



RICE UNIVERSITY

FACT SHEET FOR PROSPECTIVE EXCHANGE STUDENTS



2025-2026

<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**

All prospective exchange students must apply first at their home institution to be nominated for the exchange program. Nominations are due by the following dates:

MARCH 15

Semester(s) of Exchange
Fall, Academic Year

SEPTEMBER 15

Semester of Exchange
Spring

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
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Houston, TX 77005
USA



*Office at Rice coordinating
the exchange*





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**

Medical Requirements

- Health Data Form
health.rice.edu/new-students/health-data-form
- Health Insurance
oiss.rice.edu/studenthealth

Estimated Cost

Semester cost estimates for 2024-2025:

(Tuition - Waived)	(\$31,437.00)
Orientation fees + O-Week additional room and board	\$ 1,240.00
Room and board for the semester	\$ 9,050.00
Mandatory university fees	\$ 462.50
Textbooks	\$ 700.00
Transportation	\$ 1,500.00
Insurance	\$1,250.00 / \$ 1,750.00
Personal expenses	\$ 1,425.00
Total Cost Estimate (including airfare) <u>per exchange semester</u>	\$16,000.00



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



Course Schedule – specific search by semester
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

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

Dates for admitted students

Fall Semester

Mandatory Orientation

August 15-22, 2025 (tentative)

Semester Start / End

August 25 - December 16, 2025

Spring Semester

Mandatory Orientation

January 8-9, 2026 (tentative)

Semester Start / End

January 12 - May 5, 2026