

The University of Akron Exchange Partner Fact Sheet

Fall 2024 – Spring 2025

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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 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

- **Fall 2024:** August 26 through December 14
- **Spring 2025:** January 13 through May 10
- **Mandatory Orientation:** Fall August 21. We expect spring orientation to be January 8.

Nomination Process

- Exchange coordinator sends an email to Crystal Bledsoe (cr8@uakron.edu) & cc Nicola Kille listing the student name(s)
- **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 currently do not accept summer exchange students

Application Process

- After nomination, inform the student to take the following steps:
 - **Create an account to access the University of Akron online application** at <https://admissions.uakron.edu/apply/>
Make sure you select **Guest** as the applicant type.
 - **Complete the entire application.** There is no application fee.

- **Submit the following official documents.** Once the documents have been submitted, please **notify Crystal Bledsoe** (cr8@uakron.edu) so Admissions can begin processing your application.
 - **Official transcript** - Ask your school counselor or a school official to **UPLOAD** an official copy to your application portal at <https://slate.org> or **EMAIL** a digital copy to us. It should be sent to admissions@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 15** / Spring: **November 1**

After Acceptance

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

- Complete the intent to enroll form so we know that you are coming to UA
- Submit financial documents for issuance of Form DS-2019 (Certificate of Eligibility needed to obtain a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa)
- Complete an *Authorization for Release of Confidential Information* so we can share student information with the home institution
- Obtain an email account (primarily used as username for many UA services such as MyAkron, email, and computer kiosks scattered across campus)
- Apply for campus housing and a meal plan
- Plan for arrival – View pre-arrival information at <https://www.uakron.edu/international/plan/>
- Selecting academic courses

Estimated Expenses

- **Tuition and academic fees:** waived for exchange students (12 to 18 undergraduate credits)
- **International student service fee: \$145**
- **Room and board: \$5,849** (one semester) / **\$11,698** (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: \$462** (fall semester) / **\$855** (spring semester) / **\$1316** academic year)
- **Books and E-materials: \$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 must communicate with an academic advisor to secure special permission from the academic department to enroll in the course.