



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

Washington University in St Louis, USA

Fast Facts:

Website:	General university website Exchange student website
Language of instruction:	English
Semester dates:	Semester 1 (Fall): August to December Semester 2 (Spring): January to May
Number of students currently enrolled	>15,500
Academic restrictions at a glance <i>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme.</i>	Courses may be subject to space limitations.
General Costs	Total estimated cost for academic year: ~\$27,000 includes mandatory insurance, flights, and visa costs. Important information: You will be asked to provide proof of sufficient finances in order to receive your visa. Your host will provide more information on this if you are allocated an exchange place.
About the University	In the State of Missouri, Washington University's Danforth Campus houses undergraduate and graduate programs in Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Art and Architecture, as well as professional programs in Law and Social Work. The Danforth Campus is located in St. Louis County and faces Forest Park, a 1,300 acre urban park that contains the Saint Louis Zoo, the Saint Louis Art Museum, the Missouri History Museum, the Science Center, and many other attractions, all of which are free. The Mississippi River and downtown St. Louis city are approximately 7 miles due west and easily accessible by public transportation or bicycle. Washington University's Danforth Campus serves approximately 8,000 undergraduate students.

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What to expect

Application process

You apply for study exchanges through SWAY. You can find out more about our [study exchange routes here](#), and more about the [application process here](#).

After applying, if you are allocated an exchange place at Washington University in St Louis, you will be officially nominated by the International Programmes Team. We will then provide you with your detailed application instructions. **You can ONLY apply to any exchange destination if you have been allocated a place there, and if you are officially nominated by us.**

Academics

For support with the academic side of your exchange, your best point of contact is your Exchange Coordinator, [found here](#). The Exchange Coordinator is a member of academic staff who will be a key contact throughout your exchange.

Academics	
Course Load and Credit Load	<p>You are normally required to take whatever constitutes a full academic credit or course load at your host university.</p> <p>The page linked below contains a copy of the International Exchange Credit Requirements. This outlines the number of credits you are required to take at your host institution. There are also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.</p> <p>Academic matters The University of Edinburgh</p>
Courses	<p>Your Exchange Coordinator, both at UoE and WUSTL will provide guidance on selection of courses. Exchange students select up to seven courses, prioritized with the most important courses on top. The WUSTL Exchange Coordinator will review the course choices and work to enroll students in as many of their preferred courses as possible. Students can adjust their schedule and make final decisions on courses during the drop/add period after arrival. Exchange students should select primarily courses in their academic division or school and University College English language courses (code U15).</p> <p>View Course Listings.</p> <p>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information</p>

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	available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**
Academic Restrictions	<p>Courses may be subject to space limitations.</p> <p>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme. Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.</p>
Orientation	<p>Overseas Programs strongly recommends that exchange students participate in an Orientation Programs organized by OISS. For Fall-arrival students, the Explore and Discover programs for new international students are a great way to meet other students and learn about Washington University and St. Louis before the beginning of class. For Spring-arrival students, OISS offers an orientation comparable to Discover.</p>

Accommodation

Finding accommodation that you are happy with on your year abroad is very important and there are often many aspects to consider when looking for somewhere to live.

Many host institutions do offer university accommodation but please do note, **this is not always guaranteed**. You may also need to pay for things like agent or administrative fees that is not always the case here in Edinburgh. It is a good idea to do your research so you do not have any surprises!

University Accommodation	<p>On-campus housing consists of residence halls and some apartments. Students living in on-campus housing must purchase one of the several different meal plan options.</p> <p>WU also offers off-campus furnished apartments that are managed by the Office of Residential Life. These can be shared or individual apartments and are within walking distance of campus and close to public transportation. Students living in off-campus apartments purchase a minimal meal plan.</p> <p>WU-owned housing is not guaranteed and students must submit a housing application through WebSTAC. Half of the room rate amount is charged each semester. Please see the Office of</p>
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	Residential Life for information regarding on-campus and off-campus housing options.
Private Accommodation	<p>Exchange students may choose to live in a shared or individual off-campus apartment not managed by WU. Apartments are frequently unfurnished, but furniture can be rented for the exchange period. Off-campus housing can be arranged prior to arrival or after arrival.</p> <p>Please see Quadrangle Housing, Parallel Properties, Apartment Referral Services for information regarding off-campus housing options.</p> <p>Please communicate with Overseas Programs to coordinate temporary housing if campus housing or off-campus housing is not secured prior to arrival.</p>

Costs

It is important to budget for different expenses while on exchange. Your exchange destination may be more expensive than Edinburgh, and different expenses may be required. For example, rent may be higher; you might need to take public transport more; essentials may be more expensive or different, like sun cream in warmer climates or woolly socks in colder climates! These costs will add up so it is good to have an estimate of how much money you might need.

Tuition Fees	<p>While on exchange, you will continue to pay fees to the University of Edinburgh, as appropriate, and your fee status will determine how much you pay.</p> <p>Consult our webpage here and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>
Estimated Cost of Living	<p>Estimated cost of living for the academic year</p> <p>Average room and board (housing and meals): \$18,470</p> <p>Books and supplies: \$1,180</p> <p>Personal expenses: \$2,356</p> <p>Mandatory insurance: \$2,232</p> <p>Student activity fee: \$594</p> <p>Student health and wellness fee: \$576</p> <p>Travel/flights: Varies, ~\$1,500</p>

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	<p>Visa: cost varies, but usually several hundred dollars</p> <p>Total estimated cost: ~\$27,000</p> <p>You may also be required to pay for administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange.</p>
Insurance	<p>All international students are required to purchase student health insurance and prescription drug coverage, regardless of what coverage they may have from their home country. See Student Health Services for clarification of the Washington University Medical Insurance Plan.</p>
Student Loans and Grants	<p>Consult our funding webpages for more information about the Funding available to you through SWAY while on your year abroad.</p> <p>If you receive a student loan or grant, you may still be eligible to receive them during your exchange. Contact your funding providers for more information on the availability and eligibility of funding during your exchange, as well as any additional support they may offer. For example: some loan providers offer travel grants to students.</p>

Other

Passports	<p>Make sure that your passport will be in date for the entirety of your stay, and for any additional required time after the end of your exchange for entry requirements and visa purposes.</p> <p>If you need to apply for a new passport during the application process to your host institution, this may delay the application and visa processes.</p>
Visas	<p>The visa process will vary from country to country, and your own citizenship will influence the visa process you need to undertake. You must make sure to enter your host country on the appropriate visa.</p> <p>View WUSTL's visa advice here. Please note that you must demonstrate you have sufficient financial resources for your exchange year in order to obtain a visa.</p> <p>Here in SWAY we cannot give specific visa advice. Please research using the relevant embassy and government websites for more information. There is more information on our webpage about things to consider regarding visas here.</p>

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	<p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p>
<p>Disability Statement and Accessibility</p>	<p>Some destinations may be more accessible than others for disabled students. If you require any adjustments due to disability or specific learning difficulties or disabilities and you wish to study abroad please contact The International Programmes Team via email: international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk.</p> <p>We will work together with you to explore the help available at your host institution. It may also be helpful if you discuss this with your Personal Tutor and the Disability and Learning Support Service as well.</p>