



Exchange Program Information Sheet

Incoming UGA Exchange Fact Sheet



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➤ Application Requirements & Process

Incoming Exchange Student Application Materials

- Online OGE StudyAway Exchange Program Application
 - Undergraduate, Graduate, and Intensive English Language Exchange Options
- Undergraduate/ Graduate Application for Admission to UGA (no application fee)
 - Student must be in good standing and recommended by home university
- Official transcript or grade report in English from home university
- Proof of English language proficiency (minimum scores)
 - TOEFL iBT: 80 (for graduate-min. sub-score of 20 in speaking and writing)
 - IELTS: 6.5 (for graduate-no sub-score below 6.0)
 - Cambridge International Examinations: "D" (undergrad only)
- Medical History and Immunization Forms
- Copy of Passport
- Course Request Form
- On-Campus Housing Application, if desired (online after acceptance)
- DS-2019 request for J-1 visa (submit upon request after acceptance)

Nomination & Application Deadlines

Fall Semester	➔	March 1 Nomination	➔	March 25 Application
Spring Semester	➔	September 15 Nomination	➔	October 15 Application

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➤ Academic Information

Level of Study

- Undergraduate or graduate, depending on exchange agreement and/or OGE approval

Areas of Study Available

- Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
- Arts and Sciences
- Business
- Ecology
- Engineering
- Public Health
- Forestry and Natural Resources
- International Affairs
- Journalism
- Education
- Environment and Design
- Family and Consumer Sciences

Course Limitations

- Courses in Terry College of Business, SPIA School of Public and International Affairs, and Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication have some restrictions
- Students are not permitted to take courses in Law, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine

UGA Schedule of Classes Offered

- Classes offered in previous and upcoming semester
- <http://www.reg.uga.edu/schedule-of-classes>

UGA Bulletin

- Description of courses, pre-requisites and syllabi
- <https://bulletin.uga.edu/Course/Index>

Semester Course Load

- Undergraduate → 12-18 credit hours
- Graduate → 9-15 credit hours

Please Note

- Students should confirm approval of UGA classes with home university
- Students are not guaranteed requested courses due to university restrictions, including class size, timetable, and previous study requirements

Transcript Issue Date

- Fall Semester → January
- Spring Semester → June



➤ Additional Information

Student Visa & UGA Immigration Services

- After acceptance, students will request the DS-2019 form which is needed to apply for a J-1 Student Exchange Visa
- Plan to demonstrate required funding cost per semester for academic and personal expenses
- <https://globalengagement.uga.edu/international-students>

Student Housing

- UGA On-Campus Housing: Assignments made based on availability in UGA Reed, Payne, or Brown Hall: <https://housing.uga.edu/>
- Off-Campus Housing: Arrangements made independently by students: <https://offcampushousing.uga.edu/listing>

Insurance

- UGA Insurance Policy for International Students is required and automatically assigned
- https://hr.uga.edu/students/Mandatory_Plan/student_mandatory_plan_home/

Estimated Semester Budget

ISL Orientation	\$558/\$75	Personal Expenses	\$1,150
Housing*	\$4,306	Health Insurance*	\$1,231/ \$1,705
Meals**	\$2,293	International Student Compliance Fee	\$82
Books/Supplies	\$500	Total (USD)	\$10,120/ \$10,111

Rates (if two prices are listed, the first indicates fall and the second is spring) *based on Fall 2025 - Spring 2026 rates

****All-Access 7-Day Meal Plan**

Transportation to Athens

- Air travel to Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport recommended; Groome Transportation shuttle service available from airport to UGA campus (<https://groometransportation.com/athens/>)
- Pick-up service from Groome Shuttle stop location at UGA campus may be available through OGE; must request in advance

International Student Life Orientation

- Recommended multi-day orientation program hosted by Office of Global Student Engagement (GSE).
 - Topics include campus life, immigration, cultural adjustment, safety, and academic issues
 - Orientation fees includes housing, meals, and excursions
- <https://cgcse.uga.edu/gse/orientation/>



➤ **UGA Academic Calendar**

- <https://reg.uga.edu/general-information/calendars/academic-calendars/>

Fall 2026		
	TBD	Arrival Date for International Student Orientation
	TBD	Early move-in date for Orientation, extra fee charged
	TBD	Fall Orientation
	TBD	General move-in date for on-campus housing
	August 14-16	Suggested arrival dates for students not attending Orientation
	TBD	OGE Exchange Orientation (for students who did not attend the main Orientation)
	August 17	Classes begin
	August 17-21	Class Add/Drop Period
	September 7	Labor Day Holiday - No Classes
	October 30	Fall Break - No Classes
	November 11	Course withdrawal deadline
	November 23-27	Thanksgiving Holiday Break - No Classes
	December 1	Last Day of Classes
	December 3-9	Final Exams

Spring 2027	TBD	Arrival Date
	TBD	Spring International Student Orientation
	January 11	Classes begin
	January 11-15	Class Add/Drop Period
	January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - No Classes
	March 8-12	Spring Break - No Classes
	April 7	Course withdrawal deadline
	April 26	Last Day of Classes
	April 28-May 4	Final Exams