



INCOMING EXCHANGE PROGRAM FACT SHEET

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NOMINATION	UST OISSA Exchange Nomination Form Link
UNIVERSITY WEBSITE	https://www.stthom.edu

**ACADEMIC
CALENDAR**
Spring 2026 Semester

NOMINATION DEADLINE
September 30, 2025

APPLICATION DEADLINE
October 17, 2025

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES
January 12, 2026

**EXCHANGE STUDENT
ORIENTATION**
January 16, 2026

LAST DAY OF CLASSES
May 1, 2026

FINAL EXAM END DATE
May 8, 2026

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Must have completed at least one year of university study and come from one of our UST partner universities
- Official transcripts from all institutions attended
- Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.5
- Applicants whose native language is not English must meet one of the following minimum requirements as proof of English proficiency:
 - 213 TOEFL CBT
 - 79 TOEFL IBT
 - 550 TOEFL ITP
 - 6.5 IELTS
 - 125 Duolingo English Test
 - Other acceptable test score mutually agreed upon

COURSE INFORMATION

See course descriptions at:
<https://catalog.stthom.edu/classes>
(Please note that not all courses are available every semester)

Minimum enrollment for undergraduate exchange students is 12 credit hours, and 9 for graduate students. Exchange students can only take one online course each semester.

The following program courses are not available for exchange students: Air Force Science, General Business, Networking, Cyber Security, Exceptionality, any AAS courses, Military Science, Nursing, Health Simulation, Reading/Education/Special Education, General Science, Drug/Alcohol Counseling.

Courses with a number starting with 5 or above are graduate courses and are not available to undergraduate students.

VISA AND IMMIGRATION

International exchange students studying in the U.S. must obtain the J-1 Exchange Visitor visa, unless already a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident.

Upon acceptance into your academic program, an OISSA Advisor will provide further information on what documents are needed for Form DS-2019 issuance. You will need the Form DS-2019 in order to apply for the J-1 Visa.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Click [here](#) for more information on on-campus student housing options and costs.

You may only sign up for student housing *after* you have been officially accepted to our university.

A \$300 security deposit will be required to secure your student housing.

MANDATORY IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Students will be required to submit appropriate immunization records.

MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE

An OISSA Advisor will provide you with the detailed requirements for health insurance as part of the J-1 Exchange Student visa and immigration information.

All J-1 international students are required to provide proof of health insurance before arriving in the U.S.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The University of St. Thomas' Student Handbook can be found at:
<https://www.stthom.edu/deanofstudents>.

