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## *Study Abroad*

FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY VISITING EXCHANGE FACTSHEET

Fall 2022 – Spring 2023

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# Fairfield University

## *Why Fairfield?*

A Fairfield University education has become more integrated in focus, more global in outlook, and more intentional in its structure than ever before. In the Jesuit tradition, we are committed to creating a student-focused, holistic, and diverse educational environment - intended to educate the whole person - mind, body, and spirit. We want to cultivate in both our undergraduate and graduate students a sense of community and strong ethical and spiritual values to guide them on their paths into the future. Join us in this community enterprise, where all of us are called to come together in the spirit and practice of collaboration.

## *Who We Are*

Fairfield University is a Catholic, Jesuit University - one of 28 in the United States. Our mission touches everything we do.

- We're committed to broad intellectual inquiry - so we offer a comprehensive core curriculum.
- We attend to the whole self - body, mind, and spirit - so we offer distinctive living and learning experiences like the [Sophomore Residential Colleges](#).
- We believe in lifelong learning - so we integrate Jesuit values in graduate and professional studies.
- We pursue social justice and global citizenship - so we offer an astounding range of opportunities for service and civic engagement.

We ask the hard questions, listen closely, and care enough about the world to study it, work in it, make it better.

## *Take a Virtual Tour*

Interested in seeing campus but aren't able to visit us in person? Explore our virtual tour to see some of our Residence Halls, academic buildings, library, campus center and more! Click the image below for a guided virtual tour!



## Offices and Contacts

### *Global Fairfield*

Global Fairfield is your first point of contact at Fairfield University. Global Fairfield facilitates the onboarding process through nomination to acceptance. We are responsible for connecting students to academic units on campus to be advised and registered for courses. Global Fairfield is committed to creating a seamless application process and is available to assist students with any questions they may have.

Global Fairfield	
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### *Office of Student Engagement*

International Student Life in the Office of Student Engagement is your resource for handling all immigration paperwork and authorizations while in the United States. We are also dedicated to helping our visiting and exchange students get involved in the Fairfield University community. We sponsor trips to sporting and cultural events, hold gatherings to celebrate cultural sharing, and generally create community among our international students. We are happy to assist in making all of your experiences here at Fairfield a positive and productive one.

Office of Student Engagement – International Student Life	
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# Application and Nomination Deadlines:

<b>Summer Semester</b>	
Nomination Deadline	February 1
Application Deadline	March 1
Decision Deadline	March 15

<b>Fall Semester</b>	
Nomination Deadline	March 1
Application Deadline	March 15
Decision Deadline	April 1

<b>Spring Semester</b>	
Nomination Deadline	Accepting through July 1
Application Deadline	August 1
Decision Deadline	September 15

## Nomination Requirements:

To be considered for acceptance to Fairfield University, students must be nominated by their home university. Nomination forms are sent to Nicole Moffa – [nmoffa@fairfield.edu](mailto:nmoffa@fairfield.edu). The documentation required for nomination can be found below:

1. An excel document including the following information:
  - a. First name
  - b. Last Name
  - c. Email
  - d. D.O.B
  - e. Gender
  - f. Term(s) and year of intent at Fairfield
  - g. Student GPA
  - h. Student Major
  - i. Student Minor
  - j. Number of Semesters completed
  - k. List of courses student must take abroad
  - l. Does this student have academic flexibility?
  - m. What is this students current living environment? Do they live at home or at school?
  - n. Would the students be able to cook on their own?
  - o. Additional Notes
2. Language acquisition score (where applicable)
3. Students transcripts (if not in English, please be sure to send a translated version)
4. A list of the degree requirements for the student's degree completion. Feel free to send this as a PDF, word document, link, etc.
  - a. Some institutions call this a plan of study or courses and curriculum. For questions, please contact Nicole Moffa: [Nmoffa@fairfield.edu](mailto:Nmoffa@fairfield.edu).

Once the nominations are received, Nicole will provide the student with the instructions to open a Fairfield application to apply.

## Admission and Requirements

### Acceptance Decisions

Once students are nominated and complete their Fairfield University study abroad application, the complete applications are sent to academic departments for review. All final acceptance decisions are made by Fairfield University academic departments.

### Language Aptitude Scores

- **TOEFL Score:** 80 (Internet-based) or a minimum score of 550 (paper-based) is required
- **IELTS Score:** A minimum score of a 6.5 is required

## Upon Acceptance

Upon acceptance, students are provided with a welcome packet that provides them with a checklist of next steps they need to complete prior to arrival. To ensure a successful transition to Fairfield, it is imperative students abide by these deadlines. Included in the welcome packet will be information regarding housing, academic registration, student life and resources, airport pickup information and more.



## About the Magis Core Curriculum

Fairfield University's liberal arts core curriculum gives students the knowledge and skills to better understand the world and their place in it. The Magis Core Curriculum is a discipline-based, tiered experience. The curriculum provides a common experience for all undergraduate students, grounded in the humanistic tradition, and is a hallmark of a Fairfield University education.

The Magis Curriculum has 22 curricular requirements five general areas of study:

1. Mathematics and Natural Science
  - a. Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Behavioral Neuroscience
2. History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences
  - a. Anthropology, Communication, Economics, Politics, Psychology and Sociology
3. Philosophy and Religious Studies
4. English and Visual and Performing Arts
  - a. Art History, Film, Television and Media Arts, Music, Studio Art, and Theatre
5. Modern and Classical languages

A breakdown of the University core curriculum can be found in Appendix 1.

## Academic Expectations:

Students can expect to have small classroom sizes, an average of 20 students per class, with faculty who are willing and able to be available for students outside of classroom teaching hours for extra help, if needed.

Being that Fairfield University is a Liberal Arts institution, **students coming to Fairfield do not take only courses in their major; they take a combination of courses in their major and in the core.** For example, a Politics major may take 2-3 Politics related courses, with the rest of their courses possibly being one course in Religion, and one in History.

The ability to be flexible in the types of courses students can take while at Fairfield will be key to a successful exchange term. **A full-time student at Fairfield must enroll in 5 courses (15 U.S. credits) during their exchange semester.**

A sample schedule can be found in Appendix 2. You will see this student is taking courses from a variety of disciplines: Spanish, Math, Economics, English and Accounting.

### *Education Applicants*

Students applying for the education program cannot enroll in any education major courses due to Connecticut state laws. Students are allowed to enroll in education minor courses.

### *Dolan School of Business Applicants*

The Business School requires course descriptions for all business courses taken to date during the application process. These documents help the academic advisor determine the appropriate level business courses.

## Course Selection as an Exchange Student

To browse the course offerings from previous semesters, please follow the steps below:

- Visit: [www.fairfield.edu/registration](http://www.fairfield.edu/registration)
- Click browse classes
- Select a term from the dropdown menu
- Leave the search fields blank and click “search”

To find course descriptions, please click on the name of the course and click on course description on the left-hand side.

*\*Courses for the Fall semester are released in mid-March.*

*\*Courses for the Spring semester are released in early-October.*

## Course Registration:

Students will be responsible for submitting a course selection worksheet at point of application. On this worksheet, students will select their first-choice courses and secondary courses based on what will be offered during their term at Fairfield. From there, the student will need to send the sheet the relevant Dean listed above for registration.

Students are required to submit at least ten (10) course choices, ranking in order from most desired, to least desired with backup courses. This registration form is shared with the respective Dean's Office (contact information found below) for registration.

*Though, of course, Fairfield University will try their best to accommodate students' requests, they cannot guarantee the availability of their top choices. Providing as many alternative courses as possible helps them to ensure the creation of a full course schedule. There may be no time conflicts with students' first 5 courses. For assistance, we recommend students use the Scheduling Tool document found in Appendix 3.*

The course selection worksheet can be found in Appendix 4.

## Visa Documents

### DS-2019

The Form DS-2019 allows for the J-1 visa to be obtained and is required for J-1 international students planning to study full-time at Fairfield University. The Form DS-2019 will be sent only after an international student has completed all necessary application procedures. All forms required to process the DS-2019 will be sent to the student directly from the Office of Student Engagement, please wait for their email with instructions on how to proceed.

### Financial Documentation

Students must submit official copies of either a bank statement or bank letter certifying available funds. Minimum required financial support amounts will be sent to students after acceptance.

Bank documentation must be submitted on official bank letterhead and must come directly from the originating bank. These documents can be emailed to Jane Aquino. The bank letter/bank statement must be no more than six months old.

If the funds are coming from someone other than the student, that person will need to complete an Affidavit of Support along with providing a bank letter or bank statement on bank letterhead. The Affidavit of Support and the bank letter/bank statement must be no more than six months old.

Please note: The Affidavit of Support has a line for a notary public to sign. If the student does not have access to a notary public, please notify the Office of Student Engagement before proceeding.

## Immunization Requirements

The State of Connecticut General Statutes Section HB 6423 and Fairfield University require each full-time or matriculating student to provide proof of immunity or screening against measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, meningitis and tuberculosis. Matriculating students are defined as those enrolled in a degree seeking program. This includes both undergraduate and graduate students.

For a list of all immunizations required, please see our [Student Health Center website here](#).

The White House announced that COVID-19 vaccines will be required for international travelers coming into the United States, with an effective date of November 8, 2021. For purposes of entry into the United States, vaccines accepted will include FDA approved or authorized and WHO Emergency Use

Listing vaccines. Students are also required to show a negative Covid-19 Test no more than three days before your travel date. Please refer to the [link from the CDC](#) for more information.

## Accommodations

### Housing Options at Fairfield

- Juniors and Seniors: Apartment and Townhouse
- Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors: Living and Learning Residence Halls

*\*\*Visiting exchange students do not have the option to live off campus*

*\*All housing is double occupancy*

### Information for Junior and Senior Housing

Detailed information regarding [Apartments](#) and [Townhouses](#) can be found by clicking on the appropriate links. Students have access to this information from their application.

### Service for Justice Residential College (S4J): Living and Learning Community (Residence Hall)

The Service for Justice Residential College is rooted in social justice, service, and allowing students to explore their various identities. By intentionally examining social justice issues, students are pushed to think about how they are called to use their privileges to help those who are oppressed.

In S4J, students will:

- Attend one overnight retreat each semester. These are 24 hours off campus at the beginning of the semesters.
- Participate in the Mentoring Communities of the program. Each student is placed in a mentoring community of 6-8 students with an adult mentor (alumni, faculty, staff, friend of the University). These meet once a month for about 1.5 hours to look at the questions of the programs on a deeper level.
- Attend an Orientation at the beginning of the year and a Re-Oriented at the beginning of the second semester.

### Housing Applications

Students will apply for housing in their application after they have been accepted to study at Fairfield.

### Meal Plans

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Students who select to live in the townhouses or apartments will have a kitchen but are able to pay for a meal plan out of pocket upon arrival, should they wish. Students who live in the Living and Learning Residence Halls do not have a kitchen and pay for the meal plan out of pocket.

*Do students share accommodation with international and domestic students?*

Yes, students will be placed with both domestic and international students.

## Semester Dates

*\*Dates subject to change. Once accepted, students will be provided with the finalized term calendar.*

*Students may not arrive to campus early. Should students need flexibility at the end of their program, they should contact the Office of Student Engagement if they wish to stay on campus after the program end date.*

[Please click here for a more detailed university academic calendar](#)

### Summer 2022 Dates

*Pending confirmation*

### Fall 2022 Semester Dates

Visiting Students Arrive to Campus: Augustus 31, 2022

Visiting Student Orientation: September 1, 2 & 4, 5

Classes Start: September 6, 2022

Last Day of Classes (undergraduate): December 12, 2022

Last day of Classes (Graduate): December 21, 2022

Undergraduate Reading Days: December 13, 14 & 18, 2022

Undergraduate Final Exams: December 15, 16, 17, 19, 20 & 21, 2022

Last Day of Final Exams: December 21, 2022

Departure from Campus: December 22, 2022

*Note: Graduate Courses crosslisted with Undergraduate Courses follow the Undergraduate Final Exam Schedule.*

### Spring 2023 Semester Dates

Visiting Students Arrive to Campus: January 12, 2023

Visiting Student Orientation: January 13, 2023

Classes Start: January 17, 2023

Last Day of Classes (undergraduate): May 1, 2022



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Last day of Classes (Graduate): May 10, 2023

Undergraduate Reading Days: May 2, 3 & 7, 2023

Undergraduate Final Exams: May 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 & 10, 2023

Last Day of Final Exams: May 10, 2023

Departure from Campus: May 11, 2023

*Note: Graduate Courses crosslisted with Undergraduate Courses follow the Undergraduate Final Exam Schedule.*

## Appendix 1: FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM CHECKLIST (FOR CLASS OF 2024)

### Tier 1: Orientation

Discipline	Requirement
English	ENGL 1001
History	HIST at the 1000 level; CLST 1115/1116
Philosophy	PHIL 1101 (all sections)
Religious Studies	RLST at the 1000 level
Modern/Classical Language	Based on placement
Mathematics	MATH < 3000, Based on placement (no MATH 1011)
Modern/Classical Language or Mathematics	Must be the same language as #5

### Tier 2: Exploration

Discipline	Requirement
History, Philosophy, Religious Studies	Choose from two different disciplines (HIST at 2000 or 3000 level; PHIL, RLST at 2000 level)
Literature	Choose from: English (ENGL 1010-1799), Modern Languages & Literatures, Classical
Visual & Performing Arts	Choose from (VPA 1000 level): Art History & Visual Culture, Music (MUSC 1000-2999), Film/Television & Media (FTMA 1000-2999), Studio Art, Theatre
Natural Sciences	Choose from: Biology, Biochemistry, Chemistry, Physics
Behavioral & Social Sciences	Choose from: Communication, Economics, Policies, Psychology, Sociology & Anthropology

## Appendix 2: Sample Schedule

### Sample Schedule

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9:00AM					
9:30AM	9:30-10:45AM EC 11			9:30-10:45AM EC 11	
10:00AM	CRN: 54789			CRN: 54789	
10:30AM					
11:00AM		11:00-11:50AM AC 11	11:00-11:50AM AC 11		11:00-11:50AM AC 11
11:30AM		CRN: 78452			
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Appendix 3: Scheduling Tool

Scheduling Tool

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## Appendix 4: Course Selection Worksheet

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#### STUDENT INSTRUCTIONS:

- You are required to submit at least ten (10) course choices, ranking in order from most desired, to least desired with backup courses, and email to your Academic Dean's Office at Fairfield.
- There may be no time conflicts with your first 5 courses.**

	CRN (Course Registration Number)	Subject Code	Course Number	Section	Course Title
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- Though we will try our best to accommodate your requests, we cannot guarantee the availability of your top choices. Providing as many "back-up" courses as possible helps us to ensure the creation of a full course schedule for you.*

#### Personal Information:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Fairfield ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

*See the rest of the form on the next page.*

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<b>EXAMPLE</b>	<b>74376</b>	<b>PH</b>	<b>0101</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>Introduction to Philosophy</b>
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