USF World Education Abroad Exchange Fact Sheet

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Semester Dates and Deadlines

Application Deadlines

Fall Semester: April 1

Spring Semester: September 15

Holidays (USF is Closed)

Spring 2027

Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday – January 18

Semester Dates

Spring 2027

January 7: Mandatory Orientation (Tentative)

January 11: Classes Begin

March 15-21: Spring Break

April 30: Last Day of Classes

May 1-6: Final Exam Week

May 6: Semester Ends

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Application Information

Important Deadlines

	Nomination	Application
Fall Semester	March 15	April 1
Spring Semester	September 1	September 15

Application Process

Step 1: Exchange students are nominated by their institution via an online form sent out to partners.

Step 2: Nominated students are emailed the application link and instructions.

Required Application Documents:

- Academic Transcript (officially translated in English)
- Passport ID Page
- Proof of English language proficiency (as appropriate)
- Personal Statement

GPA Requirement: 2.5 for Undergraduates, 3.0 for Graduates (or equivalent at home institution)

Language Requirement: 79 TOEFL iBT, 110 Duolingo, or 6.5 IELTS

Post admission, students are required to complete their health history form, course registration, and obtain a DS2019 to apply for a J-1 visa.

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Housing and Meal Plans

Students are encouraged to live on campus.

USF World Student Support Team will assist students with on campus housing arrangements.

Meal plans are available for all students living on or off campus.

Housing Options*:

- Apartment style
- Suite style
- Traditional shared accommodations.

*Some options are limited depending on availability

Housing Website:
www.usf.edu/housing/index.aspx

Meal Plan Website:
www.usf.edu/campus-life/housing-dining.aspx



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Academic Information

Available Colleges

- Arts and Sciences, Business, Behavioral and Community Sciences, Public Health, Global Sustainability

Restricted Colleges and Coursework

- Honors, Medicine, Nursing, Social Work, Pharmacy, Real Estate, Accounting, Mental Health Counseling, Cybersecurity, programs leading to licensure
- Graduate programs in Computer Science/Engineering and Psychology

Courses Requiring Departmental Review

- Engineering, Economics, Computer Science, Finance, Arts, Music, Supply Chain, Cybersecurity, and all upper-level courses with pre-requisite requirements
- Psychology and College of Arts coursework are only available for registration at the end of semester. Coursework in these fields is limited.



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Registration Information

Students will be provided with registration instructions prior to arrival to campus by the inbound exchange coordinator.

Students must be able to provide least 8 courses per semester for registration purposes.

The inbound exchange coordinator will facilitate the approval process for all classes.

If students do not meet pre-requisite requirements for a course, they will not be approved. Students should research the requirements prior to gaining approval from their home institutions.

During the students first semester there are two compliance related holds (listed below) that prevent registration. It is important students work to resolve both holds quickly to ensure registration in their desired classes.

Immunization and Insurance Compliance Restrictions

Immunization Course Restriction Attribute (IMMN): Students have not met immunization compliance requirements.

SI Hold: The Health Insurance Agreement has not been completed and submitted.

Estimated Costs

Approximate living cost per semester (2025 – 2026 Academic Year)

- Undergraduate: **$13,077**
- Graduate: **$13,077**
- Tuition and fees are waived as part of the exchange agreement.

https://www.usf.edu/business-finance/controller/student-services/tuition-rates.aspx

Approximated costs include:

- Housing and meals
- Books and supplies
- Entertainment, general living expenses, and travel
- Mandatory health insurance

Per U.S. regulations, immigration and university policy, all exchange student on a J-1 visa are required to have medical insurance. Students can either purchase USF health insurance or an accepted non - USF medical insurance.



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Getting Started at USF

Exchange Students will enter the United States on J-1 visas

United States visa requirements vary depending upon the country of origin, please check with your local embassy or consulate.

Please see the U.S. Department of State's Information on J-1 visas for more detailed information: https://j1visa.state.gov/

Exchange Student Orientation

Held on the Friday prior to the semester start date.

Students must arrive at least one day prior to the orientation date.

Students may request early move in for campus housing for an additional cost.

Week of Welcome (WOW)

A week-long USF celebration to welcome new students and returning students each summer, fall, and spring!

WOW features a series of events and programs for new and returning Bulls to make lasting connections and have a successful start to your semester.

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Student Resources and Campus Life

Getting involved on Campus:

https://admissions.usf.edu/blog/how-to-get-involved-on-a-college-campus

Counselling and Wellness:

https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/counseling-center/

Center for Student Well-Being:

https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/wellbeing/

Student Accessibility Services:

https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/student-accessibility/

International Student Support:

https://www.usf.edu/world/for-students/international-students/international-onboarding/index.aspx



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