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EXCHANGE PARTNER INFORMATION

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

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Academic Calendar

<http://ro.umich.edu/calendar/>

Application Deadlines

Fall or Academic Year: January 15
Winter: August 15

Application Requirements

A complete application requires: Undergraduate Non-Degree Application Part I and Part II (signed and stamped by your home university), official transcript, proof of English proficiency (potential applicants are encouraged to register for the appropriate test early; test scores should be submitted officially to the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor campus by the testing agency), and a copy of valid passport.

Students should also prepare a Financial Resources Statement, Certification of Financial Support, and supporting documents required for the I-20 form.

Full application instructions, including requirements for English proficiency scores, course offerings, and links to documents, are available online under "[Non-Degree Applications](#)."

Application Review

Once the University of Michigan receives a complete application, it will be reviewed for suitability in the exchange program. During the application review period, prospective exchange students should regularly check their email for important messages. Upon initial review of the application, the Center for Global and Intercultural Study or the Office of Undergraduate Admissions will contact students who are missing documentation.

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Admissions Decision

If the University of Michigan offers admission to the exchange program, students will be issued notification by email. In addition, students will be emailed an admissions packet which will include visa application instructions and a Form 1-20. Students will also receive information on the mandatory International Undergraduate Orientation, health insurance, housing, and arriving in Ann Arbor.

Academic Information

In general, exchange students should plan on selecting undergraduate coursework from the College of Literature, Science, and Arts (LSA). Access to courses in other units is severely limited and requires special permission and overrides, which may not be approved.

After receiving an admissions offer, students are encouraged to begin researching course offerings by exploring the course guide and schedule: <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/cg/>. Courses are subject to change each semester, and may not be offered every semester. Prior to departure, students will be contacted by an academic advisor who will assist with course registration in advance. The University of Michigan cannot guarantee courses, but will work with students to select an appropriate course schedule in advance of arrival. Students should plan on registering for 12-18 credits per semester.

NOTE:

Qualified students apply to the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts and may enroll in courses from any department in the college. **Courses in Economics, Communication Studies, Psychology, and Political Science are particularly difficult to enroll in.** CGIS cannot guarantee enrollment in any specific courses, especially from these four departments. Therefore, students should not depend on enrollment in courses primarily from these departments.

Language of Instruction

All courses are taught in English, unless otherwise indicated. Students seeking additional English instruction may also select courses from the Sweetland Writing Center. The University of Michigan offers language courses in over 65 languages.

Transcripts

The University of Michigan provides students with free official transcripts, available to order online. A copy will be ordered by CGIS and sent to the student's international office at their home school.

Accommodations

Students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements, and should plan on making housing arrangements prior to departure, following admissions. Students interested in on-campus housing should plan to apply for accommodations as soon as they are notified of acceptances. Ann Arbor offers a variety of housing, both on and off campus, to suit a variety of living needs.

On Campus Residence Halls:

<http://www.housing.umich.edu/options>

Exchange students typically enjoy residence halls (dorms) because rooms are shared with another student (from all over the U.S. and world), meal plans can be purchased, and many activities are available. Residence Halls are a true part of the U.S. college experience.

Global Scholars Program:

<http://www.lsa.umich.edu/globalscholars/>

The GSP, a traditional dorm experience with added intercultural learning sessions and community, is located in North Quadrangle Residence Hall. Students must apply both to the Global Scholars Program and to the U-M Housing office.

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Northwood Apartments:

<http://housing.umich.edu/northwood>

On campus apartments are located on north campus, which is about a 20 minute bus ride from central campus. For students seeking a quieter environment.

Co-Op Houses:

<http://www.icc.coop/index.html>

Co-op houses are another option similar to residence halls, but they are not part of the U-M Housing system. Many students prefer co-op houses because they offer a community atmosphere, but more independence than on-campus housing. Each “house” has its own arrangement and customs, so research is recommended.

Off-Campus Apartments/Shared Houses:

<http://www.offcampus.housing.umich.edu/lt/>

We suggest finding off-campus housing through landlords registered at U-M. Prices and location can vary.

Arrival and Orientation

Orientation is mandatory for all exchange students. During orientation, students will take a campus tour, attend a mandatory immigration check-in, learn about health and safety resources, meet with academic advisors, and learn about the U.S. educational system. Students will also attend group meetings designed for exchange students offered through CGIS.

Orientation is typically the week before classes begin in the Fall semester and the 2 days prior to class in the Winter semester. The specific date can be found specified in the hard copy admissions packet and the electronic student handbook sent by the CGIS advisor. Please verify this date before booking flights.

Fees

Exchange fees are required to register for 12-18 credits per term, which are covered through a tuition waiver for most exchange agreements. Students registering for more than 18 credits will be charged additional tuition per hour. Some courses may carry an additional Lab Fee, which is not covered as part of the exchange agreement: <https://ro.umich.edu/tuition-residency/tuition-fees/class-fees>. A few exceptions apply; please consult the exchange agreement for specific terms.

Health and Safety

All international students are required to purchase health insurance, which is coordinated by the International Center: <http://www.internationalcenter.umich.edu/healthins/>. New students will automatically be enrolled for health insurance during orientation. A few exceptions apply; please consult the International Center for health insurance waiver information.

Students can access a wide variety of health, mental health, and public safety resources while on campus. For more information:

University Health Service: <http://www.uhs.umich.edu/>,

Dental care: <http://www.internationalcenter.umich.edu/healthins/dental.html>

Counseling and Psychological Services: <https://caps.umich.edu/>

Department of Public Safety: <http://dpss.umich.edu/>