



LAMAR UNIVERSITY

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International Exchange Fact Sheet 2022

Welcome to Lamar University!

Home to over 15,000 students, Lamar University, located near Houston in Beaumont, TX, is among the fastest growing Texas colleges and universities, and is a member of The Texas State University System. LU offers more than 100 programs of study leading to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, providing exchange students the opportunity to take a variety of courses across many majors.

Beaumont enjoys a lush, subtropical climate that encourages year-round activity on land, lake, and gulf. Although you CAN grab your cowboy hat and boots and go out for a night of country line dancing, this is not the hilly, dry Texas of your imagination. Miles of beautiful coastline rim the greater Beaumont area that brims with unique shops, Parkdale Mall, plenty of museums to explore everything from art to energy, and live entertainment at the Crockett Street district and other venues.

You can meet alligators in the wild, kayak the Neches River, train for the Gusher Marathon, indulge in gumbo, étouffée, boudin, and the tastes of Southeast Texas at festivals throughout the year, or watch the exciting Houston Astros play baseball. You'll never find yourself without something to experience in Southeast Texas. Louisiana, our neighbor to the east, offers opportunities to experience French and Cajun culture and visit the beautiful city of New Orleans.



Contact Us

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Application Procedure

Inbound exchange students will need to complete and submit the following items to Ms. Mary Alice Haas. Please find additional information on our website [Incoming Exchange Students](#).



- [International Short-Term Exchange Student Application](#)
- Home university transcript (in English)
- Essay of educational intent
- Course preference list
- [Visa Maintenance Form](#)
- Financial Documentation
- Immunization Form (Proof of Meningitis Vaccine and Negative TB Test in English)
- Passport (Color copy of biographical page)

After your nomination and acceptance to Lamar University, you will need to apply for an exchange visitor visa. A designated officer from Lamar University will issue and mail you DS-2019 form to your international officer. To initiate this process, please complete the Visa Maintenance Form and provide a bank statement showing you have sufficient funds to pay educational and living expenses for the duration of your exchange program. These should be submitted with your application to the Office of Study Abroad. Find more information on our [Incoming Exchange Students](#) page on our website.

All exchange students whose first language is not English and who have not studied exclusively in English must submit official TOEFL or IELTS scores to Lamar University. Those scores are TOEFL 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer-based), or 79 (internet-based) or IELTS 6.5.

Nomination Deadlines

Fall Semester - March 15
Spring Semester – August 15

Application Dates

Fall Semester – April 15
Spring Semester – September 15

GPA requirement for incoming

*undergraduate exchange
student – 2.5*

Health Insurance

Health insurance is mandatory. Exchange students are encouraged to purchase the Lamar University insurance plan managed by Academic Health Plans (AHP). The 2021-2022 policy cost is \$981.50 per semester. You can find more information on our website: <https://lamarintl.myahpcare.com/>

Students who prefer to purchase a different insurance plan must have that plan approved during the waiver period (<https://lamar.myahpcare.com/waiver>). The Fall waiver period is August 1st until the first day of class. The Spring waiver period is January 1st until the first day of class. Insurance plan regulations are very strict. Your alternative plan may not be approved. The AHP plan is very good and worth the expense.

Immunizations

All new students under age 22 who attend on-campus classes must receive a vaccination against **bacterial meningitis** that is within 5 years. New international students must also complete the university's **tuberculosis (TB)** testing policy. The Lamar University immunization policy can be found online at

<https://www.lamar.edu/students/student-engagement/student-health-center/immunizations/index.html>

You must complete your immunizations before registering for class!

Course Registration

After you have been accepted to Lamar University, the Office of Study Abroad will contact you about your semester course registration. The course preference list you submitted along with your other application materials will help us plan your schedule. Undergraduate exchange students must enroll for at least 12 credit hours per semester. Graduate exchange students must enroll for at least 9 credits at the graduate-level, or 12 total credits if they are taking a mix of undergraduate and graduate classes. You may take an “elective” outside of your field of study, but the majority of courses in your schedule must be in your academic major area. J-1 students must be registered for a “full course of study” and online courses do not count towards full-time enrollment. Courses ending in 48 F are online. The Office of Study Abroad handles all changes to your course schedule. You can request changes through the first two days of class after the semester starts.

Arrival Information

Please visit The Office of International Education and Services’ website for more information about arriving to the U.S. Our office will provide more information on arrival to campus when you near your departure date.

<https://www.lamar.edu/international-education/international-students-and-scholars/arrival-in-the-u.s..html>

George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH) is a large airport served by many international carriers. The airport is located about 90 minutes from campus (if traffic isn’t too bad!). If you fly into the Jack Brooks Regional Airport in Nederland, you can get to campus in 10 minutes, but this is a very small airport with limited flights.

Housing

Exchange students will live on campus in the apartment-style residence halls. There are five residence halls on campus. For more information visit <https://www.lamar.edu/residence-life/index.html>



Local Transportation

Lamar University’s campus is a pedestrian friendly space and students are able to walk across campus easily. There is an on/off campus bus which operates on campus and within a two-mile radius of campus on weekdays. On the weekends, the shuttle bus operates trips to Wal-Mart, where students can get groceries and a variety of other items. Find more information on local transportation [here!](#)

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