

University of the Incarnate Word®

Fact Sheet 2021-2022 Academic Year

Exchange Student Program

ADDRESS

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WEBSITE

[University of the Incarnate Word](#)
[Incoming Exchange Student Program](#)
[International Student & Scholar Services](#)

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

UIW may accept up to two (2) undergraduate students during an academic year or one (1) undergraduate student for an entire academic year (AY). An academic year is defined as the fall and spring semesters.

NOMINATIONS

Please send your student nomination(s) via email to Brooke Paynter at paynter@uiwtx.edu:

- Surname or family name
- First or given name
- Student email
- Proposed exchange period
- Graduation year
- Academic program and/or major(s)

Missed the deadline? Contact us to inquire about whether we are still accepting applications for the upcoming term.



APPLICATION PROCESS

Please complete the [Exchange Program Application](#) and courier the following documents to:

Brooke Paynter
University of the Incarnate Word
847 E. Hildebrand Ave. Ste. F111
San Antonio, TX 78212
USA

1. Exchange Program Application
2. Official university/college-level transcripts from your current and previous institutions
3. Official English proficiency test scores (see page 3)
4. Official bank statement indicating at least \$10,215 US Dollars for one semester or \$20,430 US Dollars for two semesters.
5. Copy of passport

An admissions decision cannot be determined until all official documentation has been received. Only applications submitted by the home institution will be processed.

IMPORTANT: Post-admittance, students will be required to submit health records for proof of meningitis vaccine directly to [Health Services](#) (see page 4).

IMPORTANT DATES

	Fall 2021	Spring 2022
Nomination Deadline	June 1	October 1
Application Deadline	June 1	October 1
Arrival Dates	August 14-18	January 4-6
Start of Semester	August 24	January 11
End of Semester	December 11	TBD

Click [here](#) to view UIW's Academic Calendar for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Students are required to attend a one-week [New International Student Orientation](#) (NISO) prior to the start of classes.

*Arrival dates are mandatory. Students are advised not to plan or purchase their travel arrangements until they have been admitted to the UIW Exchange Program and have been approved for a J-1 visa by a U.S. consulate.

COVID-19 Disclaimer Statement:

Though the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) does not foresee any major changes regarding the improvement of the health environment in the U.S., specifically San Antonio, Texas, UIW reserves the right to postpone or cancel the exchange program at any point.

If UIW postpones or cancels the exchange program due to health concerns related to COVID-19, study abroad candidates should be prepared for the financial and academic implications. UIW is not responsible for any financial losses incurred due to the cancellation of the exchange program or any other costs associated with U.S. and/or foreign official or government requirements, directives, or recommendations.



UNDERGRADUATE COURSES AVAILABLE

Language of Study: English

UIW offers more than 40 programs in five (5) schools to exchange students.

- [College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences](#)
- [Dreeben School of Education](#)
- [H-E-B School of Business and Administration](#)
- [School of Media and Design](#)
- [School of Mathematics, Sciences and Engineering](#)

Visit the following webpages for course listings and course descriptions:

- [Academic Programs](#)
- [Search a course](#)

*Exchange student may not enroll in Graduate-level, Nursing, Pharmacy, Medicine, Optometry, or Physical Therapy courses

COMPULSORY LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT

Current minimum test scores required for undergraduate admission consideration:

TOEFL iBT	79
IELTS	6.5 overall band score
TOEIC	650
CAE (Cambridge Advanced)	C1
PTE Academic (Pearson's)	53
Duolingo English Test	105

Official scores must be submitted directly by the testing agency (UIW Institutional Code: 6303). Copies will not be accepted for any exam score other than IELTS and CAE.

ESTIMATED COST FOR THE 2021-2022 EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The following chart indicates the amount you must provide in proof of financial support to be issued a Certificate of Eligibility. (Note: Estimated expenses are subject to change for the 2021/2022 Academic Year).

	One (1) Semester	Two (2) Semesters
Fees	\$1,733	\$3,466
Living Expenses	\$6,507	\$13,014
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1,975	\$3,950
Total Expenses	\$10,215	\$20,430



COURSE REGISTRATION

Upon admission to UIW, exchange students must complete and submit the Exchange Student Course Request form to paynter@uiwtx.edu.

Students are required to enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours and no more than 18 credit hours. Courses will be submitted to the Academic Advising Center for processing. Class enrollment operates on a first-come-first-serve basis.

TRANSCRIPTS

Students must [submit a request](#) through Credentials Solutions, Inc. for an official UIW Transcript. Transcripts are not automatically sent to you or your home institution. Upon request, the Office of the Registrar will process and send your official transcript to your home country via United States Postal Service (USPS). Transcripts can only be released directly to the student or to a person or entity designated by the student.

Transcript fees are \$5.30 for a printed, mailed transcript and \$2.90 for an electronic copy. Additional fees apply for special services, such as express delivery.

Important: Transcripts will not be released until all holds (e.g., administrative, financial) are removed from the student's account. The University reserves the right to withhold transcripts for those students who have not met all conditions for admission or who have outstanding financial obligations.

J-1 VISA

Students who are accepted into UIW's exchange program will receive a Certificate of Eligibility (DS-2019) and information packet with next steps from International Student & Scholar Services. For more information, please contact us at intl@uiwtx.edu.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Exchange students are required to purchase international health insurance from UIW only. Other insurance will not be accepted.

PROOF OF MENINGITIS VACCINE

Texas State law (SB 62) mandates that all entering students under the age of 22 provide a certificate signed by a health care provider or an official immunization record verifying that a student has been vaccinated against bacterial meningitis or has received a booster during the five years preceding admission to the University.

Students cannot pre-register for courses without having submitted appropriate medical documentation. Please visit the [Health Services](#) website to learn more.

Students should email the documentation to healthsvcs@uiwtx.edu with their UIW student ID number, full name and date of birth.



AIRPORT PICK-UP

UIW provides free pick-up service from the San Antonio International Airport (SAT) during arrival dates (see page 2). However, due to COVID-19, service will most likely NOT be provided for Fall 2021.

Students should email [International Student & Scholar Services](mailto:intl@uiwtx.edu) to schedule a pick-up shuttle at intl@uiwtx.edu.

BUDDY PROGRAM

Upon arrival, students will be paired with a globally minded International Ambassador who will help with adjustment to life at UIW as well as provide peer support, guidance, and resources.

HOUSING AND MEALS

A representative from International Affairs will contact exchange students with information about on-campus accommodation after the student has been admitted.

Exchange students are required to live on campus and purchase a meal plan. No exceptions.

Students must submit a \$225 housing deposit to complete the housing application.

- [Residence Halls](#)
- [Cost \(\\$\) of Housing and Meal Plan](#)
- [Where can I eat on campus?](#)
 - o Student Engagement Center (SEC) Cafeteria
 - o Coffee Shop
 - o Finnegan's
 - o Hortencia's
 - o Luciano Pizzeria
 - o Chick-Fil-A

Meal plans: Board meals can only be utilized at the Student Engagement Center (SEC) cafeteria. Dining Dollars (\$) may be utilized at all locations.

