



# RICE UNIVERSITY

## FACT SHEET FOR PROSPECTIVE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

### 2026-2027



<http://www.rice.edu/>

Rice University is a private and independent university dedicated to the "advancement of letters, science, and art." Rice attracts a diverse group of highly talented students with a range of academic studies including the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, architecture, music, and business management.

**Location:** Houston, Texas, USA

### Step 1: **NOMINATION**



### Step 2: **APPLICATION**

Only nominated students whose eligibility has been confirmed may access Rice University's online exchange application (no hardcopies needed). Applications are due by the following dates:

**APRIL 1**

Semester(s) of Exchange  
Fall, Academic Year

**OCTOBER 1**

Semester of Exchange  
Spring

## Office of Study Abroad

Rice University Office of Study Abroad  
6100 Main Street, MS 539  
Houston, TX 77005  
USA





## Eligibility

- Home institution nomination
- Undergraduate student currently enrolled at a Rice partner institution
- At time of applying, one full academic year already completed at home institution
- Minimum GPA 3.00 on 4.00 scale (or equivalent)
- In good academic and judicial standing
- Demonstrated English language proficiency

*Required if the language of instruction in the student's country of origin is not English (even if the language of instruction at the home university is English).*

- Minimum acceptable **TOEFL** iBT score: **100**
- Minimum acceptable **IELTS** score: **7**
- Minimum acceptable **Duolingo** score: **130**
- Minimum acceptable **Cambridge English Exams (C1 or C2)** score: **185**

## Medical Requirements

- **Health Data Form**  
[health.rice.edu/new-students/health-data-form](http://health.rice.edu/new-students/health-data-form)
- **Health Insurance**  
[oiss.rice.edu/studenthealth](http://oiss.rice.edu/studenthealth)

## Estimated Cost

Semester Cost Estimates for 2025-2026:

<i>(Tuition - Waived)</i>	<i>(\$33,270.00)</i>
Orientation fees + O-Week additional room and board	\$ 1,295.00
Room and board for the semester	\$ 9,775.00
Mandatory university fees	\$ 478.50
Textbooks	\$ 700.00
Transportation	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance	\$1,250.00 / \$ 1,750.00
Personal expenses	\$ 1,425.00
<b>Total Cost Estimate (including airfare) <u>per exchange semester</u></b>	<b>Approximately \$16,500.00</b>



## Coursework

- Minimum: 12 credits (full-time)
- Maximum: 15 (-18) credits


### Not available to exchange students


Courses in the Shepherd School of Music and the School of Architecture are not available to exchange students unless they are offered specifically to non-major undergraduates.

### Courses available to exchange students

Provided that pre-requisites for courses are met, all undergraduate courses in the Schools of Engineering, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities and Business are open to exchange students. Enrollment in desired courses cannot be guaranteed and will always be subject to availability in terms of course capacity and scheduling restraints. Course registration is completed during orientation.

 **Schools, Majors and Minors**  
[rice.edu/majors-minors-and-programs](https://rice.edu/majors-minors-and-programs)

 **Course Schedule** - specific search by semester  
[courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main](https://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main)

 **Course Catalog** - all possible courses at Rice  
[courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main?p\\_action=cata](https://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main?p_action=cata)

 **Academic Calendar**  
- scroll down to find future semester calendars  
[registrar.rice.edu/calendars](https://registrar.rice.edu/calendars)

## Accommodation

All visiting exchange students are automatically placed into Rice on-campus housing (no separate application needed). Students will be randomly sorted into each of the eleven residential colleges.

 **Residential Colleges** - Rice's student housing system  
[dou.rice.edu/residential-colleges-overview](https://dou.rice.edu/residential-colleges-overview)

## Dates for Admitted Students

*\*final dates to be announced\**

### Fall Semester 2026

#### Mandatory Orientation

Mid August, 2026

#### Semester Start / End

August 24 - December 15, 2026

### Spring Semester 2027

#### Mandatory Orientation

Early January, 2027

#### Semester Start / End

January 11 - May 4, 2027