

Fact Sheet **2023-2024 Academic Year**

Exchange Student Program

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WEBSITES

[University of the Incarnate Word](#)

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NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

UIW may accept up to two (2) undergraduate students during an academic semester or one (1) undergraduate student for an entire academic year (AY). An academic year is defined as the Fall and Spring semesters.

NOMINATIONS

Please send your student nomination(s) via email to study abroad at

studyabroad@uiwtx.edu:

- Surname or family name
- First or given name
- Student email
- Proposed exchange period
- Graduation year
- Academic program and/or major(s)

Missed the deadline? Contact us to inquire about whether we are still accepting applications for the upcoming term.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please complete the [Exchange Program Application](#) and email the following documents to studyabroad@uiwtx.edu.

1. Exchange Program Application (.pdf only)
2. Official university/college-level transcript(s) in English
3. Official English proficiency test scores (see below)
4. Official bank statement indicating at least \$10,913 US Dollars for one semester or \$21,935 US Dollars for two semesters
5. Copy of passport and any visa you hold for the United States
6. Proof of Meningitis Vaccine (to be submitted **after** UIW student ID is issued)

An admissions decision cannot be determined until all official documentation has been received. Only applicants nominated by the home institution will be processed.

IMPORTANT: A copy of the student's meningitis vaccine (MCV4/MenACWY) can be submitted through email to admissiondocs@uiwtx.edu. Include **first and last name** and **UIW student ID number**.

COMPULSORY LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Current minimum test scores required for undergraduate admission consideration:

| | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| TOEFL iBT | 79 |
| IELTS | 6.5 overall band score |
| TOEIC | 650 |
| CAE (Cambridge Advanced) | C1 |
| PTE Academic (Pearson's) | 53 |
| Duolingo English Test | 110 |

With the exception of TOEIC scores, students may submit a copy of their score report. TOEIC scores must be submitted by the testing agency (UIW Institutional Code: 6303).

ESTIMATED COST FOR THE 2023-2024 EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The following chart indicates the amount you must provide in proof of financial support to be issued a Certificate of Eligibility. (Note: Estimated expenses are subject to change for the 2023/2024 Academic Year).

| | One (1) Semester | Two (2) Semesters |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Fees | \$2,120 | \$4,240 |
| Living Expenses | \$6,873 | \$13,745 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | \$1,975 | \$3,950 |
| Total Expenses | \$10,968 | \$21,935 |



IMPORTANT DATES

| | Fall 2023 | Spring 2024 |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|
| Nomination Deadline | April 17 | September 18 |
| Application Deadline | May 1 | October 2 |
| Arrival Dates | Aug. 16-18 | Jan.10-12 |
| Start of Semester | Aug. 21 | Jan. 16 |
| End of Semester | Dec. 8 | May 10 |

ARRIVAL DATES

Fall 2023: Aug. 16-18

Spring 2024: Jan. 10-12

Arrival dates are mandatory. Students are advised not to purchase their travel arrangements until they have been admitted to the UIW Exchange Program and have been approved for a J-1 visa by a U.S. consulate. Dates may be subject to change.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Semester 1: Aug. 21, 2023 - Dec. 8, 2023

Semester 2: Jan. 16, 2024 - May 10, 2024

Students are required to attend a one-week [New International Student Orientation \(NISO\)](#) prior to the start of classes.

Click [here](#) to view UIW's Academic Calendar for the 2023-2024 academic year.

AIRPORT PICK-UP

UIW provides free pick-up service from the San Antonio International Airport (SAT) during arrival dates (see above).

Students should email [International Student & Scholar Services](#) to schedule a pick-up shuttle at intl@uiwtx.edu.

AREAS / LEVEL(S) OF STUDY

Undergraduate Programs:

UIW offers more than 40 programs in five (5) schools to exchange students:

- [College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences](#)
- [Dreeben School of Education](#)
- [H-E-B School of Business and Administration](#)
- [School of Media and Design](#)
- [School of Mathematics, Sciences and Engineering](#)



AREAS/ LEVEL(S) OF STUDY (CONT.)

Exceptions: Nursing, Pharmacy, Medicine, Optometry, Physical Therapy

Graduate Programs:

Exchange students are not permitted to enroll in graduate - level courses.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

English

COURSES

Visit the following webpages for course listings and course descriptions:

- [Academic Programs](#)
- [Search a Course](#)

COURSE REGISTRATION

Upon admission to UIW, exchange students must complete and submit the Exchange Student Course Request form to studyabroad@uiwtx.edu.

Students are required to enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours and no more than 18 credit hours. Courses will be submitted to the Academic Advising Center for processing. Class enrollment operates on a first come-first-serve basis.

TRANSCRIPTS

Students must [submit a request](#) through Credentials Solutions, Inc. for an official UIW Transcript. Transcripts are not automatically sent to you or your home institution. Upon request, the Office of the Registrar will process and send your official transcript to your home country via United States Postal Service (USPS). Transcripts can only be released directly to the student or to a person or entity designated by the student.

Transcript fees are \$5.40 for a printed, mailed transcript and \$2.90 for an electronic copy. Additional fees apply for special services, such as express delivery.

Important: Transcripts will not be released until all holds (e.g., administrative, financial) are removed from the student's account. The University reserves the right to withhold transcripts for those students who have not met all conditions for admission or who have outstanding financial obligations.

J-1 VISA

Students who are accepted into UIW's exchange program will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (DS-2019) and information packet with next steps from International Student & Scholar Services. For more information, please contact us at intl@uiwtx.edu.



HEALTH INSURANCE

Exchange students are required to purchase international health insurance from UIW *only*. Other insurance will not be accepted.

PROOF OF MENINGITIS VACCINE

Texas State law (SB 62) mandates that all entering students under the age of 22 provide a certificate signed by a health care provider or an official immunization record verifying that the student has been vaccinated against bacterial meningitis or has received a booster during the five years preceding admission to the University.

A copy of the student's meningitis vaccine (MCV4/MenACWY) can be submitted through email to admissiondocs@uiwtx.edu. Include **first and last name** and **UIW student ID number**.

BUDDY PROGRAM

Upon arrival, students will be paired with a globally minded International Ambassador who will help with adjustment to life at UIW as well as provide peer support, guidance, and resources.

HOUSING AND MEALS

A representative from International Affairs will contact exchange students with information about on-campus accommodation after the student has been admitted.

Exchange students are required to live on campus and purchase a meal plan. No exceptions.

Students must submit a \$225 housing deposit to complete the housing application.

- Residence Halls
- Cost (\$) of Housing and Meal Plan
- Where can I eat on campus?
 - o Student Engagement Center (SEC) Cafeteria
 - o Starbucks
 - o Finnegan's
 - o Hortencia's
 - o Luciano Pizzeria
 - o Chick-Fil-A

Meal plans: Board meals can only be utilized at the Student Engagement Center (SEC) cafeteria. Dining Dollars (\$) may be utilized at all locations.

