

Undergraduate Exchange Fact Sheet 2025-2026

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Websites

- [Foster Inbound Exchange Student Website](#)
- [UW Visiting Exchange Student Website](#)
- [Global Business Center](#)

Orientations

- Foster Inbound Exchange Orientation
- UW Study Abroad Office and International Student Services Orientation

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SPECIALIZATIONS AT FOSTER

- Accounting
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Human Resources Management
- Information Systems
- Marketing
- Operations and Supply Chain Management

COURSES

Students must attend the UW on a full-time basis. A full-time course load is 12-18 UW credits per quarter. 18 credits is the maximum. Quarters run for 10 weeks plus 1 week for final exams.

Foster Inbound Exchange Students typically take three or four 300- to 400-level business courses with each business course carrying 4 UW credits. Demand and space constraints make Finance, Information Systems, and Accounting courses difficult to get into.

Foster Inbound Exchange Students are allowed to take as many non-business coursework as they like if they meet the prerequisites and are granted access by the department.

LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Class formats include lecture and discussion, in-class presentations and case studies. Attendance is required.

Grading is based on papers, group projects, case studies, class participation and exams. Exam formats may vary. Typically exams are held during the final week of the quarter.

LENGTH OF CLASS

A typical 300- or 400-level 4-credit business course runs 2 days per week, for 2 hours per day, for a total of 4 hours of class time each week or 40 hours of class time during a quarter. Courses usually run either Monday and Wednesday, or Tuesday and Thursday anytime from 8:30 a.m. until 5:20 p.m. Courses outside the Foster School operate on different schedules.

COURSE REGISTRATION

Please check out the Foster Inbound Exchange Student Website to the left to learn more about the process and considerations for business course registration.

EXCHANGE APPLICATION

Academic Term	Application Open	Nomination Deadline	Application Deadline	Admissions Decisions
Autumn Quarter (September - December)	Early January	March 1	March 15	Late May/ Early June
Winter Quarter (January - March)	Early June	August 1	August 15	Mid/late October
Spring Quarter (March-June)	Early September	November 1	November 15	Mid/late January

NOMINATION LINK

Nominate students using [this form](#). Submit your nominations two weeks prior to student's application deadlines to allow students plenty of time to complete their applications. When you nominate your students, they will automatically be sent an email with a link to our application and instructions on how to complete their application. The emails will only be sent by selecting "**Departmental Exchange**".

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- **GPA: Equivalent of 3.0 out of 4.0**
- **Be enrolled at a partner school at the 3rd or 4th year level**
- **English Proficiency Requirements*:**
 - TOEFL (IBT): minimum 76, recommended 105
 - IELTS: minimum 6.0, recommended 7.0
 - Duolingo: minimum 110, recommended 131

Exception: If your primary and secondary education took place in Australia, Canada (English-speaking provinces), the United Kingdom, Ireland, New Zealand or the U.S., you are exempt from this requirement.

*Please note that letters from home universities are no longer accepted.



THE UW EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE

ACADEMICS

- [UW Academic Calendar](#)
- [Time Schedule with quarter-specific offerings](#)
- [Foster business course syllabi and business course tracker](#)
- [Foster School of Business undergraduate curriculum](#)
- [UW Grading Scale](#)



STUDENT LIFE

- [Foster Inbound Exchange Student Website](#)
- [UW Visiting Exchange Student Website](#)
- Over 1,000 Registered Student Organizations (RSOs) with 30+ being Foster-specific
- [Recreational sports, classes and events](#)
- [CIRCLE](#) (Center for International Relations & Cultural Leadership Exchange)



HOUSING

[On campus housing](#) is available for students who indicate they are interested in on campus housing in their UW exchange application, and who apply by the housing priority deadline. There are also many off campus options should students want to arrange their housing independently.



ESTIMATED EXPENSES

As part of the exchange agreement, students will receive a waiver of tuition and technology fees up to 18 credits. Please note that the following fees are not covered by the tuition waiver:

- U-PASS (bus pass)
- [Health Insurance \(SHIP\)](#)
- Course fees if applicable (Some courses charge additional fees for instructional and/or laboratory)



VISA INFORMATION

Exchange students will study at UW under the J-1 visa category unless they have US citizenship or permanent residence. Students who need a visa will submit [proof of finances](#) and other documentation once accepted. Students will receive an electronic copy of their DS-2019.

