

[The University of Oklahoma](#) (OU) campus in Norman is home to a diverse group of more than **27,000 local and international students**. Our exchange and degree-seeking international students originate from **120 different countries**.

Quick Link: <http://www.ou.edu/cis/iss/exchange>

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Please refer to application section of the [Incoming Exchange Student Website](#) for information about nominating students to attend the University of Oklahoma on the Exchange Student Program.

Student Nominations

Exchange Student Nominations are two times per year. Partner institutions must nominate exchange students to the Office of International Student Services by **the deadline**.

SEMESTER OF STUDY	NOMINATIONS DEADLINE
Academic Year or Fall (only)	March 15th
Calendar Year or Spring (only)	September 15th

To attend OU as an exchange student, applicants must have completed their first year and be in good academic standing. Home university coordinators must use [OU's Nomination Form](#) to nominate students each term. After nomination, students receive a confirmation email, followed by the application link and instructions.

Please view our informational [brochures about the Exchange Student Program](#) online!

The [Incoming Exchange Student Website](#) is the best source of current information.

Application Requirements

After nominations close, the Exchange Student Coordinator will email each nominated student an application link with instructions. Students must check their email regularly during this process.

Applicants must submit the following online (no hard copies required)

- 1) Biographical page of passport
- 2) Evidence of English proficiency
- 3) Financial support documentation
- 4) University transcripts (must be translated into English) and current course enrollment
- 5) Course preferences (requested later)

English Proficiency Requirements

Applicants whose home university does not use English as the primary language of instruction must submit valid English proficiency scores with their application—OU cannot admit students without this documentation.

Accepted tests: TOEFL (paper or iBT), IELTS, PTE, or Duolingo (DET). TOEFL ITP is not accepted.

Minimum scores must be met for admission. This requirement may be waived if the student's university teaches all courses in English.

UNDERGRAD	GRADUATE
TOEFL iBT: 79 IELTS: 6.5 PTE: 53 DET: 100	TOEFL iBT: 79 (old scoring) 4.5 (new scoring) IELTS: 6.5 PTE: 60 DET: 115

Course Enrollment Process

- ISS partners with academic departments and advisors to enroll exchange students.
- Enrollment isn't guaranteed pre-arrival; be prepared to adjust preferences.
- All exchange students must take a full-time load (12 undergrad, 9 graduate) * – 15 OU credits, most courses are 3 credits).
- Maximum allowed is 15 credits.

Academic Expectations

- Attend all classes and strive to meet course requirements.
- Failure to participate or make satisfactory progress may jeopardize your stay at OU.

**Arrival, Departure & Orientation**

- **Arrival:** Monday or Tuesday the week before classes start
- **Depart:** Saturday after final exams
- Students can move into campus housing upon arrival; details will be emailed.
- Limited **airport pickup** is available before classes begin; students must arrange their own transport at semester's end.
- Students may enter the U.S. up to 30 days before the program start and stay up to 30 days after it ends.
- Orientation (NISO)

All exchange students must complete the four-part New International Student Orientation:

- Online Pre-Departure Orientation (immigration, health, academics)
- Airport Transport (if available)
- ISS Arrival document submission
- NISO Connection in-person orientation on campus

Housing**Considerations for Off-Campus Housing**

- ✓ Is a short-term lease available for the duration of your study period?
- ✓ Is a deposit required, and if so, how much?
- ✓ Is the apartment furnished?
- ✓ Which utilities are included in the rent, and which are not?
- ✓ What are the distance and transportation options (walking, shuttle, public transit) to campus?

Estimated Living Expenses (per semester):

- ✓ **Food:** \$400–600/month (meal plans available)
- ✓ **Books:** \$250–800
- ✓ **Health Insurance:** \$1,132 (fall) / \$898 (spring)
- ✓ **Personal Expenses:** \$400–800+/month
- ✓ **Other Fees:** Sooner Card, program/orientation fees, transcript fees

All costs are subject to change.

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