International Student Exchange Fact Sheet 2021-2022

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<td>Nomination Deadline</td>
<td>February 15, 2021</td>
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<td>March 15, 2021</td>
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<td>August 20, 2021</td>
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<td>August 23, 2021</td>
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<td>December 11, 2021 (including exams)</td>
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Application Information

Type of Agreement | Student Exchange

Application Documents | OEA will send updated application instructions directly to partner contacts. Upon acceptance of student nominations, students must complete and submit the following documents to the online application portal:
- Online Non-Degree Form (separate form, not included in online ISE application)
- Exchange Application Questionnaires
- Policy Signature Documents
- Declaration of Finances and Bank Verification Form
- TOEFL or IELTS Scores
- Immunization Forms
- Exchange Student Course Selection Form
- Scan/copy of Passport
- Academic Transcripts
- Insurance Enrollment Form
- Housing Contract (to be submitted online)

Language Assessment | FIU will only accept the following to meet the language assessment requirements:
- TOEFL: IBT minimum score: 80 or PBT minimum score 550
- IELTS: Minimum score 6.5
## Academic Information

### Level/Courses/Programs offered (per agreement)

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.

### 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 Instruction

English

## Course Information

Courses lists are available for review by college and department here: [https://m.fiu.edu/catalog/index.php](https://m.fiu.edu/catalog/index.php) 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 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”

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 per-semester estimate (USD) for exchange students living on campus:

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<td>Tuition &amp; Fees</td>
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<td>Tax Compliance Fee</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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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. More information available: [https://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/campus-services/housing-and-residential-life/](https://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/campus-services/housing-and-residential-life/)

### Health Insurance

International Exchange Students are required to purchase health insurance through FIU as the policy meets all requirements for an exchange student visa.

### Visa

All non-US citizens need a visa to study at FIU as an exchange student. OEA will mail the student an acceptance letter and a DS-2019 form needed to apply for a J-1 exchange visa once the student is admitted to FIU. Students are responsible for applying for their own visas through the U.S. Department of State.

### Campus Resources & Facilities

- Exchange/Education Abroad Office: [https://globalaffairs.fiu.edu/study-abroad/](https://globalaffairs.fiu.edu/study-abroad/)
- Library: [https://library.fiu.edu/](https://library.fiu.edu/)
- Campus Dining: [https://shop.fiu.edu/dining/](https://shop.fiu.edu/dining/)