EXP CLASS REFUND POLICY

Your EXP class fees, attached to your tuition bill, support the department’s curricular goals of offering a meaningful, diverse, and broad-based set of experiences relevant to your disciplinary courses. Among other things, this assures that you are building a resume of experience as part of your studies. The fees cover what we refer to as “land costs,” primarily food, rentals, camping fees, entrance fees, and vehicle rentals. Faculty for specific courses will be clear with you about what your fees cover and what they don’t. These vary slightly from class to class.

From a departmental perspective, we rely on these fees, in part, for planning class travel, knowing from these how much funding is available for each class. We can only make advanced commitments for lodging and travel based on class enrollments, and the attached fees. As a result, once you are registered for any class with a fee, dropping that class affects our ability to run the class as planned. To balance that need against the reality that you may have a viable reason for dropping a class, we adhere to the following refund policy:

For classes with trips beginning after mid-terms, the following deadlines will be followed:

- Full refund for a class dropped in the first month of the semester;
- 50% refund for a class dropped by mid-term;
- No refund for a class dropped after mid-term;
- For classes dropped for medical reasons, and before trip departure, the class fee will be credited to a future class.

For classes with trips beginning during the first half of the semester, the following deadlines will be followed:

- Full refund for a class dropped during the first week of the semester
- 50% refund for a class dropped before the first trip or within the first month of the semester, whichever comes first.

All EXP students are fully responsible for the financial commitments that accompany off-campus travel. If you become sick, endanger group safety, violate department and school policies, or are ill-prepared, you are responsible for all costs that might result. This could mean that if you fail to meet class preparations and safety standards, you will still be responsible for the fee even if you don’t attend the trip. This may also mean that if you become sick and have to return home before class ends or if the faculty instructor asks you to leave class for safety or disciplinary reasons, you are responsible for all resulting costs.