



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

The University of Texas at Austin, USA

Fast Facts:

Website:	The University of Texas at Austin (utexas.edu) Student Exchange Texas Global (utexas.edu)							
Language of instruction:	English							
Semester dates:	Semester 1 (Fall term): August - Mid-December Semester 2 (Spring Term): Mid-January - Mid-May							
Number of students currently enrolled	50, 000+							
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>	<p>Students participating in a university-wide exchange are not eligible for programs or courses in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business (MBA and BBA), • Law, and Public Affairs (LBJ) <p>(Business and Law students will need to apply through the subject-specific route to UT if available)</p> <p>Restricted majors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science • Architecture • Communication • Fine Art • Music 							
General Costs	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>International Student Fee</td> <td>\$125</td> </tr> <tr> <td>UT ID Card Fee</td> <td>\$10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health Insurance</td> <td>From \$1200 per semester (subject to change)</td> </tr> </table>	International Student Fee	\$125	UT ID Card Fee	\$10	Health Insurance	From \$1200 per semester (subject to change)	<p>You will also need to prove that you have access to at least the equivalent of \$16, 670 (USD) (subject to change) if going abroad for 2 semesters. More information about giving financial proof can be found here.</p> <p>Important information: You will be asked to provide proof of sufficient finances in order to receive your visa.</p>
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	Your host will provide more information on this if you are allocated an exchange place.
About the University	<p>The University of Texas at Austin is one of the largest public universities in the United States. Founded in 1883, the university is a 350-acre main campus with 17 colleges and schools, about 24,000 faculty and staff and more than 50,000 students. The campus is in the middle of central Austin, just 3 blocks away from the State Capitol.</p> <p>Austin is the capital of the U.S. state of Texas and the seat of Travis County. Located in Central Texas, Austin is the 11th-most populous city in the United States and the fourth-most populous city in Texas. Austin is the fastest growing city in the U.S.</p>

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 Texas 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.

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</p>
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	<p>also more answers to frequently asked questions about the academic side of your exchange.</p> <p>Academic matters The University of Edinburgh</p>
<p>Courses</p>	<p>UT has information about academic planning for exchange students.</p> <p>You can find an outline of the Areas of Study available at the University of Texas at Austin, and catalogues, which have a brief description of courses available, and the prerequisites for each course.</p> <p>The first number in a course title tells you the number of credits, and the rest of the numbers indicate class level. Lower division classes number from 1-19. Lower division courses are introductory, generally taken by freshman and sophomore year undergraduate students. Upper division courses, numbered from 20 to 79, are more advanced and are generally taken by junior and senior year undergraduate students.</p> <p>The University of Texas also have a course schedule available. You will need to create a guest EID (student ID) to be able to see the course schedule.</p> <p>Once accepted onto the exchange programme, students send lists of their desired courses to Texas exchange coordinators in advance of enrolment for review. To complete registration, you must pay a registration fee. UT Academic departments make every effort to accommodate exchange students with their course selections. However, due to high demand for many courses and equipment constraints in some majors, not all course preferences can be accommodated. Please be prepared for this.</p> <p>**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**</p>
<p>Academic Restrictions</p>	<p>Some programs at UT are either highly selective due to high student demand, require specific application requirements, or are completely unavailable to exchange students.</p> <p>Admittance onto restricted majors will be processed by academic advisors in the relevant department at the University of Texas. Restricted majors include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Science The Computer Science program can only accommodate a limited number of exchange students. Students are welcome to apply to the program, but admission is not guaranteed and is subject to departmental review. Students accepted as Computer Science majors will be able to take no more than two Computer Science courses per semester. Students who are not admitted to the Computer Science major will not be allowed to enrol in Computer Science courses. Please

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	<p>ensure whether this will be enough courses for your degree.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Architecture The School of Architecture will accept a limited number of students from certain partner institutions. A portfolio is required for application. Communication The University of Texas at Austin Moody College of Communication relies on the Academic Information Form and submitted transcripts to determine whether it can accommodate students' interests. Be sure to complete all sections of the Academic Information Form carefully. Fine Art (except History of Art) A portfolio, audition, or other materials may be required for application. Music The Butler School of Music offers admission only for the fall semester. In addition to completing the exchange application requirements, all prospective music majors are required to submit a second application directly to the Butler School. The Butler School of Music application will allow you to request an audition date or recorded audition, and upload letters of recommendation, pre-screening materials, portfolios, and resumes, as applicable to your program. <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>
<p>Orientation</p>	<p>Orientation for international students happens in mid-August. These events provide an opportunity for students to meet their future classmates and get oriented to The University of Texas at Austin, the City of Austin, the State of Texas and the United States.</p> <p>The date of orientation will be published closer to the time, so keep an eye on this webpage for more information.</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,

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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>University housing options at the University of Texas are available, but it is very limited. Please take this into consideration when researching your exchange, and begin serious arrangements and inquiries as early as possible.</p> <p>Residence Halls enable you to live on campus, in the middle of the action. There is a mixture of options within the residence halls with different sizes, different resources and different price points all at play. There are also different dining options and meal plans for students staying on campus.</p> <p>Prices can range from \$13,000 - \$21,000 (USD) per academic year.</p>
Private Accommodation	<p>If you don't want to live on-campus, there are plenty of off-campus housing options. The majority of exchange students enjoy living in private housing in the neighbourhood around campus. The University of Texas has more information about off-campus living here, and off-campus living support for international students specifically here.</p> <p>Exchange students attending UT Austin usually choose from three types of housing: co-operative houses (co-ops), private dormitories, and apartments.</p> <p>Cooperative houses are democratically-run residences, called "co-ops," in which occupants share cooking and cleaning responsibilities and share decision making about house policies and activities. Often less expensive than other housing options, Co-ops provide an opportunity to meet a variety of people. This is a very popular option for our exchange student population because of the short-term lease options.</p> <p>Private dormitories are provided by several off-campus private companies. Dormitories and Student Apartments are located within walking distance of the UT campus and offer double (shared) and some single (private) rooms for both male and female students. Many also offer the option of furnished or unfurnished rooms. Often dorms serve meals and may include the cost of a meal plan in their prices. Most offer amenities such as swimming pools, exercise rooms, computer labs, and planned social activities.</p> <p>Private apartments are the choice of some international students. Make sure that the apartment you choose is located near a good public transit option, such as a UT Shuttle, or is close enough to bike or walk to class.</p>

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	<p>Many international student organizations assist students in finding long-term housing in Austin. To find out if there is a student organisation that represents your home country or region, see the list of International Student Organizations at UT. The Graduate School has some helpful tips on this webpage. You can also access a 2016 housing survey to see where most students live.</p> <p>UTexas Rent and the Off-Campus Housing Marketplace can also help students to search for housing in Austin.</p>
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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.

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>Please note that students must pay the ISSS Support Services Fee (listed previously).</p> <p>Living expenses can vary from \$1,600 to \$2,000 per month depending on individual lifestyle.</p> <p>You will need to prove that you have access to at least the equivalent of \$16,670 (USD) (subject to change) if going abroad for 2 semesters. More information about giving financial proof can be found here.</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>Exchange students are required to have health insurance that meets both U.S. Department of State and UT requirements for the duration of their program.</p>

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	All reciprocal exchange students in J-1 status are automatically enrolled in the UT Student Health Insurance Plan . Insurance charges are included on the tuition and fee bill. Please note that students may not request a waiver out of the insurance plan provided by UT. This costs approximately \$1400-\$2800 (subject to change).
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>Students studying at the University of Texas at Austin are required to have a student visa. You must have a valid student visa before entering the USA.</p> <p>Students participating in the reciprocal exchange program are issued Form DS-2019 to apply for a J-1 visa to cover the duration of their academic study period. However, students who have U.S. Citizenship are required to enter the country with their U.S. passport.</p> <p>Students must also fulfil all financial evidence requirements, and any additional requirements for the USA.</p>

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	<p>Please note, this is a different visa to an F1 visa, which is usually for full-time, graduating international students in the USA.</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> <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>Employment</p>	<p>Students with a J-1 status may work on campus as long as you maintain a full course of study and have a valid DS-2019. Students in other immigration statuses may work on campus only with proper employment authorization.</p> <p>On-campus employment must take place on the university's premises, and the pay check must be issued by The University of Texas at Austin. If you apply for a job on campus and you learn that an entity other than UT Austin is going to pay you, please check with an International Student Advisor before accepting the job.</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>

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