

WELLESLEY COLLEGE

Exchange Information Sheet 2012-2013

General Information

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Website: www.wellesley.edu

Wellesley College

With approximately 2,300 undergraduate students from 66 countries and all 50 states, Wellesley College is one of the most diverse colleges in the nation. Along with a longstanding commitment to and established reputation for academic excellence, Wellesley offers more than 1,000 courses in 56 established majors and supports more than 100 student clubs and organizations. Wellesley's blend of high academic standards, strong sense of community, expansive and stunning residential campus, and dedicated faculty create an ideal environment for women who want to succeed. Wellesley's belief in a strong liberal arts curriculum ensures that students themselves understand—every day and in the course of every learning challenge—that the disciplined thinking, refined judgment, creative synthesis, and collaborative dynamic are not only crucial to developing their leadership abilities, but are habits of mind that will serve them well throughout their lives and be primary contributors to their success.

Office of International Studies

The Office of International Studies is primarily charged with the oversight of the College's international academic programs, which involve approximately 400 Wellesley students annually. The Wellesley international programs include semester, year-long and short term faculty-led study abroad opportunities with offerings in every world region and for students of all majors. The Office of International Study oversees the College's exchange partnerships and bi-lateral agreements and works closely with the Slater International Center to welcome exchange students to Wellesley College.

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Slater International Center

Slater International Center is the focal point for international activities on campus and a space for anyone in the community with the desire to increase intercultural understanding and establish global connections. It is a place where students from diverse backgrounds gather informally and create long-lasting friendships. The Slater staff works closely with the Slater International Student Organization and other offices and departments at Wellesley College to provide a variety of services to support international students and scholars. These services include the issuance of student immigration documents, advising, referrals, and programs related to immigration, employment, academic, social and cultural adjustment issues. The Slater International Center also supports international and cultural student organizations and promotes global student leadership by encouraging collaboration and inclusion.

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Application Process

Admission Requirements

- Students must meet the eligibility requirements of their home institution and should demonstrate an appropriate level of English to undertake a rigorous academic program at Wellesley (average IBT TOEFL for degree candidates is approximately 106)

Nomination Deadlines

- February 15 (*for Fall semester, August – December*)
- September 15 (*for Spring semester, January – May*)

Nominations are only accepted through Wellesley's exchange partner institutions and should be sent to jthomass@wellesley.edu

Application Deadlines

- March 15 (*for Fall semester, August – December*)
- October 15 (*for Spring semester, January – May*)

Required Application Documents (after nomination)

- Completed exchange program application
- Completed "Certification of Finances" (COF) form with required supporting financial documents
- Photocopy of passport ID page and expiration page (*if different*)
- Official transcripts for all previous university course work (*translated into English in format as original, if applicable*)
- Proof of proficiency in English (*for non-native English speakers only*)
- Completed health form with immunization records

Visa and Immigration Requirements

www.wellesley.edu/SICISS/

The Slater International Center assists students who need a visa to enter the United States. Upon acceptance and completion of the necessary financial support documents, students will receive a Form DS-2019, which must be submitted to the US Consulate or Embassy in the student's home country, along with the visa application and other required documents needed to obtain a J-1 Exchange Visitor Student Visa.

Insurance Requirements

All exchange program participants are required to be covered by a comprehensive health insurance plan. Students will be **automatically enrolled** in Wellesley's health insurance plan unless a student provides proof of alternative U.S. based coverage which meets both the Massachusetts State requirements and federal J-1 regulations, and a waiver is granted.

Academic Calendar

Fall Semester*: September 4th – December 21st (*dates include exams*)
Arrival Day: August 31st
Pre-orientation Date: August 31st – September 2nd

Spring Semester*: January 28th – May, 17th (*dates include exams*)
Arrival Day:
Orientation:

*Dates are subject to change. Prior to making travel arrangements, please check the Wellesley College Academic calendar at <http://www.wellesley.edu/Registrar/Menupage2.html> for the most up to date information.

Academic Program

Exchange students are admitted to Wellesley as a “non-degree” seeking students and are required to take a full course load. Wellesley students typically enroll in 4 courses per semester. Each course is equal to one unit and a course with lab is equal to 1.5 units. Exchange students are eligible to take courses in all disciplines. Please note that some courses are very popular and fill up quickly.

Courses

For a listing of course offerings, visit <http://www.wellesley.edu/Courses/home.html>. Courses will be sorted by disciplines, and each PDF file will list the course code, course description, course title, and semester offered. To view more information about the course, such as the time it meets and the name of the professor, visit the Registrar’s website at <http://www.wellesley.edu/Registrar/Menupage7.html>.

Registration

Course registration is done online. As non-degree seeking students, exchange students will register for courses half-way through the queue of 3rd-year undergraduate students. Since many courses fill up quickly, it is very important that students have a list of alternative courses available when completing the online registration process, in the event they are unable to register for one or more preferred courses.

Arrival Information

Please refer to [http://web.wellesley.edu/web/About Wellesley/VisitUs/mapsanddirections.psml](http://web.wellesley.edu/web/About%20Wellesley/VisitUs/mapsanddirections.psml) for information on transportation options.

Orientation

At the beginning of each semester, Wellesley organizes an Orientation Program for new International Students. All exchange students are **required** to participate in this 1-3 day program. Students admitted for the fall semester will participate in the 3-Day Pre-Orientation Program for international students and students admitted for the spring semester will participate in a condensed 1-day Orientation Program. During Orientation, students will be provided with an introduction to academics at Wellesley, and assisted with transition and adjustment.

Accommodations

Exchange students will be provided with housing on campus during both the fall and spring semesters. Wellesley offers single, double, or triple occupancy rooms, either in corridor or suite-style with shared cooking and restroom facilities. Availability of housing options varies during different times of the year. If on-campus housing is an important consideration, exchange students are strongly encouraged to apply for spring semester participation when a wider variety of on-campus housing options are more readily available.

Students are assigned housing through the Office of Residential Life and notified of their housing assignment several weeks before the start of the semester. Students living in residence halls will be required to purchase a meal plan to use in the on-campus dining halls. For more information please see <http://www.wellesley.edu/ResLife/>

Cost of Living

Below is an estimate of the total expenses when participating in the international exchange program. Please keep in mind that this is an estimate and personal spending patterns vary.

ESTIMATE OF EXCHANGE EXPENSES (2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR)*

	<i>One Semester</i>	<i>Academic Year (Two Semesters)</i>
Room	\$ 3,195	\$ 6,390
Meal Plan	\$ 3,100	\$ 6,200
Fees	\$ 125	\$ 250
Books/Supplies/Personal	\$ 1,025	\$ 2,050
Medical Insurance	\$ 1,475	\$ 1,475
Total	\$ 8,920	\$16,365