

EXCHANGE STUDENT SERVICES UF FACT SHEET 2025-2026

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IMPORTANT DATES

	Nomination	Application
Fall Semester	April 1	May 1
Spring Semester	September 1	October 1
Summer Semester	February 1	March 1

2025-2026 Academic Calendar

- Fall 2025: **August 21 - December 12**
- Spring 2026: **January 12 - May 1**

Please note that these dates are general semester dates. Graduate Business school dates and Law school dates may be different than those listed above.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Stage 1: [Partner School Nomination](#); Partner school submits on-line nomination.
- Stage 2: [UF International Center Online Application](#)
- Stage 3: [Post Acceptance Consecutive Processes](#)
 - A. Student Visa application – apply at nearest US Embassy/Consulate
 - B. UF student account set-up and pre-registration requirements – process internal to UF



ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Per federal regulations, J1 Visa holders must verify they have proficient English level to participate in their program. Partner schools should include appropriate documentation at the time of the online nomination. Options for verification are:

1. Student is a passport holder of a country where English is an official language. [Listed here](#).
2. Student has attended a university in a country where English is an official language. [Listed here](#). *Transcript required at the time of application submission.*
3. Student has achieved sufficient scores on English language competency exam:
 - IELTS Academic: 6.0 Overall
 - MELAB: 77
 - TOEFL iBT: 80
 - TOEFL PBT: 550
 - Verbal GRE: 140
 - GATEWAY English Test: 425
 - CEFR: B2
4. Home University can verify proficiency. *Select this option at the time of nomination. May submit additional documentation in support (for example, letter of verification).*

VISA INFORMATION

- The UF International Center online application covers meeting criteria for the J1 visa status.
- Upon submission of a complete application and acceptance, Exchange Student Services will issue a form of eligibility for J1 status sponsorship, DS-2019 Form.
- Students then receive instructions to apply for their J1 visa.

ACCOMMODATIONS

- On-Campus Housing is limited and therefore not guaranteed to students.
- Students can indicate interest in living on-campus via their online application. Upon submission of the complete application, students will be considered on a first come, first serve basis until slots are filled.
- The on-campus dorm for exchange students is Weaver Hall. Weaver Hall is part of the **International Living Learning Community**. Please note, to increase the opportunity for exchange students to live on-campus, students may be assigned to other dorms outside of Weaver Hall.
- UF Housing will contact students directly to begin the housing application process.
- UF offers support for off-campus housing through the **Off Campus Life** office. Ultimately, students are responsible for their own off campus housing.



HEALTH INSURANCE

All UF students are required to have health insurance that meets Affordable Care Act (ACA) coverage standards. This coverage standard also fulfills international student visa requirements. The UF Health Insurance policy is an “opt-out” system. All UF students, including exchange students, will be automatically enrolled in UF’s Health Insurance Plan. Students can either:

1. Stay enrolled in the UF Health Plan, OR
2. Submit a waiver to request approval for an outside policy by deadline (outside policy must be comparable to ACA coverage).

NOTE: UF does not accept overseas or travel insurance plans. Students who do not wish to purchase the UF plan should contact the [UF Health Compliance Office](#) for more information. For additional questions, contact: insurance@ufic.ufl.edu.

ACADEMICS

Minimum credits required per semester

- Undergraduate Students: 12 (typically 4 courses worth 3 credits each)
- Graduate Students: 9 (typically 3 courses worth 3 credits each)

Important Considerations

- Students are allowed to enroll in one 100% on-line course per semester
- Students may not be eligible to participate in restricted enrollment programs
- Students must primarily choose courses from their hosting college. Students may choose up to one course outside of their hosting college, unless otherwise specified by their UF academic and exchange advisor.

BUDGETING & COSTS

Estimated Cost of Living:

<https://internationalcenter.ufl.edu/j-1-studentscholar/partner-school-exchange-students/estimated-costs-budgets>

Application Funding Requirement: The U.S. government requires J-1 students to prove sufficient funds for the duration of their program. To meet this requirement, students must show they have a minimum USD \$2300 per month of the program.

STUDENT LIFE & RESOURCES

- **Student Activities and Involvement** – Check out student organizations and daily campus events at this website: <https://studentinvolvement.ufl.edu/get-involved>
- **UF NaviGators International** – Connects International Students with American students through a unique mentorship program. <https://www.facebook.com/ufnavigatorsintl>
- **Counselling & Wellness Center (CWC)** - <https://www.counseling.ufl.edu/cwc>
- **Gainesville Regional Transit System (RTS)** – Students can ride any Gainesville RTS bus free with their Gator 1 ID card. www.go-rt.com
- **Disability Resource Center** – <https://disability.ufl.edu>
- **COVID-19 Updates & Resources** – <https://coronavirus.ufhealth.org>