

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE FACT SHEET

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APPLICATION PROCESS

UNIVERSITY NOMINATION

The designated exchange coordinator from each partner university is asked to nominate students.

Nomination instructions can be found online at:

<http://studyabroad.uark.edu/incoming>

STUDENT APPLICATION

Students will receive an emailed link to apply online.

Nominated students will receive a welcome letter from the Exchange Coordinator with application information. Students will apply online and submit documentation through the application portal. This includes financial documentation, immunization records, and proof of language proficiency.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

	Fall Semester 2020 (August to December)	Spring Semester 2021 (January to May)
Nomination Deadline	15 March	1 October
Application Deadline (nominated students)	15 April	15 October
Arrival Dates	14-17 August	1-4 January
Mandatory Orientation	18-21 August	5-8 January
Teaching Period	24 August – 10 December	11 January – 29 April
Examination Period	14-17 December	3-6 May
Semester Ends	17 December 2020	6 May 2020

Reference the full academic calendar with holidays: <https://registrar.uark.edu/academic-dates/>

COURSES

Students can review the Schedule of Classes through the Registrar's website here:

<https://registrar.uark.edu/registration/schedule-of-classes.php>

Students can select classes from most areas of study if they meet course pre-requisites. The following areas of study are not available to exchange or visiting students: upper-level nursing, teacher education, law & medicine. Students should contact the visiting student program coordinator (vga@uark.edu) if they have questions about eligibility.

ACCOMMODATIONS/LODGING

Exchange students are offered placement in university on-campus housing and off-campus housing. On-campus housing options are generally only recommended for undergraduate students. Masters and Doctoral level students usually live in off-campus arrangements.

On-Campus: Dormitory http://housing.uark.edu	Single or double occupancy rooms with shared bathrooms. Students dine in cafeterias.	\$3,200- \$5,500 per semester* Meal Plan required for on-campus cafeteria (see Housing website for details).
On-Campus: Apartments http://housing.uark.edu	Single bedrooms in a 4-bedroom apartment-style unit with kitchen & laundry. Shared bathrooms.	\$3,400- \$3,600 per semester* self-catered
Off-Campus: Hill Place Apartments http://hillplaceapts.com	Single bedrooms/bathrooms in a 4-bedroom apartment with kitchen & laundry.	\$3,000 per semester* (paid monthly) self-catered security deposit required

*Housing rates based on the 2019-20 academic year. Up-to-date pricing is set by the [Housing Office](#).

**Students interested in Hill Place should follow instructions from the Visiting Student Coordinator. Special lease terms and rates are only available if students apply through the U of A International Office.

***Students staying for an Academic Year should note that some dormitories close during academic holidays. Only "Academic Year" Dormitories will be open through academic breaks (Thanksgiving, Christmas/winter break, etc).

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

All University of Arkansas courses are taught in English. Students who are not native English speakers should meet the minimum qualifications for evidence of English Proficiency.

- 550 (paper-based TOEFL) / 79 (internet-based TOEFL)
- 6.5 on the IELTS - You may give us your Test Report Form (TRF) number so that we may access your official IELTS score by submitting the [IELTS Score Verification Form](#).
- Documentation from your Home Institution verifying language ability.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Airport pickup

Students arriving within the designated arrivals period will be offered complementary shuttle service from Northwest Arkansas Airport (airport code: XNA) into the city of Fayetteville.

Short-term accommodations and Housing check-in

Check-in for housing on campus or housing at Hill Place apartments is limited to regular business hours (Monday-Friday, 8 am – 5 pm; Hill Place is open on Sundays).

Since most flights arrive in Fayetteville in the evening, students can book discounted hotel rooms at [Candlewood Suites](#), a hotel near campus. The International Office will coordinate transportation from the airport to Candlewood, provide activities and meals for students staying at Candlewood, and provide a shuttle to the University Housing Office or Hill Place Apartments for housing check-in on Sunday or Monday.

A **Pre-Departure Orientation Webinar** will be offered to all visiting students about 1-2 months before arrival. Program coordinators will review housing options, arrival instructions, class registration, and visa information.

Students should check their email frequently for the latest updates from the International Office.

COSTS

Living expenses per semester	Lodging	\$3,000-\$6,000
	Food	\$1,400-\$3,000
	Required Medical Insurance	\$1,000*
	Books & Supplies	\$500
	Personal Expenses	\$1,500 +

Reciprocal exchange students are not responsible for tuition & associated fees, however, these charges cannot be removed from a student's account until course registration is final (after the first week of classes). Students will be responsible for housing charges, meal plans, and any activity fees or bookstore fees associated with specific classes they choose. Students can pay in full at the beginning of the semester or set up a payment plan with the Treasurer's Office.

*It is mandatory to purchase the health insurance designated by the University of Arkansas. No exceptions are permitted. Policy information and coverage requirements are available [here](#).

The above estimates are for reference ONLY. The actual cost may vary person to person.

VISA

Enrolled students will be issued a DS-2019 and will schedule a visa appointment in their home countries before arrival in the U.S. More information will be provided upon application.