

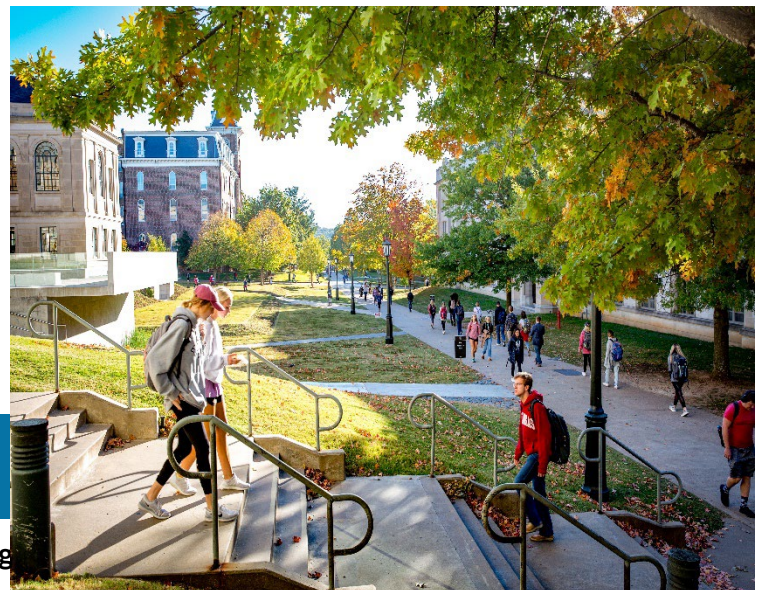


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Graduate School
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UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE FACT SHEET

2026 - 2027



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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:

<https://studyabroad.uark.edu/info-for/incoming-exchange-students.php>

Nominations will be submitted using a nomination form sent by the Inbound Exchange office to each partner university once nominations begin.

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 2026 (August to December)	Spring Semester 2027 (January to May)
Nomination Deadline	March 13, 2026	September 11, 2026
Application Deadline for EXCH	March 27, 2026	September 30, 2026
Arrival Dates	Fri. Aug 7 – Sun. Aug 9, 2026	Sat. Jan 9 – Sun. Jan 10, 2027
Mandatory Orientation	Mon. Aug 10 – Thurs. Aug 13, 2026	Mon. Jan 11 – Thurs. Jan 14, 2027
Semester Starts	Monday, August 17, 2026	Tuesday, January 19, 2027
Final Exams Week	Mon. Dec 7 – Fri. Dec 11, 2026	Mon. May 10 – Fri. May 14, 2027

Please review [2026-2027 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 and graduate level courses at Walton College of Business.

ACCOMMODATIONS/LODGING

- [University 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 Graduate Housing or off-campus arrangements managed by the University.
- Please review the [Housing Rates](#) page for more information.

On-Campus: Residence Hall	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 during academic breaks (Thanksgiving, Christmas/winter break, Spring 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 any 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 twice to all exchange students 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 Inbound Exchange Program Office inbound@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	\$4,205 - \$6,693
	Meal Plan	\$2,371 - \$2,842.50
	Required Medical Insurance	\$1,276 - \$1,769
	Books & Supplies	\$600 +
	Personal Expenses	\$1,700 +

The above estimates are for reference based on 2026-2027 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 University 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.



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Study Abroad on The Hill



We've put together some of the top highlights of campus and student life at the University of Arkansas. Feel free to share with students. Images and video can be used with permission. Please give copyright credit to the University of Arkansas.



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You are Welcome Here



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University of Arkansas: A Great Place to Call Home

Nestled in vibrant, growing Northwest Arkansas, the University of Arkansas campus is located in the heart of Fayetteville, consistently ranked as one of the Best Places to Live in the U.S.

With access to breathtaking outdoor amenities and natural wonders, a hub for arts and culture, and hundreds of Fortune 500 companies with a presence in the area, it's a great place to live and learn.

At the U of A, we're proud of our unique campus traditions, our legacy of Senior Walk and the 50+ national championships secured by our beloved Razorbacks.

We think you'll agree, it's a great place to call home.



<https://youtu.be/wLh-MRKBpMQ?si=GqTdzBC1QnTDcKE2>

Campus Life

Explore our Campus through a [Virtual Tour](#)!

At the University of Arkansas, students are actively encouraged to move beyond the books and take part in many of the available campus events, including concerts, recreation opportunities, student organizations and clubs.

International students at the University of Arkansas will feel at home from the moment they set foot on campus. Resources especially for international students are only a few steps away.





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Student Activities

Once international students arrive on campus there are ample opportunities to engage with current UARK students, other international students, local families and the greater Northwest Arkansas community!

Check out the [International Students & Scholars website](#) for more details.

[Friendship Families](#)

[International Culture Team](#)

[International Student Programs](#)

[U of A Registered Student Organizations](#)

[University Programs](#)





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Academic Excellence

Students from all over the world call the University of Arkansas home. The U of A proudly hosts over 1,200 international students from 110 countries. We provide our diverse international student body with a quality education - from a university known for its [academic and research excellence](#).

Earn credit in 150+ diverse subjects. Find classes that challenge, excite, and introduce you to new concepts and interdisciplinary aspects of your academic program.

[Academic Calendar](#) | [Schedule of Classes](#)





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Accommodations

Students will feel at home in Fayetteville, which is consistently ranked as one of the top 10 places to live in the United States. Housing options range from university-managed residences halls to off campus apartments.

With Razorback Transit providing fare-free bus services, students will easily be able to explore all that Fayetteville has to offer.

Visit the [University Housing](#) website for more details and room rates.





Arrival & Orientation

Browse our [International Students and Scholars Office Resources](#) for more on:

- [Packing](#)
- [Airport Information](#)
- [International Orientation](#)





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