The University of Akron
Exchange Partner Fact Sheet

Fall 2021 – Spring 2022

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COVID-19 Updates

- The University of Akron's fall plan is available at https://www.uakron.edu/return-to-campus/fall.
- UA does not offer a virtual exchange program.
- Prospective exchange students are encouraged to make an alternative plan in case conditions require UA to suspend the exchange program.
- International travelers must follow all U.S. requirements for entry to the U.S.
- This website will be updated with UA's travel, testing, quarantine, and enrollment requirements, which are subject to change: https://www.uakron.edu/international/return-to-campus

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 UA
- Meets minimum admission criteria, including English language proficiency (see "Proof of English Proficiency," at https://uakron.edu/international/apply/ for details)
- Must agree to live on campus and purchase a campus meal plan. UA does not offer exceptions to this requirement for exchange students.

Semester Dates 2021-22

- **Fall 2021:** August 23 through December 12
- **Spring 2022:** January 10 through May 8
- **Mandatory orientation** is scheduled for August 18.

Nomination Process

- Exchange coordinator at the partner institution must send an email to Robyn Brown, rkb@uakron.edu, listing the student names and attaching a copy of the biographic information page of the students' passports

- **Nomination deadlines:**
  - Fall or Academic Year*: April 15
  - Spring: October 15
  - We currently do not accept summer exchange students

Academic year exchanges are consecutive Fall and Spring semesters only (not Spring and the following Fall).

Application Process

- After nomination, inform the student to take the following steps (please note these may change, as we plan to implement a new system at some point this year):
  - **Create an account to access the University of Akron online application** at https://uakron.edu/international/apply/apply-now- select UA Application, not Common App

  - **Complete the entire application.** There is no application fee.
    - When asked for your Social Security Number (SSN), fill in the field with **999-99-9999**.
    - When you have finished the application and are requested to pay the application fee, **email Pam Cash** (pamc@uakron.edu) and let her know that you are an exchange student who has completed the application.

  - **Submit the following official documents**. Once the documents have been submitted, please **notify Pam Cash** (pamc@uakron.edu) so that she can be on the lookout for your documents.
    - **Official transcript** - Ask your school counselor or a school official to EMAIL a digital copy to us. It should be sent to intlrecruit@uakron.edu. The transcript should be emailed from an official email address that must either contain the school name or come from an email address that can be verified on the school's website.
    - **Proof of English language proficiency –** for information about what is accepted as proof of English proficiency, please visit https://uakron.edu/international/apply/ then click on the **Proof of English proficiency** tab.

- **Application deadlines:** Fall or Academic Year: **May 1** / Spring: **November 1**

After Acceptance

Accepted students will receive email messages from the International Center indicating next steps, including:
- Submitting financial documents for issuance of Form DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility needed to obtain a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa)
- Completing an *Authorization for Release of Confidential Information* so we can share student information with the home institution
- Obtaining a UANet ID (primarily used as username for many UA services such as MyAkron, online orientation, email, and computer kiosks scattered across campus)
- Applying for campus housing and a meal plan
- Planning for arrival – view pre-arrival information at https://www.uakron.edu/international/plan/
- Selecting academic courses

Estimated Expenses

- **Tuition and fees:** waived for exchange students (12 to 18 undergraduate credits)
- **Room and board: $5,610** (one semester) / **$11,220** (academic year)
  - Please note this estimate may vary depending on the residence hall and meal plan selected. Exchange students may currently select any residence hall, but this policy is subject to change.
- **Mandatory health insurance: $457** (fall semester) / **$729** (spring semester) / **$1,186** (academic year)
- **Books: $500** (one semester) / **$1,000** (academic year)
- Estimated expenses do not include students' personal expenses, travel, etc.

- Exchange students must also pay a **$220** SEVIS fee* and a **$160** J-1 visa application fee.

Course List

- Information about courses is available at https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/courses-instruction/. Please note that not all courses are offered every semester. After admission, students will receive more information about selecting courses.
- If the bulletin indicates there is a prerequisite for a course a student wishes to take, the student must provide proof that he or she has completed an equivalent prerequisite and/or he or she must work with an academic advisor to secure special permission from the academic department to enroll in the course.