

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
INTERNATIONAL RECIPROCAL
EXCHANGE PROGRAM

INFORMATION SHEET FOR EXCHANGE STUDENT APPLICANTS
(www.utexas.edu/student/abroad/international)

FACTS

Full name of university	The University of Texas at Austin USA AUSTIN01
Web site	www.utexas.edu www.utexas.edu/international www.utexas.edu/student/abroad/international
Size of the university – number of students	50,000 +/-
Number of staff at the university	10,000 +/-
Short description of the city – area / inhabitants	http://www.austin360.com http://www.utexas.edu/student/abroad/international/ut.html http://www.utexas.edu/student/abroad/international/austin.html http://www.austintexas.org/index.php
What's your nearest airport?	Austin-Bergstrom International Airport
Do you offer airport pick up	No

HOUSING

Housing options	off campus dorms, coops, private apartments On-campus accommodation at UT is very limited, and priority is given to first-year students. Exchange students primarily live in off-campus dormitories and coops adjacent to UT in a neighborhood called West Campus. Some exchange students also live in private apartments throughout the city. http://www.utexas.edu/student/abroad/international/living.html
Housing application deadline(s)	Depends on housing arrangement selected. http://www.utexas.edu/student/abroad/international/living.html

APPLICATION

Contact person for incoming exchange students (name, full address, phone/fax/email)	Kirsten Koester International Exchange Coordinator Study Abroad Office International Office University of Texas at Austin PO Box A Austin, TX 78713-8901 Tel: 512-471-2715 Fax: 512-232-4363 E: kkoester@austin.utexas.edu Patricia E. Marrapese Assistant Director
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	E: trisha@austin.utexas.edu Any question can be directed : exchangeadvisor@austin.utexas.edu
Application deadline(s) for admission	Fall Semester: March 1 Spring Semester: October 1
Application material on the website <i>(please indicate if only paper copies are available)</i>	Exchange application has online and paper elements. Exchange students must be nominated by home institution exchange coordinator and complete online and paper application materials.
Online application	http://utdirect.utexas.edu/student/abroad/exchange/admissions.WBX The application is password protected, to prevent students from applying without the endorsement of your office. Create your EID then enter the application with the password "bevo13" The student will first need to create their UT EID (which is essentially their UT identification number) and password. PLEASE NOTE: The name the student enters NEEDS TO APPEAR AS IT DOES ON THEIR PASSPORT. This is very important, as the spelling they provide will also be listed on their DS-2019 immigration document. Once their UT EID and password are created, they will be able to access the password protected application.
Materials you have to submit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Academic Information Form (found online at http://utdirect.utexas.edu/student/abroad/exchange/admissions.WBX) 2. Immigration and Financial Support Form (found online at http://utdirect.utexas.edu/student/abroad/exchange/admissions.WBX) - please note that we need a stamp of the bank on the form OR a bank statement OR a bank letter (the letter has to be in English). The amount that a student needs to show is \$8250 per semester for the cost of living estimate (the cost of tuition does not need to be shown, as the student is on a reciprocal exchange). 3. Official transcript (in English) 4. Statement of Purpose (Statement explaining the reasons why studying at UT Austin would be valuable for the student's educational goals) 5. Fine Arts and Architecture students: CV/resume 6. Fine Arts and Architecture students: Letter(s) of recommendation.

ACADEMICS

Areas of study available to exchange students	With approval, the following UT colleges/schools accept exchange students from partner universities – Liberal Arts, Natural Sciences, Communication, Engineering, Fine Arts, Architecture, and Education.
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Areas of study not available to exchange students	Unless specific exchange program agreements have been established between UT and student's home university, the following UT colleges/schools do not generally accept exchange students – Law and Business . Applications for Fine Arts cannot be accepted for the Spring semester! There are restrictions for Architecture students.
Academic calendar	Fall Semester: August-December Spring Semester: January-May http://www.utexas.edu/student/registrar/cals.html
Examination period(s)	Fall Semester: mid-December Spring Semester: mid-May
Orientation session(s) for incoming students <i>(indicate date and costs)</i>	Fall Semester: August Spring Semester: January Cost: Nominal
Grading system – short explanation	http://www.utexas.edu/student/registrar/grades/
course registration deadline(s)	Students register following arrival at UT and once all immigration and health requirements are completed.
Course availability	UT academic departments cannot guarantee placement in specific courses. Thus, exchange students need to be VERY flexible about courses they will be able to register for. Additionally, they need to be very open about course choices both in terms of selecting classes by UT college and by UT department. We encourage students to have alternatives approved by their home institution academic advisors in advance of arrival at UT.
Course catalogue <i>(link)</i>	UT Course Schedule (published online around April 7 and October 15 each year): http://www.utexas.edu/student/registrar/schedules/
Number of hours per course per week	3 credit courses meet 3 hours per week
Full time load per semester	12 hours
Language requirements	Fluency in English
Language test certificate required?	No
Preparatory language course for incoming students	ESL courses are offered through the International Office. http://www.utexas.edu/student/esl/
Courses taught in English	All
Internships and student jobs available/allowed?	Yes, consistent with US immigration regulations
Summer courses available? If so, please list	New exchange students are not admitted for the Summer semester

MONEY

Cost estimates per month (in US\$) Housing, Meals, Books, Local transportation, Health insurance	http://www.utexas.edu/student/abroad/international/expenses.html
Additional fees to pay <i>(indicate amounts and subjects)</i>	International Student Services fee: \$51.50/per semester in 2009 (subject to change) Student ID Card fee: \$10 in 2009 (subject to change)

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Financial guarantee amount	\$8,560 per semester, \$15,000 per calendar year
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IMMIGRATION AND SEVIS

fee	US\$180
information	<p>The University of Texas at Austin is in full compliance with the SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) system. Exchange students will be entered into the SEVIS system when the DS-2019 form is produced. UT is aware that U.S. embassies and consulates have increased the time it takes for students to receive a visa. Therefore, it is most important that students apply online and we receive completed forms and transcripts as soon as possible. We must receive the complete application, including transcript and forms, before we can prepare the DS 2019, necessary to apply for a J-1 visa.</p> <p>All J-1 visa applicants – including exchange students – are required to pay the SEVIS fee. It must be paid at least 3 business days prior to applying for an initial J-1 visa at an embassy or consulate or entering the U.S. for J-1 students exempt from the visa requirement (Canadian citizens). The SEVIS fee can only be paid after obtaining a DS-2019.</p>

HEALTH INSURANCE

Health insurance	All international exchange students entering the United States on J-1 visas are required by US immigration regulations to maintain full health insurance coverage. UT offers full health insurance coverage to all international students and requires that all international students purchase adequate health insurance at the time of registration.
Comparable health insurance coverage from abroad allowed/not allowed	The UT Austin health insurance policy costs approximately \$1300 annually in 2009/10. In some cases, students who possess a health insurance policy that meets or exceeds UT requirements can present that policy in lieu of the mandatory UT policy. To receive a waiver, you will be required to certify that the health insurance you possess meets or exceeds each and all of the following requirements: 1) Major medical coverage: \$50,000 per accident or illness, 2) Repatriation of remains: \$7,500, 3) Medical evacuation: \$10,000, and 4) Maximum deductible per year \$500.
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