



# NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

## University of Mississippi, USA

### Fast Facts:

<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.olemiss.edu/StudyAbroadOffice(olemiss.edu)">http://www.olemiss.edu/StudyAbroadOffice(olemiss.edu)</a>
<b>Language of instruction:</b>	English
<b>Semester dates:</b>	Semester 1 (Fall): August – December Semester 2 (Spring): January - May
<b>Number of students currently enrolled</b>	16, 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>	Programmes not available to exchange students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School of Pharmacy</li> <li>• School of Law</li> <li>• School of Medicine</li> <li>• Intelligence and Security Studies Programme</li> <li>• MBA Programme</li> <li>• Some education courses.</li> </ul>
<b>General Costs</b>	Using the estimates provided by the University of Mississippi, students can expect to spend as much as \$7000 a semester on institutional costs alone (including application fees, mandatory health insurance, on-campus accommodation and meal plans). This does not include costs for visas, flights, or leisure activities. <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>	Regularly recognized as one of the most beautiful campuses, The University of Mississippi Oxford campus is home to most of the University's undergraduate programs, as well as many graduate faculties. Academic buildings and campus housing nestle around a large green area known as the Grove. Surrounding campus are a number of sports facilities, creating a border between the campus and the community. We are a safe, friendly community with a big passion for Ole Miss.

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The University of Mississippi is located in the heart of the American South, in the north-central region of Mississippi, in a town called Oxford. Oxford is a small town with a big vision. Full of artists and musicians, the town is well known throughout the United States for its delicious Southern cuisine and great literary traditions, including local writers William Faulkner and John Grisham.

## 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 the University of Mississippi 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.

<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>Courses offered at the University of Mississippi can be found here. In the 'Academics' box click on 'Course Schedule'. Choose the semester and previous year from the drop-down list and click submit. You can search for courses either by the Department drop-</p>

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	<p>down list or by typing key words or course codes. Most departments and classes are open to exchange students if the student's prior academic experience meets the prerequisites. Courses labelled with a number ranging from 100 to 400 and some 500 level (nothing at 600 or higher) are for undergraduate credit E.g. Business 101, 205, 303, 450, 500.</p> <p>Note that the University of Mississippi cannot guarantee students access to all courses they request when applying. You must have back up courses in case you are not granted your</p> <p>There is a state law in Mississippi that requires incoming international students to participate in tuberculosis testing in the United States prior to registering for courses. Once arranged, students can meet with an academic advisor who helps them navigate the course registration process. Unfortunately the institution cannot hold or guarantee places in courses until the student has completed TB testing.</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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	<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>The Office of Global Engagement has its own orientation for all international students, including exchange students, and you will receive lots of information about Ole Miss and Oxford upon arrival.</p> <p>Welcome Week explains all of the important information about your time at the University of Mississippi. When you arrive, you will receive important information including your health centre appointment time for TB testing, the semester schedule, a campus map, your academic advising appointment, and so much more! You are automatically included in the orientation session, so no need to sign up to this.</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>International students at the University of Mississippi can choose to live on or off campus. The majority of students who choose to live in <a href="#">on-campus housing</a> will be placed in a <a href="#">contemporary residence hall</a> – Residence hall 3 (RH3). Residential Colleges (RCs) offer enriching experiences to undergraduate students of all classifications. These family-style communities include faculty fellows who live in the buildings and host events and activities for members.</p> <p>In <a href="#">Residence Hall 3</a>, the rooms are double occupancy rooms (shared bedrooms). Residents enjoy in-room bathrooms, study rooms on each floor, conference rooms, community kitchens, and lounges with TVs on each floor. Each room includes a microwave/fridge. Generally, students would be paired with another international student (the goal is that it will be a student from a different country), but roommate requests may be made available. More information and current rates can be found <a href="#">here</a>, with photos being found on their Facebook page <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
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	<p><a href="#">On-campus meal plans</a> are not required, but recommended. You can find out more about the</p> <p>If you intend to stay outwith the term dates, please ensure your accommodation covers this.</p>
<b>Private Accommodation</b>	<p>There are also several off-campus apartment complexes that our students can choose to live in. The University of Mississippi has advice on finding off-campus housing <a href="#">here</a>, including some current rental listings.</p> <p>Off-campus housing can be applied for at any time, but it is completely your own responsibility to organise and sign the lease, organise your move in day and find guarantors as necessary. Please take extra care when looking for accommodation and taking into account the commute to the campus.</p> <p>The three most popular off-campus apartment complexes among our international exchange students are: <a href="#">The Hub</a>, <a href="#">U Club Townhomes</a>, and Campus Creek. More information about these options can be found <a href="#">here</a></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.

<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><b>Visa Costs</b> (note these amounts are estimates and may change or have costs added)</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>SEVIS fee</td> <td>\$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Application fee</td> <td>\$60</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Institution Costs</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>International Study Fee (per semester)</td> <td>\$100</td> </tr> </table>	SEVIS fee	\$200	Application fee	\$60	International Study Fee (per semester)	\$100
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Student Activity Fee (per semester)	\$5
Capital Improvement Fee (per semester)	\$50
*Tuberculosis Testing (semester 1)	\$202
On Campus Housing (per semester)	\$3, 257
Mandatory Health Insurance (total)	\$2000 (approx..)
Meal Plan (per semester - the most expensive)	\$2064
Bed and Bath Pack (optional)	\$35
Acceptance Packet Fee	\$30

*\*If you elect to not waive your insurance and utilise your host's international student health insurance, you will not have to pay the TB test fee since the Student Health Center on campus files a claim for you.*

**Other costs**

Off campus meals – lunch	\$5-\$15
Off campus meals – dinner	\$10-\$25
Coffee	\$2-\$5

You may also be required to pay for further administrative fees at your host institution. This can include paying for your transcript to be sent to us at the end of your exchange.

**Insurance**

All incoming exchange students are required to have adequate health insurance coverage, and will be automatically enrolled in the [University's approved health care insurance programme](#). The university health insurance is provided by a company called [United Healthcare](#). If your university submits an insurance exemption request and the request is approved, you will be removed from the UM insurance after your arrival in Oxford. Students attending UM for the full academic year will be charged for health insurance at the beginning of each semester.

*Please note, that the insurance provided by the University of Edinburgh is travel insurance, not health insurance. It is unlikely that our insurance will be sufficient for an exemption.*

The estimate of the price of insurance for the academic year 2022/23 is around \$2000 (USD). Please be aware this may change when you go on exchange.

<p><b>Student Loans and Grants</b></p>	<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

<p><b>Passports</b></p>	<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>
<p><b>Visas</b></p>	<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>Students going to the University of Mississippi will be required to obtain a J1 visa. All students studying at the University of Mississippi must have a valid J1 visa before arrival in the USA.</p> <p>You can find a list of <a href="#">US Embassies and Consulates</a> for your visa applications.</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>
<p><b>Other (health)</b></p>	<p>In order to register for courses, students must present a proof of MMR vaccinations before arrival. All international students are</p>

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	required to complete mandatory tuberculosis testing upon arrival in Oxford.
<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 email: <a href="mailto:international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk">international.outgoing@ed.ac.uk</a>.</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>