CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION	
Name	Case Western Reserve University
General Information	Institution Website Incoming Exchange Program Website
About	Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) is continually ranked among the United State's top research universities, but its success is not bound by the numbers. The university's unique history supports an experience-based approach to education and inquiry that combines arts and humanities with science and technology. Be it through a renewed commitment to diversity or its many stories of innovation, Case Western Reserve is all about improving and enriching lives and imagining and influencing the future. • Ranked the **#1 fastest-growing research university** in the Association of American Universities (AAU) • **99%** of undergraduate students participate in experiential learning through research, internships, study abroad, and other hands-on opportunities • Home to **16 Nobel Laureates** among our alumni and faculty • Recently recognized by ***Forbes*** as one of the nation's **"New Ivies"** for preparing graduates for an evolving global workforce • **9:1** student to faculty ratio • Sears think[box] is the **largest open-access makerspace** and innovation center in the United States
Campus	CWRU is located in University Circle, a 550-acre, park-like concentration of nearly 50 cultural, medical, educational, religious, and social service institutions located at the eastern edge of the city. From our campus, you're just a short walk to some of Cleveland's most outstanding destinations, including the world-renowned Cleveland Orchestra and Cleveland Museum of Art. Take a virtual tour of campus! University Circle is incredibly walkable, but students can easily get to other neighborhoods across Cleveland through the Regional Transit Authority.
Location	Cleveland, OH, USA (population of 361,607) Our hometown offers the best of both worlds: big-city opportunities in a tight-knit community. Here, you can immerse yourself in our robust arts scene, explore your entrepreneurial spirit, take in a pro sports win, enjoy our 50,000+ acres of parks and green spaces, or explore any number of other exciting adventures. Cleveland is home to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland Clinic, and Superman.

CONTACT INFORMATION		
INCOMING EXCHANGE (Partner University to CWRU)		
Office of Education Abroad	○ Contact for exchange partner universities ○ Exchange balances ○ Incoming exchange program and application process ○ Questions from advisors and students prior to being admitted to the program ○ Questions about the **School of Law** exchange program should be directed to Jarienn James (jxj786@case.edu)	exchanges@case.edu Exchange Program Website Program Brochure
Office of International Student Resources & Engagement (OISRE)	○ Contact for exchange students after admitted to exchange program ○ Student support and advising on academic differences, campus life and culture adjustment	international@case.edu OISRE Website
Visa & Immigration Services & Advisors (VISA) Office	○ Visa and immigration matters ○ Travel and re-entry documents ○ International student employment	visa@case.edu VISA Website
OUTGOING EXCHANGE (CWRU to Partner University)		
Office of Education Abroad	○ Contact for exchange partner universities ○ Exchange balances ○ Invoicing and payments ○ Receiving transcripts ○ Critical incidents abroad ○ Miscellaneous questions ○ Questions about the School of Law exchange program should be directed to Jarienn James (jxj786@case.edu)	studyabroad@case.edu Education Abroad Website Advisors (varies by region): ○ Valerie Rambin: var26@case.edu ○ Kevin Sullivan: kxs907@case.edu ○ Cami Ross: cjt14@case.edu
INSTITUTIONAL AGREEMENTS		
Office of International Affairs	○ International agreements ○ Partnership initiation ○ Partner delegation site visits	global@case.edu International Affairs Website

INCOMING UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE NOMINATION & APPLICATION PROCEDURE	
PROGRAM INFORMATION	
Academic Level	Undergraduate students
Language of Instruction	English
Available Terms	One semester ○ Fall semester (August - December) ○ Spring semester (January - May) Two semesters ○ Academic year (August - May) ○ Calendar year (January - December)
GPA Requirement	Minimum 3.00 GPA on a 4-point scale, or equivalent
Language Proficiency Requirement	Applicants whose first language is not English must be able to speak, read, write, and comprehend English. Students who are completing their undergraduate degree fully in English are not required to provide proficiency exam scores.
Minimum English Proficiency Exam Scores	○ Duolingo English Test: 115 minimum ○ International English Language Testing System (IELTS): 7.0 minimum ○ PTE-Academic: 61 minimum ○ TOEFL iBT, including Home Edition and Paper Edition tests: 5.0 minimum (*for exams taken on or after January 21, 2026*)
NOMINATION PROCESS	
Nomination Deadlines	Fall Semester and Academic Year: February 15 ***(NEW for 2027-28)*** Spring Semester and Calendar Year: September 1
Nomination Procedure	Partner university should email exchanges@case.edu with the following information for all nominated student(s): ○ Full Name ○ Email address ○ Nomination term/term to attend CWRU ○ Major/area of study (optional) The Office of Education Abroad will contact each student directly with application instructions. Students and advisors can contact exchanges@case.edu with any questions or concerns.
APPLICATION PROCESS	
Application Deadlines	Fall Semester and Academic Year: March 15 ***(NEW for 2027-28)*** Spring Semester and Calendar Year: October 1

Application Procedure	Nominated students complete an application for the appropriate term. Students and advisors can email exchanges@case.edu with questions during the application process.
Application Requirements	Applicants should be prepared to provide the following: ○ One-page essay (250-300 words) on reasons why the applicant wants to study at CWRU ○ Transcript from home institution ○ Documentation of English proficiency, if applicable (see above) ○ Letter of recommendation from faculty member or staff advisor ○ Proof of adequate funds to cover living expenses for the duration of the exchange period (for issuance of visa documents)
Acceptance Notification	Fall Semester and Academic Year: April Spring Semester and Calendar Year: Late October - Early November Acceptance letters are sent via email and contain next steps and important dates.

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Academic Calendar for 2026-27	Fall Semester 2027: ○ First day of classes: August 19, 2027 ○ Final exam period begins: December 8, 2027 ○ Final exam period ends: December 15, 2027 Spring Semester 2028: ○ First day of classes: January 18, 2028 ○ Final exam period begins: May 4, 2028 ○ Final exam period ends: May 11, 2028 A 5-year academic calendar can be found on the Registrar's website. Students should plan to attend Orientation prior to the start of their first semester at CWRU. More information is provided by Orientation and New Student Transitions.
Courses	Click here for instructions on performing a class search. Alternatively, course descriptions can be found in the General Bulletin. Note that not all courses are offered all semesters.
Restrictions	Exchange students are able to take any undergraduate-level (100-, 200-, or 300-level) course for which they meet the prerequisite requirements, except within these departments: AIEA and AIQS. 400-level and above courses are graduate-level. Enrollment in graduate-level

	coursework requires instructor permission and is up to the discretion of the faculty member teaching the course. Exchange students are not able to take courses at our professional schools (medicine, dental, etc.).
Credit Hour	According to CWRU's definition of a credit hour, one credit hour indicates one hour of in-class instruction per week, plus the work that can be completed by a typical student in 2-3 hours of effort outside the classroom per week. Most CWRU courses are worth 3 or 4 credit hours.
Course Load	○ Minimum per semester to maintain full-time status: 12 credit hours ○ Maximum per semester: 18 credit hours ○ Normal full-time load: 14-17 credit hours Click here to view the course loads and overloads policy for undergraduate students.
Grading System Grading System	For more information, see the University Registrar's Grading and Transcript Keys. Note at the undergraduate level, only letter grades are used; there are no =/- grades. ○ A - Excellent ○ B - Good ○ C - Fair ○ D - Passing ○ F - Failure
Experiential Options	Exchange students can participate in a variety of experiential education opportunities at CWRU: research, service-learning, practicums, entrepreneurship, short-term study abroad programs, and other creative opportunities exist. Exchange students are also eligible to work on campus.
Requesting Transcripts	Students will need to request a transcript to be sent to their home institution. See the University Registrar for information on requesting an official transcript.

LOGISTICS AND STUDENT LIFE	
Housing	Exchange students may live in university-owned housing or off-campus housing. Students should secure housing before arrival in the US.
Meal Plans	Whether living on- or off-campus, students can sign up for a meal plan. Click here to view meal plan options.
Health Insurance	Students are automatically enrolled in CWRU's Student Medical Plan. Students who provide documentation of alternate comparable coverage may opt out.
Physical and Mental Health Support	University Health and Counseling Services provides medical and mental health care for students of Case Western Reserve University. Services include primary care, sexual health, travel care, nutrition, individual and group counseling. 24/7 virtual options for medical and mental health through TimelyCare. Students who require accommodations should contact Disability Resources.

Student Clubs and Organizations	CWRU has 300+ student clubs and organizations, including academic groups, athletic clubs, performance groups, social service clubs, and special interest organizations. CWRU has three on-campus gym facilities.
Campus Safety	CWRU is committed to keeping our entire community safe. We have our own police and security team working 24/7 and multiple options to get students across campus—from daytime shuttle service to nighttime, on-demand Safe Ride vans, plus 24/7 walking escorts.
Additional Information and regular updates can be found on the Exchange Program Website and Exchange Program Brochure.	

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