



Fact Sheet for Exchange Partners 2025-2026

The University of Louisville accepts applications from students at our partner institutions to study for 1-2 semesters as non-degree students. Exchange students must be nominated by their home institution to participate.

Exchange partners must send student nominations and supporting documents to intlexchange@louisville.edu.

Note: Exchange students who have U.S. citizenship or dual citizenship with the U.S. and another country **are not eligible** to participate in an exchange program.



The City of Louisville

Louisville is a progressive metropolitan area of nearly 1.4 million people with a robust economy, a vibrant arts scene, and a rich history infused with Southern hospitality. Situated on the banks of the Ohio River, America's 26th largest city boasts a cost of living that is substantially lower than the national average, with a broad range of affordable housing options from high-rise apartments and historic Victorian homes to suburban communities and rural farms. Entertainment and recreational options include the Speed Art Museum, University of Louisville collegiate sports, The Louisville



Bats minor-league baseball team, and one of the nation's finest systems of urban parks designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, the father of American landscape architecture. Louisville also plays host to the Kentucky Derby Festival — two weeks of non-stop entertainment that ranges from the quirky to the sophisticated, with signature events like a paddle-wheel riverboat race, Southern-style galas, and one of the country's premier air shows, all leading up to the most exciting two minutes in sports: The Kentucky Derby!

Introduction to the University of Louisville



The University of Louisville, or UofL, is located in the heart of Louisville, Kentucky. UofL is a renowned institution that has a rich history of academic excellence and community engagement, encapsulated in a global perspective. UofL is classified as a Research 1 institution, signifying its commitment to cutting-edge research and innovation across disciplines. The University of Louisville has three beautiful campuses: Belknap Campus (pronounced bell-nap), Health Science Campus (downtown), and the Shelby Campus.



The University of Louisville pursues excellence and inclusiveness in its work to educate and serve its diverse community. Through teaching undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, the institution develops engaged global citizens, leaders, and scholars.

Academics and Campus Life

2025 - 2026 Academic Year Calendar

Fall 2025 Semester

Aug. 18, 2025 - Dec. 12, 2025

Spring 2026 Semester

Jan. 7, 2026 - May 9, 2026

Academic Majors / Departments Open to Students on Exchange: The University of Louisville has a wide variety of academic programs. All undergraduate majors are open to exchange students.

Orientation and Check-In: New exchange students are required to check-in with International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) upon arrival. Orientation is two parts: an online orientation and an in-person orientation. Fall orientation is in early August and spring orientation is in early January. **Dates are TBD and subject to change.*

Course Registration: Admitted exchange students are assisted with class registration by the Coordinator of International Exchange Programs. Courses for fall 2025 and spring 2026 semesters will become available approximately five months in advance. Additional information on how to choose classes is available on the exchange application. Available courses can be found [here](#).

Course Numbering:

- **Undergraduate students** take courses numbered 100-400. 100 and 200 levels are typically for first-year students and sophomores. 300 and 400 level courses are typically for juniors and seniors.
- **Advanced undergraduate students** can take 500 level courses with departmental approval.
- **Graduate students** take courses in the 500-600 level.

Academic Course Load: Students are required to enroll full time in at least 12 credits (undergraduates) or 9 credits (graduates). Most classes are 3 credits each.



Housing: Exchange students are encouraged to live on campus. In partnership with the International Center, the Global Village Living-Learning Community (LLC) in Bettie Johnson Hall focuses on a residential experience that provides cross-cultural experiences, life-long friendships, and an opportunity to magnify global understanding. The Global Village is a more globally oriented and internationally connected community. **Housing applications open on November 1, 2024. Housing is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. It is strongly encouraged that applicants apply as soon as possible to secure on-campus housing.*

Student Recreation Center (SRC): This 128,000 square foot facility features fitness studios, basketball courts, weight and cardio equipment, and more! All exchange students are eligible to use the SRC at no additional cost.

Transportation: Students can use the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) bus for free. A free shuttle provides transportation from the Belknap Campus, HSC, and the stadium.

Exchange Student Applications and Additional Information

Priority Application Deadlines	
Fall 2025	April 1, 2025
Spring 2026	October 15, 2025

Students should visit their Study Abroad Office for information about the exchange selection process. Students must be nominated by the home university's International Office to participate in this exchange. After being nominated, exchange applicants will submit the following documents for review:

- Exchange student application
- Nomination letter from your Study Abroad Advisor
- Supporting financial documents
 - Exact amount: \$8,289.50 per semester / \$16,579 per year
- TOEFL/IELTS/Duolingo score report meeting the minimum requirements (for students from institutions where English is not the language of instruction)
- Official university transcripts (in English)
- Passport identification page

English Language Requirements (TOEFL/IELTS/Duolingo): Exchange students from countries where English is not the primary language must submit proof of their English abilities. Minimum scores to qualify for the Exchange are:

TOEFL IBT: 79

IELTS: 6.5

DUOLINGO: 105

Cost of Living: Incoming exchange students should have approximately \$16,579 per year for expenses including room, board, transportation, books and supplies, and personal expenses. Specific fees include:

- \$150 International Student Fee (\$75 Fall/Spring, \$25 Summer)
- \$75 New International Student Orientation Fee (one-time)
- \$196 Student Activities Fee
- \$1,274 Books & Supplies

Health Insurance Requirement: All international students ("J" or "F" status) are required to maintain health insurance. Insurance costs are \$2,884 per year/\$1,442 per semester. This cost is included in the Cost of Living amount of \$16,579 above.

Visas: Once you have received your Form DS-2019, complete the following steps:

- Pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee at fmjfee.com. Print the receipt for your visa interview
- Submit the P q p / k o o k i t c p v Visa Application Form DS-160
- Schedule your visa appointment
- Prepare the necessary documents for your interview including your UofL admission letter
- Monitor your UofL email for pre-arrival information

UofL Key Contacts

Nomination & Course Selection: intlexchange@louisville.edu

Pre-arrival & Orientation Information: iss@louisville.edu

