

The University of Akron Exchange Partner Fact Sheet:

Fall 2026 – Spring 2027

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Exchange Student Eligibility Criteria:

- Good academic standing. Minimum GPA 2.5/4.0
- Completed at least 2 semesters of full-time study at the partner institution before enrolling at Akron
- Meets minimum admission criteria, including English language proficiency (see “Requirements of English proficiency” at <https://www.uakron.edu/international/apply/>)
- Must agree to live on campus and purchase a campus meal plan. *Akron does not offer exceptions to this requirement for exchange students.*

Semester Dates:

- Fall 2026: August 24 – December 15. Orientation is required and will be on August 19.
- Spring 2027: January 11 – May 11. Orientation is required. The date is TBD, but will likely be January 6.

Nomination Process:

- Exchange coordinator sends an email to Crystal Bledsoe (cr8@uakron.edu) and Nicola Kille (nkille@uakron.edu) listing the student(s) names.
- Nomination deadlines:
 - Fall or academic year: April 15 * academic year exchanges are consecutive fall and spring semesters only (not spring and the following fall)
 - Spring: October 15
 - We do not accept summer exchange students

Application process:

After nomination, the student should:

- Create an account to access the online application at <https://www.uakron.edu/admissions/apply.dot>
- Be sure to select **GUEST** student as the applicant type.
- Complete the entire application (there is no application fee).

- Submit the following official documents to your portal. Once the documents have been completed, notify Crystal Bledsoe so we can begin to process the application.
 - **Official transcript:** the school counselor or other school official should *upload* an official copy to your portal, OR *email* a digital copy to admissions@uakron.edu. If emailed, it must come from an official email address that either includes the school name or comes from an email address that can be verified on the school's website.
 - **Proof of English Language:** (see "Requirements of English proficiency" at <https://www.uakron.edu/international/apply/>).
- Application deadlines:
 - Fall or academic year – May 15
 - Spring – November 1

After Acceptance

Accepted students will receive email messages through their portal with next steps, including:

- Click on the "intent to enroll" link so we know you are coming. There is no fee/deposit.
- Submit financial documents, declaration and certification of finances (DCF. Also known as financial affidavit) and passport for issuance of form DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility for a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa) through your portal, or by emailing to immigration@uakron.edu
- Obtain and activate your Akron email address.
- Complete a Release of Confidential Information so we can share information with your home institution.
- Plan for arrival: <https://www.uakron.edu/international/plan/index.dot>.
- Once you have a visa: apply for campus housing and a meal plan.
- Once you have a visa: contact immigration@uakron.edu to ask about registering for classes. We will connect you with your academic advisor so you can register before you arrive in Akron.

Estimated Expenses:

- **Tuition and Academic fees:** waived for exchange students (between 12-18 credits)
- **International student Services fee:** \$145 payable on arrival
- **Room and board:** \$6,698 (one semester) / \$13,575 (academic year)
 - This estimate may vary depending on the residence hall/meal plan selected.
- **Mandatory health insurance (estimated):** \$582 (one semester) / \$1411 (academic year)
- **Personal expenses and books (estimated):** \$1765 (one semester) / \$3529 (academic year)
- Estimated expenses are subject to change, and do not include travel.
- Exchange visitors must also pay the \$185 visa processing fee, \$220 SEVIS fee and the \$160 J-1 visa application fee. These fees are all paid by the student to the US government.

Course list:

- Information about courses offered is online: <https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/courses-instruction/> Not all courses will be available each semester.
- If the bulletin indicates a prerequisite, the student must provide proof that they have completed an equivalent prerequisite and/or must communicate with their academic advisor to secure permission to enroll in the class.