



# NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

## University of Chicago, USA

### Fast Facts:

<b>Website:</b>	<a href="#">General university website</a> <a href="#">Visiting student website</a>
<b>Language of instruction:</b>	English
<b>Semester dates:</b>	Quarter 1 (Summer) June to August Quarter 2 (Autumn) September to December Quarter 3 (Winter) January to March Quarter 4 (Spring) March to June <i>Note: Exchange students will be at Chicago for quarters 2, 3, and 4</i>
<b>Number of students currently enrolled</b>	18,000
<b>Academic restrictions at a glance</b> <i>Please note: These are guidelines. It is your responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme.</i>	Economics courses are closely taught with mathematics.  Direct Entry students who have <b>not</b> studied previously at a Higher Education institution may not be eligible to study here. Please get in touch with the International Programmes team for more information.  See academic restrictions section below for more info.
<b>General Costs</b>	Estimated cost for the academic year is \$27,000, including flights, visa and health insurance. <b>Important information:</b> 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.
<b>About the University</b>	The University of Chicago is a liberal arts institution, offering an education which focusses on spanning a number of different disciplines and develop a broad intellectual foundation. The University of Chicago offers a strong sense of community on campus, and is located in the Hyde Park area of Chicago

## 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 University of Chicago, 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	
<b>Course Load and Credit Load</b>	<p>You are normally <b>required</b> 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 <b>International Exchange Credit Requirements</b>. 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><a href="#">Academic matters   The University of Edinburgh</a></p>
<b>Courses</b>	<p>Please refer <a href="#">to areas of study</a> and <a href="#">the Course Catalogue</a> for details on available courses. The University of Chicago uses the quarter system consisting of ten weeks of classes followed by a reading week and then final examinations. Please refer to the <a href="#">academic calendar</a>.</p> <p>The curriculum is divided into compulsory interdisciplinary classes (The Core), classes relevant to their major and minor, and a range of elective courses. The curriculum will vary for exchange students, and you will have more information specific to your degree program upon applying.</p> <p><b>**Please be aware, there may not be an up-to-date course catalogue available at this exchange destination. Please use the information available to get an idea about what you can study while on exchange**</b></p>

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<b>Academic Restrictions</b>	<p><b>A word of caution for students interested in studying economics:</b> Economics at UChicago is closely taught with mathematics. Virtually all Econ courses are highly quantitative, and even the introductory courses of Econ sequences require that students have strong background in calculus. Upper-level offerings in the Econ major often require that students finish part of the introductory economics sequence along with a full year of calculus. Econ majors are also required to take two additional mathematics courses beyond calculus (mathematics is not the equivalent of calculus at UChicago). Students, whose transcripts lack a full year of calculus, may not be able to enrol in economics courses – except for introductory micro and macro classes that dispense with the calculus prerequisite – during their study at UChicago. Students, therefore, should come prepared to take classes in other disciplines besides economics.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> These are guidelines. It is <b>your</b> responsibility to research whether the partner provides appropriate courses for your degree programme. <b>Even if there are not restrictions on your degree subject, it does not mean that there are appropriate courses for you. Please check.</b></p>
<b>Orientation</b>	<p><a href="#">International Pre-Orientation (IPO)</a> provides a platform for students from around the world to ease into their transition into the University of Chicago. This five-day event allows incoming students the opportunity to explore campus, the neighbourhood of Hyde Park, and the city of Chicago while making friends and getting to know upper-class students in the College, all before Orientation even begins</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!

<b>University Accommodation</b>	<p>See a <a href="#">list of residence halls</a> on campus, and information about <a href="#">moving in</a>. All students living on campus are required to subscribe to a meal plan. <a href="#">See here</a> the housing and meal plan rates for visiting students.</p>
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<b>Private Accommodation</b>	Most students live on campus but this is not a requirement. <a href="#">See here</a> for some information on considerations for off campus living.
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## 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.

<b>Tuition Fees</b>	<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 <a href="#">here</a> and follow the link to consult the university's information on tuition fees for students studying abroad.</p>
<b>Estimated Cost of Living</b>	<p>Estimated costs for full academic year. Costs based on 22/23 year and are subject to change.</p> <p>Accommodation and meals: \$15,000 to \$19,000</p> <p>Insurance: \$4,800</p> <p>Student life fee: \$1,761</p> <p>Books and supplies: \$1,800</p> <p>Personal expenses: \$2,400</p> <p>Flights: varies, ~\$1,500</p> <p>Visa: varies, several hundred dollars</p> <p><b>Total: \$27,000</b></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>
<b>Insurance</b>	<a href="#">Insurance</a> is required for students but can be waived if the student has their own comparable insurance.

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<b>Student Loans and Grants</b>	<p>Consult our <a href="#">funding webpages</a> 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>
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## Other

<b>Passports</b>	<p><b>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.</b></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>
<b>Visas</b>	<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>If you have any questions about visas please do not hesitate to contact UChicago's office at <a href="mailto:international-affairs@uchicago.edu">international-affairs@uchicago.edu</a>.</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 <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Once you have received an offer from a host institution, you will be given more advice from them about the visa processes.</p>
<b>Employment</b>	<p>Eligible to work up to 20 hours a week on campus with a J-1 visa.</p>
<b>Disability Statement and Accessibility</b>	<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</p>

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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.