based on itinerary and time of purchase.	\$1,200	\$1,800	
In-Country travel & local transportation	Trains will be most affordable and vary based on where traveling within Italy	\$8 per ride	\$30 per ride	
Books & Supplies	Will vary if bringing own supplies or will purchase. Books will vary based on courses	\$50	\$500	
Meals not included in program fee (approximately 140)	Produce, meats, cheeses, pizza, sandwiches less than \$15 per meal Restaurants range between 15-30 per meal	\$1,400 (\$10/meal)	\$2,800 (\$20/meal)	
Essential daily living (toiletries, laundry, etc.)	Laundry \$6-10 per load (wash & dry). Dryers are comparatively expensive to use in Italy. Toiletries will be similar to US prices.	\$100	\$250	
Communications (phone card, cell, data)	\$50-100/month depending on usage/wants. Italian SIM cards and cell phones are affordable and wi-fi is widely available.	\$160	\$500	
Emergency cash	Recommend bringing a credit card to use in emergencies as to not have to “bring” emergency funds.	\$200	\$500	
Spending Money	Activities at GIF, school sponsored day trips, gelato, coffee, entertainment	\$700 (\$50/week)	\$1,400 (\$100/week)	
Independent travel	Depending on where you’re traveling flights alone are going to range from about \$75 – \$250 in Europe. Accommodations will also vary depending on how many people are traveling together.	\$400 1 trip	\$1,600 4 trips	
School sponsored trips	The following are examples from previous GIF trips. Listed price is an ESTIMATE. Personal: means additional expenses like meals not included, souvenirs, and independent free time activities	Rome: \$295 + personal Venice: \$300 + personal Poland: \$380 + flight + personal Budapest: \$360 + flight + personal Sicily: \$350 + flight + personal		
		\$800 2 trips	\$2000 4 trips	
	TOTAL ESTIMATED PERSONAL EXPENSES	\$4,800	\$11,350	

Additional Resources:

[Currency converter site](#) Be sure to look at currencies and the exchange rate of places you plan to travel.
[Cost of Living in Florence](#) | [General Costs in Florence](#) | [How to Create a Study Abroad Budget](#)