



NOTES OF GUIDANCE FOR YOUR EXCHANGE DESTINATION

University of Toronto, Canada

Fast Facts:

Website:	General university website Exchange students' website
Language of instruction:	English
Semester dates:	Semester 1 (Fall): September to December Semester 2 (Winter): January to April
Number of students currently enrolled	97,000
Campuses	<p>There are three campuses at the University of Toronto: the downtown campus, St. George; a campus 30km to the north east of Toronto, the Scarborough Campus; and a campus 30km south west, the Mississauga campus.</p> <p>Each campus offers many similar courses as well as some unique programmes.</p> <p>Students can indicate a campus choice preference.</p>
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>Restrictions may differ by campus</p> <p>St. George: Computer Science and Rotman Commerce courses have limited capacity</p> <p>Scarborough: The Co-op (work placement) program and any Joint Program courses taught at Centennial College (Paramedicine, Journalism, New Media Studies) are not available to exchange students. <i>Programs with limited capacity:</i> please refer to the UTSC website.</p> <p>Mississauga: Some programs in Visual Arts and CCIT have courses offered at Sheridan College but have limited capacity for hosting exchange students. Management courses are also extremely competitive and difficult for exchange students to enrol in.</p>
General Costs	Cost of living can be between \$1,200 CAD and \$1,800 CAD a month depending on location and lifestyle choices.

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	Including flight and visa costs this could total around \$19,000 CAD for the academic year.
About the University	<p>General Information The University of Toronto is one of the largest institutions (by student head count) in North America, outside of Mexico. Since there are so many students at the University, students are divided by their Faculty, as well as into colleges if they are a part of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. Colleges have their own: residence allocation, registrars, student services and writing workshops, and are generally present to provide a smaller group to whom students belong, creating a sense of community.</p> <p>St. George Campus Set in the centre of Toronto, one of the world's most dynamic and diverse cities, it is a place where students, staff and faculty engage with a vibrant academic life and countless co-curricular activities. Life and learning takes place at many innovative landmarks across campus. Experience the treasures in the 1970s larger-than-life Robarts Library or conduct some cyber-sleuthing at the Citizen Lab. Students have access to some of the world's leading minds. After all, ten Nobel Laureates have taught, or were students themselves, on this very campus.</p> <p>Scarborough Campus Experiential education is the hallmark of the UTSC campus. Students get a head start on their futures through hands-on research, community engagement and a vibrant campus life. Located next to popular natural landmarks in Toronto's greenest area, the UTSC campus is experiencing dynamic growth. The new Aquatics Centre and Field House represents Canada's largest investment in amateur sport infrastructure, opened in 2015 for the Pan Am/Parapan Am Games.</p> <p>Mississauga (UTM) UTM features 15 academic departments, 148 programs, and 89 areas of study, offering undergraduate and interdisciplinary graduate studies programs. The campus also boasts a vibrant research environment and many of its faculty and researchers are recognized internationally for their innovative work. UTM's facilities are situated on 225 acres of protected greenbelt along the Credit River, with direct shuttle bus service to and from St. George campus.</p>

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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 the University of Toronto, 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 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>Course finder</p> <p>St. George Faculty and Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arts & Science• Applied Science & Engineering• Daniels, Faculty of Architecture, Landscape & Design• Law (second entry degree)• Kinesiology & Physical Education• Music• School of Graduate Studies <p>Course enrolment guidance can be found here.</p> <p>Scarborough Programs and Courses of Special Interest UTSC offers standard Humanities, Social Sciences, Science and Management programs (English literature, Statistics, Economics, etc.), but also some interesting and unique programs listed below.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts Management • Global Asia Studies • Population Health • International Development Studies • Critical Migration Studies • Food Studies • Mental Health Studies • Management & International Business • City Studies <p>Mississauga Programs and Courses of Special Interest Along with standard Humanities, Social Sciences, Science and Management programs UTM offers some unique programs listed below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication, Culture, Information and Technology • South Asian Civilizations • Visual Studies • Forensic Science Program • MSc in Sustainability Management • Management & Innovation • Psychology <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>What can I study as an inbound exchange student from the University of Edinburgh? Provides details of restricted courses.</p> <p>St. George: Computer Science, Sociology, Statistics, and Rotman Commerce courses have limited capacity</p> <p>Scarborough restrictions</p> <p>Mississauga restricted programs: Some programs in Visual Arts and CCIT have courses offered at Sheridan College that have limited capacity for hosting exchange students. Management and commerce courses are also extremely competitive and difficult for exchange students to enrol in.</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>
<p>Orientation</p>	<p>Orientation details will be sent via email to admitted students. Some information about the programming at the three campuses can be found here.</p>

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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!

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University Accommodation	<p>St. George: Accommodation is not guaranteed for exchange students at the St George campus. Housing Services offers assistance and advice to all students on housing-related matters. They can assist with finding on-campus and off-campus accommodations after admission as an exchange student.</p> <p>Scarborough: UTSC Student Residence provides 765 self-catered spaces on-campus to both international and domestic students. Students generally live in their own room with shared cooking and common areas, either in the Townhouses or Joan Foley Hall (apartment-style). The application process is very competitive and places are not guaranteed for students coming during Fall and/or Winter.</p> <p>Mississauga: UTM Residence offers a variety of on-campus accommodation options. The application process is very competitive and places are not guaranteed for students coming during Fall and/or Winter. See housing information on the UTM website.</p>
Private Accommodation	<p>St. George: Off campus housing website – note that accommodation in downtown Toronto is incredibly expensive</p> <p>Scarborough: Off campus housing website</p> <p>Mississauga: Off campus housing website</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

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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>See this website for a breakdown of the approximate monthly cost of living at each campus (scroll to the bottom).</p> <p>St. George: \$1,769 CAD per month (Accommodation near St. George can be incredibly expensive, ~\$1,400 CAD for a room)</p> <p>Scarborough: \$1,211 CAD per month</p> <p>Mississauga: \$1,578 CAD per month</p> <p>Also consider that flights to Toronto could cost around \$1,500 CAD</p> <p>Visa: \$150 CAD + possible biometric costs</p> <p>Total estimated costs for the year: ~\$19,000 CAD</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>The University Health Insurance Plan is mandatory for exchange students. For the 21/22 year the cost was \$63 CAD per month. More information can be found on this site under 'Pay for your health insurance'</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>

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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>Toronto immigration support website</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>
Disability Statement and Accessibility	<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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