GSPM’s Global Perspective Residencies: Where’s My Money Going?

GSPM understands that financing your education can be stressful and challenging.

With this in mind, we want to provide for you a clear picture of where your money paid to GSPM’s Global Perspective Residencies is going – and why.

Think of your payments to GSPM’s Global Perspective Residencies as existing in two buckets.

1. **Tuition**: Each course will be billed tuition that will correspond to the number of credits in the course. The tuition [http://gspm.gwu.edu/tuition](http://gspm.gwu.edu/tuition) is a figure set annually by GW and, depending on which GSPM program you’re in, will be similar to or the same as what you would pay for a D.C.-based course. Tuition does not go toward any travel expenses. This is the bare-bones cost to simply offer a course, as decided by GW.

2. **GPR Group Expenses**: This charge covers arrangements made by GSPM on behalf of the student. What’s included varies based on the residency location, but this may comprise in-country (that is, in the residency location) group transportation, group meals, lodging, and some cultural events. GW-mandated (required for study abroad under GW) health, safety, and emergency evacuation insurance is always included at $1/day, minimum $17.50. GSPM keeps none of this money. It goes directly to student expenses and often saves students out-of-pocket money, since group and bulk purchasing can often be achieved at a discount.

Separate from these two GSPM payment buckets are **your own controllable travel expenses**. This includes non-group meals, transportation to and from airports, airfare, and any necessary travel documents based on the location (passports, visas, etc.). You can choose to be as frugal or as extravagant as you wish. **Also, please note that students can pursue additional federal student aid for airfare, visa fees, meals and transportation, and other out-of-pocket costs that aren’t charged to them by GSPM. Please contact GW’s Office of Student Financial Assistance to explore your options.**

So what’s the grand total?

Well, that depends on a few things, both inside and outside of your control:

- **The location**: Some countries are cheaper to visit than others.
- **The year/time**: Costs fluctuate based on economies.
- **Your personal travel preferences**: Extra leg room? Filet mignon?

Generally speaking, for a three-credit Global Perspective Residency:

**Tuition** [http://gspm.gwu.edu/tuition](http://gspm.gwu.edu/tuition)

**Plus**

**GPR Group Expenses** ($1,500-$2,000, location- and year/time-dependent)

**Equals**
$6,000-$7,000 charged to your GSPM Student Account. And, then you can choose and pay for your own non-group meals, transportation to and from airports, airfare, and any necessary travel documents based on the location (passports, visas, etc.).

Why so expensive? Two reasons:

1. **Per-credit tuition is charged.** Three- or six-credit tuition applies to each Global Perspective Residency.
2. **Traveling is expensive.** GSPM aims to help you out by collecting funds from you and booking your in-country group transportation, several group meals, and lodging at discounts based on our relationships with these vendors.

But GSPM doesn’t charge you anything over what it costs to have you

1. Take a three- or six-credit course at GW, and
2. Pay for your group expenses abroad.

We know this is a lot to take in. Please check out our FAQs and our website more GSPM Global Perspective Residency information. Thank you for your interest, and hope to see you abroad!