

Fact Sheet **2025-2026 Academic Year**

Exchange Student Program

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NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

UIW may accept up to two (2) undergraduate students during an academic semester or one (1) undergraduate student for an entire academic year (AY). An academic year is defined as the Fall and Spring semesters.

NOMINATIONS

Please send your student nomination(s) via email to study abroad at

studyabroad@uiwtx.edu:

- Surname or family name
- First or given name
- Student email
- Proposed exchange period
- Graduation year
- Academic program and/or major(s)

Missed the deadline? Nominations will be considered on a case-by-case basis after the deadlines posted above based on visa processing times.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Once your nomination has been approved, you will receive a link to the online application portal to create an account and submit an application. After submitting your application, the following documents need to be sent to intladmis@uiwtx.edu

1. Official university transcript(s) in English
2. English proficiency test scores
3. Bank statement indicating the equivalent of at least \$12,113 USD for one semester or \$24,176 USD for two semesters
4. Copy of passport
5. Exchange Student Financial Requirements form

An admissions decision cannot be determined until all official documentation has been received. Only applicants nominated by the home institution will be processed.

COMPULSORY LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Current minimum test scores required for undergraduate admission consideration:

TOEFL iBT	79
IELTS	6.5 overall band score
TOEIC	650
CAE (Cambridge Advanced)	C1
PTE Academic (Pearson's)	53
Duolingo English Test	110

With the exception of TOEIC scores, students may submit a copy of their score report. TOEIC scores must be submitted by the testing agency (UIW Institutional Code: 6303).

ESTIMATED COST FOR THE 2025-2026 EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The following chart indicates the amount you must provide in proof of financial support to be issued a Certificate of Eligibility. (Note: Estimated expenses are subject to change for the 2025/2026 Academic Year).

	One (1) Semester	Two (2) Semesters
Fees	\$2,260	\$4,470
Living Expenses	\$7,645	\$15,290
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$2,208	\$4,416
Total Expenses	\$12,113	\$24,176



IMPORTANT DATES

	Fall 2025	Spring 2026
Nomination Deadline	April 15	October 1
Application Deadline	May 1	November 1
Arrival Dates	Aug. 14-16	Jan. 4-5
Start of Semester	Aug. 25	Jan. 12
End of Semester	Dec. 12	May 8

ARRIVAL DATES

Fall 2025: August 14-16, 2025

Spring 2026: January 4-5, 2026

Arrival dates are mandatory. Students are advised not to purchase their travel arrangements until they have been admitted to the UIW Exchange Program and have been approved for a J-1 visa by a U.S. consulate. Dates may be subject to change.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Semester 1: Aug. 25, 2025 - Dec. 12, 2025

Semester 2: Jan. 12, 2026 - May 8, 2026

Students are required to attend a one-week [New International Student Orientation](#) (NISO) prior to the start of classes.

Click [here](#) to view UIW's Academic Calendar for the 2025-2026 academic year.

***Dates are subject to change.*

AIRPORT PICK-UP

UIW provides free pick-up service from the San Antonio International Airport (SAT) during arrival dates (see above).

After you have secured your J-1 exchange visa and received your passport back, please complete the [Arrival Reporting Form](#) to request airport pick-up.

AREAS / LEVEL(S) OF STUDY

Undergraduate Programs:

UIW offers more than 40 programs in five (5) schools to exchange students:

- [College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences](#)
- [Dreeben School of Education](#)
- [H-E-B School of Business and Administration](#)
- [School of Media and Design](#)
- [School of Mathematics, Sciences and Engineering](#)



AREAS/ LEVEL(S) OF STUDY (CONT.)

Exceptions: Nursing, Pharmacy, Medicine, Optometry, Physical Therapy

Graduate Programs:

Exchange students are not permitted to enroll in graduate - level courses.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

COURSES

Visit the following webpages for course listings and course descriptions:

- [Academic Programs](#)
- [Search a Course](#)

COURSE REGISTRATION

Registration will open in May for the Fall semester and late November for the Spring semester. Students will be notified once registration is open and need to complete the Exchange Student Course Request Form.

Students are required to enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours and no more than 18 credit hours. Courses will be submitted to the Academic Advising Center for processing. Class enrollment operates on a first come-first-serve basis.

TRANSCRIPTS

Students must [submit a request](#) through Parchment for an official UIW Transcript. Transcripts are not automatically sent to you or your home institution. Upon request, the Office of the Registrar will process and send your official transcript to your home country via United States Postal Service (USPS). Transcripts can only be released directly to the student or to a person or entity designated by the student.

Transcript fees are \$5.40 for a printed, mailed transcript and \$2.90 for an electronic copy. Additional fees apply for special services, such as express delivery.

Important: Transcripts will not be released until all holds (e.g., administrative, financial) are removed from the student's account. The University reserves the right to withhold transcripts for those students who have not met all conditions for admission or who have outstanding financial obligations.

J-1 VISA

Students who are accepted into UIW's exchange program will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (DS-2019) and information packet with next steps from International Student & Scholar Services. For more information, please contact us at intl@uiwtx.edu.



HEALTH INSURANCE

Exchange students are required to purchase international health insurance from UIW *only*. Other insurance will not be accepted.

PROOF OF MENINGITIS VACCINE

Texas State law (SB 62) mandates that all entering students under the age of 22 provide a certificate signed by a health care provider or an official immunization record verifying that the student has been vaccinated against bacterial meningitis or has received a booster within five years of enrolling at the university. Students must submit proof of the meningitis vaccine prior to arriving to campus and no later than 10 days prior to the start of the semester. Vaccine records should be emailed to registrar@uiwtx.edu and must include the student's full name, date of birth (mm/dd/yy) and student ID number. Failure to submit prior to arrival will result in form assignment and registration being paused.

BUDDY PROGRAM

Upon arrival, students will be paired with a globally minded International Ambassador who will help with adjustment to life at UIW as well as provide peer support, guidance, and resources.

HOUSING AND MEALS

A representative from International Affairs will contact exchange students with information about on-campus accommodation after the student has been admitted.

Exchange students are required to live on campus and purchase a meal plan. No exceptions.

Students must submit a \$225 housing deposit to complete the housing application.

- [Residence Halls](#)
- [Cost \(\\$\) of Housing and Meal Plan](#)
- Where can I eat on campus?
 - o Student Engagement Center (SEC) Cafeteria
 - o Starbucks
 - o Finnegan's
 - o Hortencia's
 - o Luciano Pizzeria
 - o Chick-Fil-A

Meal plans: Board meals can only be utilized at the Student Engagement Center (SEC) cafeteria. Dining Dollars (\$) may be utilized at all locations.

