

UW STUDY ABROAD FACT SHEET 2017-2018



APPLYING TO THE UW

- Nomination Form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1YyfDdWW8XTxLHdOa431ZQGh_dGPPIZO13FvS2T4TcyeQ3Q/viewform
- To complete the nomination, please send a scanned copy of the student's passport to ipexapp@uw.edu (this can be done by the coordinator or the student directly).
- Application Instructions: <http://www.washington.edu/studyabroad/visitingexchange/application/>
- Applications will open beginning:
 - January 15th for Autumn Quarter (September) entry
 - May 15th for Winter Quarter (January) or Spring Quarter (April) entry

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

G.P.A.: Equivalent to 3.0 (based on a 4.0 scale)

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: Exchange visitors must possess sufficient proficiency in English to successfully participate in the program and function on a day-to-day basis. Federal law requires sponsors use and retain evidence of one of the following "objective measurements" to determine the student's language proficiency:

- **TOEFL (IBT):** 83 Undergraduate 92* Graduate
- **IELTS:** 7.0 for both Undergraduate and Graduate

*Some graduate departments may have a higher language and/or GPA requirement.

ACADEMICS

- General information: <http://www.washington.edu/studyabroad/visitingexchange/academics/>
- **Undergraduate** exchange students will be admitted through the College of Arts & Sciences <http://arts.washington.edu/departments>. See the **Special Considerations** section for more details.
- **Graduate** exchange students apply directly to their department of interest and will must meet the requirements set forth by the department. Graduate exchange students are not eligible to apply for fee based programs: <https://depts.washington.edu/registra/students/feeBasedPrograms.php>

COURSE INFORMATION

- The Course Catalog (<http://www.washington.edu/students/crscat/>) provides descriptions of all UW courses.
- The Time Schedule (<http://www.washington.edu/students/timeschd/>) lists the courses offered for a given quarter.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The UW academic calendar lists dates of instruction, final examination schedules, registration deadlines, and other important dates. The current academic calendar can be found here: <http://www.washington.edu/students/reg/calendar.html>,

IMPORTANT DATES

The UW runs on the quarter system. Each quarter is 10 weeks long.

Academic Term	Application Open	Application Deadline	Admissions Decisions
Autumn Quarter 2017 (September-December)	January 15, 2017	March 1, 2017	Late May/Early June
Winter Quarter 2018 (January-March)	May 15, 2017	August 1, 2017	October
Spring Quarter 2018 (March-June)	May 15, 2017	August 1, 2017	December/January

CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Visiting exchange students are required to take a full course load, which is a minimum of 12 credits per quarter for undergraduate students or 10 credits per quarter for graduate students. The tuition waiver will cover a maximum of 18 credits per quarter.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Undergraduates via a [university-wide exchange](#) will be admitted to the UW through the [College of Arts & Sciences](#) regardless of major in their home country. The college is comprised of four academic divisions: art, humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. Please know that Communications, Economics, Psychology, and Law, Societies & Justice courses in particular are extremely competitive, so students should plan to take courses outside of these areas. If a course attracts more students than there are places, students enrolled in the UW degree program will be given priority above other students, including exchange students. **Our office cannot guarantee any courses for exchange students so we ask that students be very flexible with their course selections.**

If students hope to take courses outside of the College of Arts & Sciences, they do so at their own risk. Many departments have their own departmental exchanges and therefore cannot accommodate students from university-wide partners since priority is given to their own exchange students. Examples of schools/departments that have their own exchanges and may not be able to accommodate university-wide exchange students include, but are not limited to, College of Built Environments, Department of Economics, College of Engineering (including the Department of Computer Science & Engineering). The Foster School of Business will only accommodate students participating in the [Foster School departmental exchanges](#).

Professional programs including those offered by the Information School, School of Medicine, School of Nursing, and School of Pharmacy, as well as any fee based programs are not available to exchange students.

<https://depts.washington.edu/registra/students/feeBasedPrograms.php>

ORDERING UW TRANSCRIPTS

Due to strict privacy rules, our office cannot automatically provide official transcripts to partners directly. Instead, exchange students must follow and meet our deadlines in order to authorize that their official transcript be mailed to your university by the UW Registrar. We will only cover the cost of one transcript per student. See the following link for transcript details: <http://www.washington.edu/students/reg/transcripts.html>



HOUSING

Incoming exchange students may apply to live on-campus or make their own housing arrangements. On-campus housing is available for undergraduate and graduate students.

General Housing information:

<http://www.washington.edu/studyabroad/visitingexchange/practical-matters/housing/>

- Undergraduate:
<https://www.hfs.washington.edu/housing/Default.aspx?id=6413#gsc.tab=0>
- Graduate:
<http://www.hfs.washington.edu/housing/Default.aspx?id=184>

INSURANCE

If exchange students have adequate health insurance that meets all J-1 visa requirements and is valid in the United States, they may apply for a waiver of the UW's insurance policy (iSHIP). Information about the J-1 health insurance requirements and how to apply for a waiver can be found here <http://iss.washington.edu/health-insurance>.

Information on iSHIP can be found here:

<http://www.washington.edu/ship/international-student-insurance-health-plan/>

ESTIMATED EXPENSES

The Office of Admissions provides estimates on the cost of attendance for international students here:

<https://admit.washington.edu/Paying/Cost#international>.

The tuition portion will be paid by the UW for up to 18 credits per quarter.

More information on the cost of attendance can be found here:

<http://www.washington.edu/studyabroad/visitingexchange/practical-matters/cost-of-attendance/>

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

- **UW 24-hour Emergency Number** (Answered by UW Police): +1-206-632-0153
- **UW Emergency Blog (UWAlert):** <http://emergency.uw.edu/>
- **UW Emergency Communication Description:** <http://www.washington.edu/safety/emergency-communications/>