

Quinnipiac
Cultural & Global Engagement

INFORMATION FOR INCOMING INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS



2023- 2024

Quinnipiac

UNIVERSITY



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FACT SHEET 2023-2024

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Fall Semester 2023

August 24, 2023 through December 17, 2023

Spring Semester 2024

January 19, 2024 through May 13, 2024

View the full Academic Calendar [here](#).

DEADLINES

Fall Semester 2023

- Nomination by May 1, 2023
- Application by May 15, 2023
- Decision by June 1, 2023

Spring Semester 2024

- Nomination by October 1, 2023
- Application by October 15, 2023
- Decision by November 1, 2023

Nomination Process

- Home university coordinators from our partner universities must email international.student@qu.edu with the following information to nominate exchange students:
 - Student name
 - Student email
 - Degree level (Bachelor's, Master's)
 - Program of study/major
- Upon receiving the nomination(s) from the university coordinator, the Department of Cultural and Global Engagement will email the nominated students with application link and instructions.



ACADEMIC PROGRAMS FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Undergraduate Programs in [School of Business](#)

- Accounting
- Biomedical Marketing
- Computer Information Systems
- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Human Resource Management
- Marketing
- Applied Business
- Business Analytics
- Computer Information Systems and Accounting
- Finance
- International Business
- Supply Chain Management
- Undeclared Business

Graduate Programs in [School of Business](#)

- Business Administration
- Business Analytics

COURSE REGISTRATION

Exchange students will work directly with the Deans of the appropriate School at Quinnipiac to select courses for their exchange semester once they have been accepted. Students must complete registration before their arrival at Quinnipiac (typically in June for the Fall semester and in November for the Spring semester).

The minimum courses to be taken per semester:

- Undergraduate students must take between 12-18 credits.
- Graduate students must take between 9-15 credits.

Exchange students must consult with their home institution to ensure approval of credit transfer. Any changes to course selections must be made prior to the add/drop deadline in the first week of the semester.



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A fully completed application to Quinnipiac (link will be sent by email upon nomination)
- Letter of motivation in English
- Copy of Passport
- Official transcript from home institution
- Proof of English language proficiency
- Proof of finances for living expenses
- DS-2019 Request Form

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English is the primary language of instruction at Quinnipiac. You must understand English and express yourself clearly in speech and writing. Students whose native language is not English must submit their scores for Quinnipiac's preferred English proficiency tests.

Acceptable standardized tests to demonstrate English proficiency include:

- Cambridge B2 First, C1 Advanced or C2 Proficiency* — minimum score: 176
- TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)* — minimum score: 550 (pBT)/85 (iBT)
- DUOLINGO — minimum score: 105
- IELTS (International English Language Test System)* — minimum score: 6.5
- SAT (administered by The College Board)
- ACT (American College Testing)



GRADING SYSTEM & CREDITS

Achievement in a particular course is indicated by a letter grade that is translated into grade points for the student's record. Final grades are issued by the registrar at the close of each semester.

Letter Grade	Numerical Range	Grade Pt. Value
A	93-100	4.00
A-	90-92	3.67
B+	87-89	3.33
B	83-86	3.00
B-	80-82	2.67
C+	77-79	2.33
C	73-76	2.00
C-	70-72	1.67
D	60-69	1.00
F	0-59	0.00

Generally, U.S. academic credits are transferred on a 1-to-2 scale to ECTS credits. A 3-credit U.S. course would be counted as a 6-credit ECTS course. Most QU courses are 3 credits. The final decision on the transfer of your QU credit is up to your home university.



COST OF LIVING AT QUINNIPIAC 2023-2024

Please find below an approximate student budget. Students must provide proof of living expenses as part of the visa application process. Note that these figures are **estimates** and the actual costs may be higher depending on housing selection, lifestyle, etc.

Item	Undergraduate Costs per Semester	Graduate Costs per Semester
Housing & Meal Plan (Billed by QU)	\$8,300	\$8,300
Mandatory Health Insurance (Billed by QU)	\$1,200	\$1,800
Additional Expenses (Transportation, Books, Personal Spending, etc.- Not billed by QU)	\$2,500	\$2,500
Total Costs	\$12,000	\$12,600

HOUSING

Exchange students are required to live in Quinnipiac on-campus housing. The Department of Cultural and Global Engagement will arrange housing for you. You can learn more about living on campus [here](#).



HEALTH INSURANCE

Federal and state laws require that international students maintain adequate health insurance while attending Quinnipiac. While many other countries bear the expense of health care for their residents, individuals in the United States are responsible for these expenses themselves. A single day of hospitalization can cost thousands of dollars. A good insurance policy gives you access to excellent medical facilities and provides protection against the enormous costs of health care in the U.S.

As a J-1 Exchange Visitor, you and your J-2 dependents are required to have sickness and accident insurance, including coverage for medical evacuation and repatriation of remains, for the duration of your J-1 program. This is a U.S. federal law. (U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Title 22 Section 62.14)

J-1 Exchange Students must enroll in Quinnipiac University's Student Health Insurance plan through Gallagher Health and are not eligible to seek a student health insurance waiver. The Quinnipiac student health insurance plan satisfies the J-1 visa insurance requirements. You can read more about the plan [here](#).

VISA

Exchange students come to Quinnipiac on a J-1 visa as part of the Exchange Visitor Program. There are fifteen different categories under the J-1 visa program: exchange students are in the "student" category.

The Department of Cultural and Global Engagement will provide guidance on how to receive the DS-2019 immigration document and apply for the J-1 visa upon acceptance.



ARRIVING TO THE U.S.

The Department of Cultural and Global Engagement provides a complimentary and convenient shuttle service for new international students arriving at John F. Kennedy (JFK) airport and LaGuardia airports in New York, NY directly to Quinnipiac's campus.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

Before the start of classes, exchange students attend the mandatory International Student Orientation and welcome weekend for the fall and spring semesters. The Department of Cultural and Global Engagement hosts a comprehensive program with information and resources that will assist international students in their transition to living and studying in the U.S. There will be many workshops and activities, and you have the chance to meet your classmates at a variety of social gatherings.

GLOBAL PARTNERS PROGRAM

All new international exchange students will be connected with a Global Partner prior to their arrival to Quinnipiac. Global Partners are current international and domestic students who serve as mentors to incoming students. They will provide advice and peer-to-peer support for new students to assist them in their adjustment to life at Quinnipiac and in the U.S. The Global Partners plan activities and excursions during the first week and throughout the semester to introduce new students to each other and to help students experience U.S. American cultural traditions.



LIVING AS A STUDENT

Across our 3 campuses, you'll be surrounded by our state-of-the-art facilities and caring faculty, where you will experience living in the beauty and charm of southern New England. Each of our campuses has been purposefully designed to deliver the quintessential student experience.

You can learn more about our campus and facilities [here](#). Take our virtual tour, featuring panoramic views of the Mount Carmel and York Hill campuses. Stops include the Arnold Bernhard Library, student centers, sports center and residence halls. You can also check out our [YouTube page](#) to view videos of campus and the student experience.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION

The International Student Association promotes awareness of diverse, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. The organization helps international students to find their place in the Quinnipiac community, but at the same time it also creates a learning environment for all students. The goal is to make people understand how valuable cultural and ethnic diversity is.

GETTING INVOLVED

Exchange students can join any of the more than 140 student clubs and organizations. Students can pursue passions ranging from social justice and cultural awareness to physical fitness and the performing arts. There is an Involvement Fair during the first week of every semester where students can sign up for any of the clubs that interest them. You can learn more about the clubs and organizations at Quinnipiac [here](#).