

# International Exchange Fact Sheet

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## GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

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### OFFICIAL NAME

The University of Texas Austin

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### SCHOOL WEBSITE

[utexas.edu](http://utexas.edu)

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### CONTACT INFORMATION & ADDRESS

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#### PHYSICAL ADDRESS

International Student and Scholar  
Services (ISSS)  
The University of Texas at Austin  
2400 Nueces Street, Suite B  
Austin, Texas 78705

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#### PHONE

+1 (512) 471-2477

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#### EXCHANGE WEBSITE

[global.utexas.edu/iss/student-exchange](http://global.utexas.edu/iss/student-exchange)

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## ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACT PERSONS

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### INCOMING STUDENTS CONTACT

#### Tina Ross

Senior Program Coordinator  
Sponsored and Exchange Programs, ISSS

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### OUTGOING STUDENTS CONTACT

#### Dan Ach

Assistant Director of Education Abroad

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## APPLICATION INFORMATION

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### WEBSITE

[global.utexas.edu/iss/student-exchange/apply](http://global.utexas.edu/iss/student-exchange/apply)

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### APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Home institution submits nomination (Students may be nominated for in-person or virtual exchange)
2. Student completes UT Exchange Admission Application

Some Academic departments require additional review or application materials. Please visit the exchange application page for details.

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### APPLICATION DEADLINE

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#### FALL SEMESTER (AUGUST–DECEMBER)

March 1

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#### SPRING SEMESTER (JANUARY–MAY)

September 1

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### POST-ADMISSION STEPS AND DEADLINE

1. Login to myIO portal
2. Provide the following information in myIO
  - a. Passport
  - b. Current Academic Transcript
  - c. English Proficiency
  - d. Proof of Funding (required in order to obtain J-1 visa)
  - e. Academic Information Sheet (course preferences)

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#### DEADLINE

Rolling deadline. Students will not receive DS-2019 until they have successfully completed all steps in myIO.

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## IMMIGRATION AND VISA REQUIREMENTS

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### EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Students participating in the reciprocal exchange program are issued Form DS-2019 to apply for a J-1 visa to cover the duration of their academic study period, usually one or two semesters. Reciprocal exchange students enroll in a non-degree academic program, according to the terms of exchange agreements between UT Austin and their home universities. Students who have U.S. Citizenship are required to enter the country with their U.S. passport.

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### IMMIGRATION WEBSITE

[global.utexas.edu/iss/student-exchange/immigration](http://global.utexas.edu/iss/student-exchange/immigration)

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## ACADEMIC INFORMATION

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### ORIENTATION DATES

#### FALL SEMESTER (AUGUST–DECEMBER)

Mid-August

#### SPRING SEMESTER (JANUARY–MAY)

Early January

### IMPORTANT DATES

[global.utexas.edu/issv/student-exchange/dates](http://global.utexas.edu/issv/student-exchange/dates)

### ACADEMIC STRUCTURE & COURSES

#### UT COLLEGES & SCHOOLS

[utexas.edu/academics/areas-of-study](http://utexas.edu/academics/areas-of-study)

#### COURSES

UT Academic departments make every effort to accommodate exchange students with their course selections. However, due to high demand for many courses and equipment constraints in some majors, not all course preferences can be accommodated.

#### COURSE SCHEDULES AND CATALOGS

[registrar.utexas.edu/schedules](http://registrar.utexas.edu/schedules)

#### NUMBER OF CREDIT HOURS

- Undergraduate students
  - Minimum of 12 credit hours per semester (usually 4 classes)
- MBA students
  - Minimum of 9 credit hours per semester
- Law School
  - Minimum of 10 credit hours per semester
- Maximum
  - Per department decision (normally no more than 5 classes—15 credits)

#### GRADING SCALE

[onestop.utexas.edu/student-records/grades](http://onestop.utexas.edu/student-records/grades)

#### GRADE REPORTS AND TRANSCRIPTS

[onestop.utexas.edu/student-records/transcripts-other-records](http://onestop.utexas.edu/student-records/transcripts-other-records)

#### DEPARTMENT COORDINATORS

[global.utexas.edu/issv/student-exchange/coordinators](http://global.utexas.edu/issv/student-exchange/coordinators)

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

#### FALL TERM

Last week of August to the middle of December

#### SPRING TERM

Middle of January to the middle of May

#### SUMMER TERM

Not available to exchange students

#### ACADEMIC CALENDAR

[registrar.utexas.edu/calendars](http://registrar.utexas.edu/calendars)

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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### HOUSING

Exchange students attending UT Austin usually choose from three types of housing: co-operative houses (co-ops), private dormitories, and apartments. Space in UT-owned dorms is available, but limited.

### HOUSING INFORMATION

[offcampus.utexas.edu](http://offcampus.utexas.edu)

### LIVING EXPENSES

Living expenses can vary from \$1,600 to \$2,000 per month depending on individual lifestyle.

### HEALTH INSURANCE

All reciprocal exchange students and any accompanying dependents (spouse/children) are required to have health insurance that meets both the U.S. Department of State and The University of Texas at Austin requirements. Enrollment in the UT Austin insurance plan is mandatory. Cost is approximately \$1,300 USD per semester (subject to change).  
[global.utexas.edu/issv/student-exchange/insurance](http://global.utexas.edu/issv/student-exchange/insurance)

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

UT Austin offers English language courses through our English Language Center (ELC) for UT Austin students and their family members. Tuition for courses through ELC is not covered by exchange agreements.  
[global.utexas.edu/english-language-center/programs](http://global.utexas.edu/english-language-center/programs)

### NEW STUDENT HANDBOOK

The Welcome Guide contains important information about activities, programs, requirements, and services for new international students.  
[global.utexas.edu/life-at-ut/new-student-handbook](http://global.utexas.edu/life-at-ut/new-student-handbook)

### INFORMATION ABOUT UT

The University of Texas at Austin is one of the largest public universities in the United States. Founded in 1883, the university is a 350-acre main campus with 17 colleges and schools, about 24,000 faculty and staff and more than 50,000 students.  
[utexas.edu/about/overview](http://utexas.edu/about/overview)

### INFORMATION ABOUT AUSTIN, TX

Austin is the capital of the U.S. state of Texas and the seat of Travis County. Located in Central Texas, Austin is the 11th-most populous city in the United States and the fourth-most populous city in Texas. Austin is the fastest growing city in the U.S.  
[austintexas.org](http://austintexas.org)

### CULTURAL PROGRAMS

ISSS offers 3-4 cultural excursions per semester to areas around the great state of Texas, such as the NASA Space Center in Houston. Friendship programs and language circles are also offered through Texas Global. Exchange students have a monthly meet-up and volunteer service project each semester.  
[global.utexas.edu/issv/life-at-ut/get-involved](http://global.utexas.edu/issv/life-at-ut/get-involved)

### EDUCATION ABROAD FAIR

Exchange students are encouraged to participate in the education abroad fair each semester to help promote their home university. Fairs are held in September and January. Students will receive an email invitation to participate.