University of CINCINNATI

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM FACT SHEET

2026 - 2027

DISCOVER WHAT'S NEXT

The University of Cincinnati is made up of a large and diverse community where tens of thousands of students, faculty, and staff come together each day to learn and live with one another. We welcome over 4,000 international students for over 110 countries.

Our students are surrounded by unique architecture, have access to cutting edge technology, and enjoy more green-space than most urban campuses. Less than two miles from downtown Cincinnati, the campus extends beyond the classroom giving students a big-city adventure with small-town charm.

In the city of Cincinnati, you'll never be bored! Our campus is in the middle of an urban area known for its love of the arts, passion for sports, and its seriously impressive local food.

Our team at UC International is here to help you apply to an exchange program and transition smoothly to campus life.

INCOMING STUDENT CONTACTS

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Explore the University of Cincinnati.
See our exchange program website.

APPLICATION PROCESS

NOMINATE A STUDENT

Formal nominations should include the student's name (as it appears on their passport), date of birth, nationality, personal email address and gender. Once we receive this information, a temporary profile will be created for the nominee and an invitation email sent directly to them for formal submission of the exchange program application.

You can nominate a student by sending an email to our incoming exchange coordinators at UCExchange@ucmail.uc.edu.

Partners should only nominate students with a 3.0 GPA or higher (based on the U.S. grading scale) and who have met the English proficiency requirement (as shown on our website).

REVIEW THE PROGRAM COURSES

Students can search for available courses online.

All classes are taught in English.

UC requires full-time enrollment of 12-18 UC semester credits.

RECEIVE THE DS-2019

Once the student is accepted by the University of Cincinnati, the exchange coordinator will issue their DS-2019 form, which is the document students need to apply for a J-1 visa.

This document is prepared by the International Services office.

The DS-2019 will be emailed electronically to the student.

NOMINATION DEADLINE

- *Fall* | March 1
- *Spring* | September 1

APPLICATION DEADLINE

- *Fall* | April 1
- *Spring* | October 1

ENGLISH LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

- **TOEFL iBT internet:** 79 or above; minimum of 15 reading/listening; minimum 20 writing/speaking
- **IELTS:** 6.5 or above; minimum of 5.5 reading/listening; minimum 6.0 writing/speaking
- **DuoLingo:** 100 overall; minimum of 100 production/conversation

COSTS (IN USD)

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

	One Semester	Two Semesters
Living Expenses	$7,789	$15,579
Health Insurance	$1,475	$2,521
Student Fee	$125	$250
Estimated Total	**$9,389**	**$18,350**

VISITING STUDENT PROGRAM, ONE SEMESTER

	Undergraduate	Graduate
Living Expenses	$7,789	$7,789
Health Insurance	$1,475	$1,475
Tuition	$15,155	$13,447
Estimated Total	**$24,419**	**$22,711**

ACCOMMODATIONS

We cannot guarantee on-campus housing, but we will provide resources to help students find housing both on-campus and off-campus.

The deadline for housing varies per semester. We suggest you apply for housing as soon as possible to have a better chance of finding what you want.

Details for housing and meals can be found on the UC Housing website. Rates for the 2026-2027 cohort will be updated soon.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Exchange and visiting students have the option to waive UC's Student Health Insurance if they provide documentation of an external insurance plan that meets the Department of State regulations for J-1 students and scholars. These insurance requirements can be viewed under the J-1 scholars section on our healthcare and insurance webpage.

Note that alternate insurance plans may not cover required immunizations and students will be responsible for any charges not covered. More information will be sent to students about the process to waive UC's Student Health Insurance after being accepted to the program.

FALL SEMESTER

- *Start date* | August 24, 2026
- *End date* | December 12, 2026

SPRING SEMESTER

- *Start date* | January 11, 2027
- *End date* | April 29, 2027

View the full academic calendar online.

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