



# Florida State University Fact Sheet

## 2024-2025



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### Institutional Profile

Florida State University is a public research university located in Tallahassee, Florida. Established in 1851, FSU has 16 colleges which offer more than 275 undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, professional and specialist degree programs. There are more than 40,000 students enrolled at FSU. The average age for undergraduate students is 21. Students from all 50 states and over 130 countries are represented. For more information: [www.fsu.edu/about/](http://www.fsu.edu/about/).

### Deadlines for Nominations and Applications:

The partner university coordinator nominates students by the deadlines below. Nominations are submitted online (link below). Please include: name, email, year of study, area of study for each student as well as the grade point average and a transcript copy, if available.

After nominations are reviewed, application instructions will be sent by email to the student and the coordinator if the nomination is accepted. Please note the college and department restrictions noted on this Fact Sheet.

#### ONLINE NOMINATION FORM LINK:

[https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_aa7EmGcpVecDVwp](https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aa7EmGcpVecDVwp)

<u>Semester</u>	<u>Nominations Open</u>	<u>Nomination Deadline</u>	<u>Student App. Deadline</u>
Fall	January 1	February 1	February 15
Spring	August 1	September 1	September 15

# Requirements For Incoming Exchange Students

## Academic Profile

- Must be a degree-seeking student at the home university.
- Must be in good academic standing:  
Undergraduate students with at least a 3.0/4.0 GPA are preferred.  
Students with lower than a 3.0 GPA will be considered.
- Studying and seeking courses in the academic college or departments that are partners within the specific exchange or within academic areas offered by terms of exchange agreement.
- Students with flexibility in course selection and academic requirements:  
It is important for exchange students to have flexibility in course selection. Students with specific course requirements needed to graduate may not be able to fulfill these requirements while on exchange if the courses needed are not available.  
Partner university coordinators are asked to confirm that the nominated students have flexibility in course selection during their exchange.

## Finances

- Proof of financial support on Certificate of Financial Responsibility form. Must show proof of finances for at least the amount listed to receive a J-1 visa.
  - Academic Year 2024/25: \$21,132
  - Fall 2024 only: \$9,220
  - Spring 2025 only: \$10,071

## Documentation

- International Student Health Insurance Compliance
- Immunization Forms
- Official university transcript (scanned copy accepted)

## English Language Level

- Required scores for language proficiency\* (taken within past 2 years):  
TOEFL Internet based (IBTOEFL): 80
  - TOEFL iBT "My Best Scores" score and TOEFL Special Home Edition are also accepted. Institutional TOEFL reports are not accepted.DuoLingo Exam: 120  
International English Language Testing System (IELTS): 6.5
  - IELTS Indicator (test at home) is also accepted.Cambridge C1 Advanced Exam: 180  
Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB): 77  
Pearson Test of English: 55

# Courses Offered And Restrictions



FSU classes may be limited due to high demand from current FSU students. It is important for exchange students to have flexibility in class selection. Students with specific requirements from their home university may not be able to fulfill these requirements while on exchange and must have alternates. Students will be sent a list of classes currently offered classes and suggested for exchange students.

## Class Restrictions for all exchange partners

Classes from the following academic areas are not permitted for exchange students:

- College of Business
- College of Medicine
- College of Music
- Department of Theatre & Dance
- College of Motion Picture Arts (Film School)

## Limited-access colleges not offered

Other limited-access colleges with restricted classes and not available:

- College of Education
- College of Criminology
- College of Entrepreneurship

## College of Law

Classes from the College of Law are permitted only if student is attending from a College of Law exchange partner university.

## Multi-Unit Exchange Agreements

Students may request classes from the Colleges and Departments (with exception of those listed above) that are part of the multi-unit agreement. Some FSU academic departments have restricted courses, particularly at the upper level (3000/4000 levels). Pre-requisite courses may further limit course availability. Students selecting from lower-level (1000/2000-level) courses are more available than upper-level courses.

## College/Department Specific Exchange Agreements

Courses available to exchange students are limited to the FSU College or Department that initiated the exchange. In some cases, students may also be able to select from lower-level Liberal Studies (1000 or 2000-level) courses on a space available basis. Upper-level courses (3000 or 4000-level) outside of the specific College or Department initiating the exchange cannot be accommodated.

## Overview of academic colleges and departments

Overview of academic colleges and departments, including course descriptions and prerequisites:

- Undergraduate: <http://registrar.fsu.edu/bulletin/undergraduate/>
- Graduate: <http://registrar.fsu.edu/bulletin/graduate/>

## Course Search

Student applicants will be sent a list of available courses for various areas in advance of their application. Students may search courses offered at FSU by semester with understanding that some class areas are not available or are restricted.

- [http://registrar.fsu.edu/class\\_search/](http://registrar.fsu.edu/class_search/)

# Estimated Costs And Finances



Students must complete the "Certificate of Financial Responsibility" form before FSU can issue the immigration document (DS-2019) needed for the student visa (called the "J-1 Exchange Visitor" visa). The required minimum funds to show on the Certificate of Financial Responsibility is:

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## Estimated Expenses

\*These figures are average estimates and are subject to increase

The amount required for the student visa is based on estimated expenses from the following:

➤ Tuition	Paid to home university directly
➤ Housing (on campus)	\$4,100 on average per semester
➤ Housing (off-campus)	\$850-\$1200 per month
➤ Food	\$600-\$800 per month
➤ Books & Supplies	\$500 per semester
➤ Personal expenses	\$1,000 per semester
➤ FSU Student Health Insurance	Academic Year: \$3,563
	Fall: \$1,356; Spring/Summer: \$2,207
➤ FSU Student ID Card Fee	\$5 per semester

## Additional Expenses

In addition to the expenses listed above, students should budget for any personal travel during their program as well as for expenses during their 30-day grace period upon the end of their final semester as an exchange student. Many exchange students use that time to pursue travel throughout the US during the grace period. Personal travel is not included in the estimated cost of attendance.

## Visa Information

After admission to FSU and enrolling in the required insurance, Center for Global Engagement staff will review the student's financial documentation submitted with application and will issue the immigration document required for the J-1 visa application (DS-2019). Students will be responsible for requesting the shipment of the DS-2019 form and for paying for the shipment. Students will be provided instructions about how to apply for the J-1 visa, which should be done as soon as possible after receiving the paper form DS-2019.



## Health Insurance And Immunizations



Florida State University and the State of Florida, in addition the US government, have very specific requirements regarding health insurance for J-1, non-degree students.

### FSU Health Insurance Plan

The FSU Student Health Plan offers comprehensive coverage that meets all of these requirements and allows students to use the FSU Student Health Center without paying for the visit and costs upfront. Therefore, it is recommended that international students enroll in the university's approved plan. Students may purchase insurance after receiving notice of admission to FSU and creating an "FSUID" login account.

Purchase the FSU Student Health Plan: <http://studentinsurance.fsu.edu/>.

### Alternative Health Insurance Plan

In addition to the FSU Student Health Plan, an alternative plan option that meets the FSU/State of Florida/US government requirements is offered from a company named "ISO". Note that in general a cheaper health insurance plan does not mean it offers the same coverage as another plan. It is important to do one's own research to make the best choice that meets an individual's needs.

There are two acceptable plans through ISO, listed at:

[https://www.iso.org/Florida\\_State\\_University\\_J1\\_Exchange](https://www.iso.org/Florida_State_University_J1_Exchange).

➡ Note that the ISO plans for 2024-2025 will be available in late summer 2024.

J1 Exchange Health insurance and/or Travel insurance plans from the student's home country do not meet the very specific state requirements for mental health care, and they require students to pay for healthcare services out of pocket and apply for reimbursement, which can cause a significant financial burden during the short study program. Therefore, only the FSU Student Health Plan or the 2 ISO health insurance plans mentioned above will be accepted. No other insurance plans will be reviewed or accepted to meet this requirement. Students must submit proof of insurance enrollment after admission to FSU.

### Immunization Requirements

All students are required to submit proof of immunizations before being registered for classes by the Center for Global Engagement. Two combined MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccinations administered after the student's 1st birthday and at least 28 days apart are required. The Immunization Form must be signed by a doctor or clinician.

Download the Immunization Form at: <https://studentinsurance.fsu.edu/immunization-requirements>

# Housing And Student Life

## Fall 2024:

Required Orientation: to be announced – students should arrive the week before classes start.

Classes Begin: August 26, 2024

Exams End: December 14, 2024

## Spring 2025:

Required Orientation: to be announced – students should arrive the week before classes start.

Classes Begin: January 6, 2025

Exams End: May 2, 2025

## Housing and Accommodations

Student accommodation may be available on campus but is not guaranteed due to high student demand. Students seeking on-campus housing should apply as soon as possible after being formally admitted to FSU.

<http://housing.fsu.edu>. Students cannot apply for on-campus housing until after receiving their FSU ID log in. A deposit is due within 7 days of a student signing a housing contract. The housing contract cannot be cancelled later if a student decides to not live on-campus so students should consider their options carefully! Students living on-campus are typically assigned a double, shared room. Single rooms are very limited and students wanting single rooms should consider off-campus options. On-campus housing also closes for official university breaks such as Winter Break and Spring Break. Students living on campus need to find alternate accommodations at their own expense.

For off-campus housing, the Center for Global Engagement maintains a list of off-campus apartments at: <http://cge.fsu.edu/living-tallahassee/housing>. The "Short Term" housing options section lists apartments offering less than 12-month leases. Off-campus housing may be limited, particularly if only attending FSU for one semester. Furnished apartments may be available but are offered at a higher monthly cost. For additional information about living in Tallahassee: [www.cge.fsu.edu/living-tallahassee](http://www.cge.fsu.edu/living-tallahassee).

## Meal Plan Options

Students living on or off-campus may purchase a meal plan to use the FSU dining halls and retail food service locations.

<https://seminoledining.campusdish.com/>.

## Student Buddy Program

Exchange students have the option to request a "buddy" from our Global Noles Mentor Program. The "Global Nole" is a current FSU student who volunteers to help an incoming exchange student with questions before arrival and maintains a social connection with the student during the student's exchange period at FSU. Students will receive more information for requesting a "Global Nole" after admission.