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ABOUT PENN

Penn has a long and proud tradition of intellectual rigor and pursuit of innovative knowledge, begun by Benjamin Franklin in 1740. That tradition lives today through the creativity, entrepreneurship, and engagement of our faculty, students, and staff. Penn has a diverse student body of approximately 25,000 undergraduate and graduate students. Penn is one of the world's most powerful research and teaching institutions, with a research budget topping \$950 million and over 4,800 active faculty members.

See the final page for a statement regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Exchange at Penn.

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

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| Penn Abroad | global.upenn.edu/pennabroad |
| Exchange at Penn Website | global.upenn.edu/pennabroad/exchangeatpenn |
| College of Arts and Sciences | www.college.upenn.edu/ |
| School of Engineering and Applied Science | www.seas.upenn.edu/ |
| School of Nursing | www.nursing.upenn.edu/ |
| Wharton School of Business | www.wharton.upenn.edu/ |

IMPORTANT DATES AND GENERAL DEADLINES

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| Partner Nomination Deadline | Fall Semester & Academic Year | March 1, 2021 |
| | Spring Semester | September 1, 2021 |
| Application Deadline | Fall Semester & Academic Year | March 15, 2021 |
| | Spring Semester | September 20, 2021 |
| Student Commitment Deadline | Fall Semester & Academic Year | May 15, 2021 |
| | Spring Semester | November 1, 2021 |
| Exchange Program Acceptance Materials Submission Deadline | Fall Semester & Academic Year | June 30, 2021 |
| | Spring Semester | November 10, 2021 |
| Academic Calendar | https://almanac.upenn.edu/penn-academic-calendar | |

STUDENT APPLICATIONS

Eligibility

- Minimum 3.0 GPA equivalency
- Evidence of solid academic preparation.
- English Language Test taken within two years of application deadline (unless waived).
 - ◊ Minimum DuoLingo English Test score of 120. Results should be sent via DuoLingo by filtering institution type to “Other” and selecting University of Pennsylvania - Exchange at Penn (Penn Abroad), or
 - ◊ Minimum IELTS Overall Band score of 7.5, sent to Penn Abroad via the IELTS website, or
 - ◊ Minimum TOEFL-IBT (Internet-Based Test) score of 100 **OR** TOEFL-PBT (Paper-Based Test) score of 600. The Penn Abroad TOEFL Destination (DI) Code is 3221.
- **Penn Abroad can only accept official hard copies or official online results.**

Partner Nomination Procedures

Late nominations will not be accepted!

Please email the following information to exchangestudents@upenn.edu:

- Student’s Name
 - Gender
 - Email address
 - Birthdate (day month year format preferred; i.e. 10 October 2000)
 - Student’s specific major/area of study
 - Exchange term (fall/spring/year)
 - Exchange Program (College of Arts and Sciences/Nursing/Wharton/Engineering)
- Note:** A nominated student’s major must be within the list of majors in the receiving school. See here for a list of majors: <https://admissions.upenn.edu/learning-at-penn/majors-minors>

Application Procedures

- Nominated students will receive an e-mail from Penn Abroad with further instructions on how to access our online application system. No application materials (besides non-electronically submitted English test results) must be mailed. The nominated student must upload the following documents online via the application system.
 - ◊ unofficial transcripts of all undergraduate work
 - ◊ scanned copy of passport
- Students who require accommodations at Penn due to health conditions should inform the Penn Abroad Exchange Students Team or Student Disability Services (<https://www.vpul.upenn.edu/lrc/sds/>).

Visa Application

- All exchange students who are not US citizens are required to have a student visa to study in the United States. Penn’s International Student and Scholar Services will provide information and assistance for J-1 and F-1 student visa applications to all accepted exchange students.
- Students who have US citizenship or US permanent residency should notify Penn Abroad and provide a copy of their US passport or permanent residence card when applying.

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Load Requirements

- Exchange students are required to maintain full-time enrollment status while studying in the United States. Students must enroll in a minimum of four credit units (usually four courses) per semester to maintain full-time enrollment status.
- Exchange students are eligible to take courses up to the 499-level.
- Two of the four courses must be in the admitting college/school. The remaining two courses can be within the admitting college/school or in another college/school.
- If a student takes five courses, three of the five courses need to be within the admitting college/school.
- Students are not permitted to take graduate-level courses OR courses in Penn’s Law, Medical, Dental, or Veterinary Schools.

Grading Scale and Transcripts

- Letter grades ranging from A to F (with no D- or E) are used to report the standing of a student upon the completion of each course. Transcripts are sent to the home university coordinator via secure email approximately one month after the end of the student's final semester at Penn. Only ONE free transcript per student will be sent from the registrar to the host university coordinator. Coordinators will have two weeks to download the electronic transcript. Paper copies of the transcript will not be mailed. Students must request and pay for additional copies of the transcript.

Course Registration

- Course descriptions can be reviewed on the Course Search website: <https://catalog.upenn.edu/course-search/>
- Course offerings for specific semesters can be found on the Penn Course Roster website: <https://sfs.upenn.edu/registration-catalog-calendar/rosters-timetables>
- Students register for courses online before beginning their semester. Course offerings vary each semester and exchange students cannot be guaranteed enrollment in any particular course.
- Academic advisors from the admitting school/college are assigned to all incoming exchange students.
- Some courses require proof of successful completion of pre-requisites or instructor permission to register. Students should work with the appropriate academic advisor or instructor upon arrival at Penn for registration in these courses.

POST-ACCEPTANCE INFORMATION

Housing and Meals

- All exchange students are required to live on campus in Penn housing. Students must complete an online application for housing after being accepted into their exchange program. NOTE: Due to high demand and low supply, exchange students rarely are placed in single bedroom units.
- More information about Penn housing, the application process, and deadlines can be found on the Penn housing website for exchange students: <https://residential-services.business-services.upenn.edu/room-selection#Exchange>
- All exchange students are required to purchase an on-campus meal plan. See here for more information: <http://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/dining/dining-plans/dining-plans.html>. Further details are provided after students are accepted.

Health Insurance and Immunizations

- All exchange students are required to enroll in a comprehensive health insurance as a condition of enrollment at the University of Pennsylvania, and as a requirement set forth by the United States for all F-1 and J-1 students. Students have the option to enroll in the Penn Student Insurance Plan (<https://shs.wellness.upenn.edu/psipinsurance/>) or to enroll in another insurance plan of their choosing, provided it meets certain minimum criteria set forth by Penn Student Health Services. Please review insurance requirements at this link: <https://shs.wellness.upenn.edu/inreq/>.
- All exchange students must also submit a complete Immunization Record worksheet (<https://shs.wellness.upenn.edu/immreq/>) following acceptance.

Orientation and Events

- Students admitted for the fall semester or academic year are required to attend a mandatory New Student Orientation program. Students will be charged a fee to cover event participation and meals. More information: www.nso.upenn.edu
- Students admitted for the spring semester are required to attend the mandatory Exchange Student Orientation program in January. A fee to cover events and meals will be assessed to students.
- Throughout the semester, Penn Abroad organizes events and excursions to introduce students to the culture of Penn, Philadelphia, and the United States. These trips and mixers allow exchange students to meet and mingle with their Penn peers and make lasting connections.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Estimated Costs

- Tuition and academic fees are waived for exchange students. Exchange students are responsible for all other expenses incurred during their time at Penn.
- The following estimates are for the 2020-2021 Academic Year:
 - ◇ Housing: \$11,014
 - ◇ Meals: \$5,500
 - ◇ Books & Supplies: \$1,300
 - ◇ Insurance: \$3,583
 - ◇ Local Transportation: \$600
 - ◇ Miscellaneous and Personal Expenses: \$5,000
 - ◇ Round trip flight to Philadelphia (varies): \$2,000
 - ◇ Clinical Fee*: \$608
 - ◇ Incoming Exchange Orientation & Student Activities Fee:
 - ⇒ Fall/Academic Year Admitted Students: Approximately \$350; covers housing, orientation programming, most meals during [New Student Orientation](#); subsidizes social and cultural programming during term
 - ⇒ Spring Admitted Students: Approximately \$155; covers orientation programming; subsidizes social and cultural programming during term
- To obtain a student visa, students must produce financial documentation showing that they have at least \$27,944 (for two semesters) or \$13,972 (for one semester) in assets. These numbers are accurate for 2020-21, but will change for 2021-22. See Penn's International Student and Scholar Services office's website (<https://global.upenn.edu/iss/new-app#finances>) for more information.
- * The [Student Health Service Clinical Fee](#), which includes unlimited nursing and doctor visits, is charged to all Penn students, including exchange students each semester.
- These figures are estimates for the entire academic year and may vary greatly depending on individual spending habits. All estimates are subject to change without notice.
- Instructions on how to pay student bills are distributed to students after acceptance.



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COVID-19 AND ITS IMPACT ON EXCHANGE AT PENN

Current Status as of October 1, 2020

As of the issuance of this fact sheet, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact global mobility. While Penn Abroad hopes to welcome exchange students during the 2021-22 academic year, our team cannot make any guarantees regarding the exchange program's status at this time.

Students and coordinators will need to continue to be flexible as health and program status can change rapidly. Decisions made by the University of Pennsylvania may result in the reduction of available exchange spots, a change in the mode of instruction, possible quarantine requirements, additional expenses related to travel and programming, a limitation of activities, limited housing and course availability, or, potentially, cancellation of the exchange program.

Penn Abroad will keep its partners and nominated students informed of any changes via email notification. We appreciate your patience and understanding during these rapidly changes times as we take into account the health and safety of students.

Exchange at Penn COVID-19 Updates

global.upenn.edu/pennabroad/covid-19-faqs#eap