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SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

Exchange Partner - Undergraduate

Fast Facts 2025-2026

LOCATION

Seattle, a bustling metropolis, is located in the beautiful Northwest, an area known for its pristine natural beauty and abundant recreation. Located on the Puget Sound, the city of Seattle is surrounded by water on nearly every side, making it a gateway to commerce, trade, and exchange. Seattle is home to major technology industries, like Microsoft, Boeing, and Amazon.com, as well a diverse array of economic sectors in the areas of manufacturing, healthcare, and vibrant retail and food industries, like Nordstrom, REI, and Starbucks. Such a strong and innovative presence in the global market is fostered by the cultural diversity of Seattle, driven by its wide array of opportunities and the strong influence of three major universities.

As a comprehensive university, Seattle University offers a wide variety of study programs which are all open to exchange students.

- University website: www.seattleu.edu
- Inbound Exchange: <https://www.seattleu.edu/isc/inbound-exchange/>
- New International students: <https://www.seattleu.edu/isc/new-students/>

COURSES

Subject Courses:

Most courses are taught in English. Students can select from a variety of courses in the **1000-4000 level range**. [Courses from the School of Law, Graduate courses, and certain Undergraduate Programs (Humanities, Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies, Forensic Science, Design, Diagnostic Ultrasound, Nursing, and University Honors) are **not available** to Exchange students.]

The Inbound Exchange page show field of studies that exchange students can select courses from. Please note that some of the courses are only offered in particular quarters and/or have pre-requisite requirements. <https://www.seattleu.edu/isc/inbound-exchange/academics/>

Course Descriptions can be found here. <http://catalog.seattleu.edu/>

(Please select the current Undergraduate Catalog on the right in the drop box).

- Students will be assigned an academic advisor to provide more guidance on courses offered each term.

Language requirement:

English proficiency is required. Most courses are offered in English, but an English Language Learning Center is offered to prepare non-native speakers of English for a productive academic career at Seattle University. Non-native English speakers are required to submit proof of English proficiency through TOEFL scores. See website for exact requirements: <https://www.seattleu.edu/admissions-aid/international-admissions/international-undergraduate/>

Min/Max number of credits:

The normal load for full-time undergraduate students is 15 credit hours; a minimum of 12 credit hours are required for full-time status, maximum is 18 credit hours. For more information on the academic policies please check <https://www.seattleu.edu/registrar/academic-policies/>.

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2025-2026 Academic Calendar

Quarter	Date	Event
Fall	September 15, 2025 September 16-23, 2025 September 24, 2025 Nov 26 – Nov 29, 2025 December 12, 2025	Early Move-in Date International Student Welcome Workshop & Welcome Week First day of Classes Thanksgiving Break – No Classes End of Quarter, including final exams; housing closes for break
Winter	January 4, 2026 January 5-6, 2026 January 6, 2026 March 21, 2025 March 22-29, 2026	Move-in Date (For Winter Quarter start students only) International Student Welcome Workshop & Welcome Week (For Winter Quarter start students only) First day of Classes, - Welcome Week & International Student Welcome Workshop (for Winter Quarter Start Students only) End of Quarter, including final exams Spring Break
Spring	March 26, 2026 March 27-28, 2026 March 30, 2026 April 3-6, 2026 June 12, 2026	Move-in Date (For Spring Quarter start students only) International Student Welcome Workshop (TBD) & Welcome Week (for Spring Quarter start students only) First day of Classes Easter Break End of Quarter, including final exams - International Student Graduation and Exchange Celebration

ACCOMMODATIONS

Type of student housing available & cost estimate:

Exchange Students are required to stay in On-Campus housing. Residence hall housing options include single, double, triple rooms, apartment style living, and intentional living communities. Prices vary greatly according to housing options and amenities. See <http://www.seattleu.edu/housing/> for more details.

Food cost estimate:

All students living in residence halls are required to choose a meal plan. Freshman and sophomores are required to have at least the Residential Meal Plan option (\$2,000/quarter) when living on-campus.

COST ESTIMATES

Tuition:

Students' tuition costs are covered under the Reciprocal Exchange Agreement between Seattle University and the home institution. Students are responsible for covering all other costs, including SU fees (technology fee, recreational fee & orientation fee(s)), food, housing, books and personal expenses.

Average cost of living per Quarter:

Food, housing, SU Fees, books, insurance, local transportation, etc. is approximately \$5,000 - \$9,000 but varies depending on housing option, meal plan, personal spending, etc.

HEALTH INSURANCE & FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Students **are required to enroll in the health insurance offered by Seattle University** unless they can provide proof of a comparable plan. For more information, visit the ISC website, under Health Care:

<https://www.seattleu.edu/isc/frequently-asked-questions/>

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VISA & RESIDENCE PERMIT

International students are required to obtain a J-1 visa to study at Seattle University. After submitting the exchange application, students will be assigned a SEVIS ID number. This information will be included in the student's admissions email. Students can then make an appointment with the US Embassy (www.usembassy.gov) and pay the SEVIS fee (www.fmjfee.com). Students must present proof of SEVIS payment during their visa interview.

The waiting time for an interview appointment for applicants can vary, so students are strongly encouraged to schedule their interview appointment as soon as they receive their acceptance packet from Seattle University.

Are international students allowed to work?

Students on a J-1 visa are permitted to work up to 20 hours **on campus** when enrolled as a full-time student. Students who wish to work off-campus must obtain express permission from the International Student Center and/or the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services.

NOMINATION & APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Nomination & Deadline	Partner institutions will nominate selected students to our nomination form by the follow due dates: March 15th: Fall Quarter nominations September 15th: Winter Quarter nominations November 15th: Spring Quarter Nominations
Application & Deadline	Upon your nomination, students will receive an email with a specific link inviting them to submit their application through our Admissions portal. Students will submit all their documents through that portal. April 1st: Fall Quarter Enrollment October 1st: Winter Quarter Enrollment December 1st : Spring Quarter Enrollment
Acceptance Process	May: for enrollment beginning Fall Quarter December: for enrollment beginning Winter Quarter January: for enrollment beginning Spring Quarter

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