

Disney Internship – Program Costs

Notes:

(1) This is **not** a Summer Work Travel program; it is **not** an employment program; it is an **academic program** that includes a paid internship at Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL. It is offered by certain US universities that have a memo of understanding with Disney for Disney to serve as the host of the program. The international university will also sign a Memo of Understanding with the US university and Disney.

(2) The **classes** that the intern takes are generally wholly provided by Disney and accredited by the university. Sometimes the university may substitute some of Disney classes for theirs, by correspondence. Either way, the student only pays the university for the classes; Disney only charges the student for textbooks.

(3) This is for students in business, tourism, management, hospitality industry, etc.

Costs to the Student

US university enrollment fees

Universities charge between \$1700 and \$3500 (and some up to \$6,000) for 6 month program; twice as much for 12 month program

This includes the charges of the US for:

- 12 academic credits tuition (for transfer to their Ukrainian university, or just as an additional academic credential)
- Administrative fee
- Application fee

Other obligatory expenses

Additionally, students will need to pay for the following:

- Roundtrip airfare to Orlando, FL
- \$ 180 SEVIS fee (paid to U.S. government)
- \$100 J-1 student visa application fee (paid to U.S. government)
- \$ 100 accommodation fee (paid to Disney as a deposit or advance)
- \$25-100 for textbooks for each of the classes (usually four 3 credit hour classes per semester; must total at least 12 credit hours)
- \$300-400 to cover costs of first weeks in U.S. till payday and a trip to the bank (food, miscellaneous, purchase of needed items not in luggage)
- \$50-\$60 per month for obligatory Medical insurance (may need to pay six months in advance)

Income earned by students

Student will work 32-45 hours per week at **\$7.21 to 8.48/hour**. (Dec. 2008 wages.) They will be paid weekly.

From each paycheck, Disney will deduct \$79-105 for accommodation (which includes rent, all utilities, internet access, bus transportation system, and local phone).

Student can expect to net [after taxes, accommodations] **\$180-250 per week** which they then use to purchase groceries and cover the costs of their social activities [and save to repay those who helped them with their initial expenses!]

[Disney pays “time and a half” for anything over 40 hours a week. Thus, if one earns \$8 an hour, he earns \$12 an hour for each hour over 40 hours in a week; that would be \$96 in an eight hour day. One can request overtime work]

Student will return home with 12 academic credits earned from an accredited U.S. college or university that can be applied toward their degree program [or stand alone as additional recognition of their education and achievements].