

# University of the Incarnate Word® Fact Sheet 2020-2021 Academic Year

## Exchange Student Program

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### WEBSITE

[University of the Incarnate Word](#)  
[International Admissions](#)  
[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 Austin Pershing at [pershing@uiwtx.edu](mailto:pershing@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:

Austin S. Pershing  
 University of the Incarnate Word  
 847 E. Hildebrand Ave. Ste. F103  
 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 below)
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 5).

## 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 2020-2021 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



## IMPORTANT DATES

	Fall 2020	Spring 2021
Nomination Deadline	July 1	November 1
Application Deadline	July 1	November 1
Arrival Dates	Aug. 12-15	Jan. 4-6
Start of Semester	Aug. 24	Jan. 11
End of Semester	Dec. 11	May 7

## NOMINATION AND APPLICATION DEADLINE

Fall 2020: July 1

Spring 2021: Nov. 1

## ARRIVAL DATES

Fall 2020: Aug. 12-15

Spring 2021: Jan. 4-6

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.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Semester 1: Aug. 24, 2020 - Dec. 11, 2020

Semester 2: Jan. 11, 2021 - May 7, 2021

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

Click [here](#) to view UIW's Academic Calendar for the 2020-2021 academic year.

## AIRPORT PICK-UP

UIW provides free pick-up service from the San Antonio International Airport (SAT) during arrival dates (see above).

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

## AREAS / LEVEL(S) OF STUDY

Undergraduate Programs:

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](#)



## AREAS / LEVEL(S) OF STUDY (CONT.)

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Exceptions: Nursing, Pharmacy, Medicine, Optometry, Physical Therapy

Graduate Programs:

Exchange students are not permitted to enroll in graduate – level courses.

## LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

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English

## COURSES

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Visit the following webpages for course listings and course descriptions:

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

## COURSE REGISTRATION

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Upon admission to UIW, exchange students must complete and submit the Exchange Student Course Request form to [pershing@uiwtx.edu](mailto:pershing@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

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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

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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](mailto:intl@uiwtx.edu).



## HEALTH INSURANCE

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

## PROOF OF MENINGITIS VACCINE

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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](mailto:healthsvcs@uiwtx.edu) with their UIW student ID number, full name and date of birth.

## BUDDY PROGRAM

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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

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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.

