



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

FACT SHEET 2025-2026

ABOUT US

FIU is Miami's leading public research university, offering a range of bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees both on campus and online. Recognized as a top-tier research institution, FIU emphasizes research across its many colleges and centers, including the Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine and the Knight Foundation School of Computing and Information Sciences' Discovery Lab.

For over 40 years, FIU has been a vital part of South Florida, addressing significant challenges and enhancing the local and global community. With over 56,000 students, FIU is one of the nation's top 10 largest universities, boasting more than 275,000 alumni, 165,000 of whom reside in South Florida.



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FIU ACADEMIC CALENDAR AY 25/26

*Dates are subject to change

	Fall 2025	Spring 2026
Nomination Deadline	February 14, 2025	August 1, 2025
Application Deadline	March 14, 2025	September 15, 2025
Acceptance/Visa Documents *Rolling Admission	Late May/Early June	Late October/Early November
Student Orientation (Mandatory)	August 22, 2025	January 2, 2026
Classes Start	August 25, 2025	January 5, 2026
Last Regular Class Day (including exams)	December 13, 2025	April 25, 2026

APPLICATION INFORMATION

TYPE OF AGREEMENT: Student Exchange and Cooperation

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

Partner universities will nominate eligible students directly to the OEA office using the nomination form. Upon acceptance of student nominations, students must complete and submit the following documents to the online application portal:

- **Online FIU Non-Degree seeking application** (separate application, not included in online ISE application)
- **Exchange Application Questionnaires**
- **Policy Signature Documents**
- **Declaration of Finances Form and Funds Availability Letter**
- **TOEFL or IELTS Scores****
- **Immunization Forms** (<https://go.fiu.edu/intlinsurance>)
- **Exchange Student Course Selection Form**
- **Scan/copy of Valid Passport** (Must be valid for 6 months after the end date of your program.)
- **Academic Transcripts** (students must have a minimum 3.0/4.0 GPA): signed/stamped by the home University.
- **Insurance Enrollment Form**
- **Housing Contract** (to be submitted online)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

FIU will accept the following to meet the language assessment requirements:

- **TOEFL:** IBT minimum score: 80 or PBT minimum score 550
- **IELTS:** Minimum score 6.5

*Taken within the last 2 years

**Students whose degree programs are taught entirely in English, must submit a signed letter from their academic advisor or exchange coordinator confirming that they are enrolled and participating in a fully English-taught program. After that, we can waive the Evidence of English fluency requirement.



ACADEMIC INFORMATION

LEVEL/COURSE/PROGRAMS OFFERED

Undergraduate and Graduate – FIU offers both Undergraduate (courses numbered 1000- 4000 level) and Graduate courses (courses numbered 5000 or above).

The terms of our specific agreement, as well as balance and availability, determine whether we can accept Undergraduate, Graduate, or both types of students from your institution.

Please note that courses and programs in the College of Medicine and the College of Law are **excluded** from all exchange agreements. Courses in the graduate programs are limited.

COURSE LOAD PER SEMESTER

Undergrad: 12 credits minimum, 15 credits maximum (4-5 classes)

Graduate: 9 credits minimum, 12 credits maximum (3-4 classes)

CREDIT SYSTEM

FIU uses the Carnegie Unit system. In this system, most standard courses are 3 credit hours each.

LANGUAGE OF INSTITUTION

English

COURSE INFORMATION

Courses lists are available for review by college and department here: <https://go.fiu.edu/coursecatalog>. Please note course availability is **very limited** in the following departments: Finance, Accounting, Communication (Advertising, Journalism, Public Relations), Nursing, Nutrition, and Dietetics. There are no Pharmacy courses.

Additionally, certain courses are NOT open to exchange students, including, but not limited to:
Graduate Business/Finance courses: Unless the institution specifically has a Graduate Business exchange agreement. Even then, graduate business exchange places are part of professional programs and only available on a case-by-case basis.

Graduate Engineering & Mass Communication Courses

Capstone courses: These are reserved for graduating degree-seeking FIU students.

Courses offered at “Virtual Undergraduate Campus”

COURSE SELECTION PROCEDURE

Students submit course schedule request & proof of prerequisite completion, if applicable, to OEA. Once pre-requisite reviews are complete, OEA registers exchange students for courses. Proof of prerequisite completion is especially important for courses in certain departments (Business, Communications, Sciences, Computer Sciences/Information Technology, Social Work, Engineering, Education etc.).

COST INFORMATION

Expenses A <i>per-semester estimate</i> (USD) for exchange students living on campus	Tuition & Fees Student ID Tax Compliance Fee Accommodation Meal Plan Books & Supplies Health Insurance Plan Miscellaneous Total	<i>Waived per Exchange Agreement</i> \$10 \$10 to \$20 \$4,222 \$2,028 \$675 \$1,212 \$2,600 \$10,762
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ACCOMMODATION

On-Campus Housing (depending on stipulations of our agreement): OEA notifies accepted exchange students once the exchange housing application is available. Students must complete the housing agreement by the specified deadline, as housing is assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, according to availability. More information available: <https://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/campus-services/housing-and-residential-life/>

HEALTH INSURANCE

According to the Florida Board of Governors and FIU policy, all international students with a J-1 visa status must have medical insurance **before** the beginning of their exchange program.

Inbound ISE Students **must** complete the medical insurance requirement by:

- Purchasing the FIU Sponsored Health Insurance Plan (<https://dasa.fiu.edu/student-support/wellness/immunization-insurance/health-insurance-at-fiu/international-student-insurance/fiu-student-sponsored-health-insurance-plan/index.html>)

Or

- Submitting an International Student Alternative Health Insurance Compliance Form completed by your current insurance company and approved by FIU Student Health Services (<https://dasa.fiu.edu/student-support/wellness/immunization-insurance/health-insurance-at-fiu/international-student-insurance/pre-approved-alternative-health-insurance/index.html>)



VISA

All non-US citizens need a visa to study at FIU as an exchange student. OEA will email the student an acceptance letter and a DS-2019 form needed to apply for a **J-1 Student Visitor Visa** once the student is admitted to the exchange program at FIU. Students are responsible for applying for their own visas through the U.S. Department of State. **Obtaining a J-1 Student Visitor Visa before entering the U.S. is required.** Participation in the FIU Exchange Program is contingent upon having a valid J-1 Student Visitor Visa that covers the entire duration of the exchange.

CAMPUS RESOURCES & FACILITIES

- **Inbound Exchange/Education Abroad Office**
 - <https://studyabroad.fiu.edu/incoming-exchange-students/index.html>
- **Campus Dining**
 - <https://shop.fiu.edu/dining/>
- **Clubs and Organizations**
 - <https://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/get-involved/clubs-and-organizations/index.php>
- **Student Wellness & Recreation Center**
 - <http://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/health-and-fitness/recreation/index.php>
- **Student Health Services**
 - <https://dasa.fiu.edu/student-support/wellness/immunization-insurance/index.html>



FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLqEHfISGr2h-um937VZbjzHBt1c-YYiHE>

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<https://studyabroad.fiu.edu/incoming-exchange-students/index.html>

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY WEBSITE

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