

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

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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 2023 (August to December)	Spring Semester 2024 (January to May)
Nomination Deadline	March 15, 2023	October 1, 2023
Application Deadline for EXCH	April 1, 2023	October 15, 2023
Arrival Dates	Fri, Aug 11 – Sun, 13 Aug, 2023	Sun, 7 January, 2024
Mandatory Orientation	Tue, Aug 15 - Fri, Aug 18, 2023	Tue, Jan 9 - Fri, Jan 12, 2024
Semester Starts	Mon, August 21, 2023	Tue, 16 January, 2024
Final Exams Week	Mon, Dec 11 – Fri, Dec 15, 2023	Mon, May 6 – Fri, May 10, 2024

Please review [2023-2024 Academic Calendar](#) for more information.

COURSES

- Students can review the [Schedule of Classes](#) through the Registrar’s website. Please be aware that course offerings may be different from one year to another.
- 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

- The [University of Housing](#) offers a comfortable, safe, and engaging living environment on- and off-campus. Reciprocal exchange students are strongly encouraged to live on-campus or in an apartment that is managed by the University Housing.
- On-campus residence hall options are generally only recommended for undergraduate students. Masters and Doctoral level students usually live in off-campus arrangements managed by the University.
- Please review the [Housing Rates](#) page for more information.

On-Campus Residence Hall	Single or double occupancy rooms with shared bathrooms. Students dine in cafeterias.	On-campus Meal Plan required for on-campus cafeteria
On-Campus: Apartments	Single bedrooms in a 4-bedroom apartment-style unit with kitchen & laundry. Shared bathrooms.	Off-campus Meal Plan optional

Students staying for an Academic Year should note that some on-campus residence halls close during academic holidays. Only “Academic Year” halls 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.

- 79 (internet-based TOEFL) / 550 (paper-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.

Temporary Housing & Permanent Housing Check-in:

Check-In time for your permanent housing may be limited to regular business hours. Since most flights arrive in Fayetteville in the evening, students are encouraged to utilize temporary housing at Candlewood Suites, a partner hotel near campus. More detailed instructions and information will be provided once you are accepted into the university.

Other Preparation Support & Services:

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

Communication:

Students should check their emails frequently for the latest updates from the Sponsored Students & Special Programs Office vga@uark.edu or other International Education offices.

EXCHANGE VISITOR VISA & BANK STATEMENT

- Before a DS-2019, an immigration document for J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa, can be issued, the University is required to see proof of financial support. More information will be provided upon nomination.
- Admitted 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.

COSTS: TUITION, FEES & OTHERS

Living expenses per semester	Housing Non-refundable Application Fee	\$240
	Housing	\$3,301-\$5,799
	Meal Plan	\$1,383-\$2,379
	Required Medical Insurance	\$988-\$1370
	Books & Supplies	\$600+
	Personal Expenses	\$1,125+

The above estimates are for reference based on 2022-23 information. The actual cost may vary from person to person.

- Please review the [Housing Rates](#) page for more information.
- “Meal Plan” information is based on [Meal Rates](#) provided by the Uni/versity Housing.
- Reciprocal exchange students are not responsible for tuition & mandatory fees; however, these charges cannot be removed from a students’ account until course registration is final (after the first few weeks of classes).
- Reciprocal exchange students will be responsible for housing charges, meal plans, non-mandatory academic fees (any activity fees, course material fees, liability insurance 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.
- Many of the university’s courses will have additional course fees that are not covered by the Exchange Agreement. Please verify each course you will enroll in for these additional fees.
- Please refer to the [Tuition & Fees Information](#) page for more detailed information.
- It is mandatory to purchase the health insurance designated by the University. No exceptions are permitted per immigration regulations and the University policy. Please visit the [Student Health Insurance](#) page for detailed policy and coverage requirements.