

Information for **EXCHANGE PARTNERS**

2018-19

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

NAME:	University of Notre Dame
LOCATION:	Notre Dame, Indiana, USA
SETTING:	Small City
STATE OR PRIVATE:	Private
YEAR FOUNDED:	1842
FACULTY:	1305
NATIONAL RANKING:	15 (2017 U.S. News and World Report)
STUDENTS:	12393 Total students 8530 Undergraduate 3863 Graduate/Professional 527 International Undergraduate 793 International Graduate/Professional

Notre Dame is a leading American research university that offers undergraduate, professional, and graduate students a unique academic environment. Enriched by Catholic intellectual and cultural traditions, it is a place that throughout its history has promoted excellent teaching. Its undergraduate program is consistently ranked among the top 20 universities in the United States by various sources including U.S. News and World Report, Time, Kiplinger's, Kaplan/Newsweek, and Forbes. Notre Dame is also well known for its vibrant campus life and a high level of student engagement. It is located adjacent to South Bend, Indiana, the center of a metropolitan area with a population of more than 300,000. Notre Dame is 1.5 hours east of Chicago.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Notre Dame International
University of Notre Dame
105 Main Building
Notre Dame, IN 46556
USA
University Website: nd.edu/

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Our exchange programs are credit-bearing programs that allow international students from our partner universities to take 12-18 credits during a semester spent abroad at the University of Notre Dame. Students also have the option of spending a full academic year at Notre Dame. Students take classes offered by the Colleges of Arts & Letters, Science, Engineering, and School of Architecture. They will be given an official Notre Dame transcript upon the completion of the program. Students will be able to select their courses after they are admitted to the program. Please note that registration for some courses, however, will depend upon the availability of spots and commitment from the department.

Notre Dame International Website: international.nd.edu/

Program Website: international.nd.edu/exchange-programs/

Notre Dame International (NDI) provides:

- Orientation (mandatory)
- Welcome Dinner
- Social Events
- Peer Mentoring Program
- Farewell Dinner
- Advising and Administrative Services
- Intercultural Communications Class

Experience Notre Dame:

- Attend classes taught by world renowned professors
- Experience the unmatched sense of community on campus
- Participate in student activities in our state-of-the-art facilities
- Understand the religious and intellectual traditions that are unique to Notre Dame
- Cultivate your sense and responsibility to be a force for good

APPLICATION DEADLINES

For fall semester and full-year programs: March 31st

For spring semester: October 1st

To apply, please visit our [application portal](#).

DURATION

Minimum: 1 semester (fall or spring)

Maximum: 2 semesters (full academic year)

International Student Orientation is mandatory upon arrival at Notre Dame. For information about semester dates and breaks, please visit our [Academic Calendar](#).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be nominated by their home institution.
- Completion of online questionnaire on our [application portal](#).
- GPA of at least 3.0 or higher
- Proof of English proficiency: TOEFL min. 90; IELTS min. 7.0; other proof of English proficiency will be considered. Some students might be required to participate in an interview.
NOTE: Students whose native language is English or who study in a country where English is the main language do not have to submit an English proficiency test.
- Must have completed one year of study at home institution before starting at Notre Dame.
- Further documents:
 - Proof of financial ability, such as bank statement etc. (in English)
 - Personal Record Form (on our application portal)
 - Confidential Reference Form (on our application portal)
 - Transcript (in English)
 - Copy of valid passport

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

- Language of Instruction: English
- Course listings: Available on the [website](#) of the Office of the Registrar
- Areas of study available to exchange students: [College of Arts & Letters](#), [College of Science](#), [School of Architecture](#).
The [College of Business](#) and [College of Law](#) are unavailable at this time. The [College of Engineering](#) is limited.
- Academic load: Students are required to maintain a full course of study of at least 12 but not to exceed 17 credit hours.
- Class hours/week equivalent to 1 credit hour: 50 minutes per week per credit
- Numbers of weeks per semester: 16

GRADING SYSTEM

LETTER GRADE	POINT VALUE	DESCRIPTION
A	4	Truly Exceptional
A-	3.667	Outstanding
B+	3.333	Very Good
B	3.000	Good
B-	2.667	More than Acceptable
C+	2.333	Acceptable: Meets all Basic Standards
C	2.000	Acceptable: Meets most Basic Standards
C-	1.667	Acceptable: Meets some Basic Standards
D	1.000	Minimally Passing
F	0	Failure

SEMESTER PROGRAM COST (as of Fall 2018)

Notre Dame room and board for semester: *	\$7,705.00**
Health insurance <i>estimate</i> for semester: *	\$1,500.00
Technology Fee:*	\$125.00
Health Center Access Fee:*	\$75.00
Student Activity Fee:*	\$47.50
Observer Fee:*	\$6.00
<u>Billable subtotal:</u>	<u>\$9458.50</u>
Books and supplies	\$1,100.00
Suggested amount for personal expenses	\$1,200.00
<u>Non-billable subtotal:</u>	<u>\$2,300.00</u>
Total:	\$11758.50

* Billable item

** On-campus housing

In addition to the above items, students are responsible for their round trip airfare and passport/visa related fees.

HOUSING INFORMATION

Due to a shortage of on-campus accommodation at ND, exchange and visiting international students are not guaranteed on-campus housing. Thus, some students will need to secure their own off-campus housing. Students who wish to live on campus will need to fill out a housing application and will be entered in a lottery. Students living off campus are able to sign up for a ND meal plan and participate in dorm activities despite not living on campus.

VISA AND MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

All exchange students are required to obtain a J-1 student visa. Upon acceptance into the program, our office will issue a DS-2019 form, with which participants can apply for the J-1 visa at the nearest US Embassy or Consulate.

Before registration, students must submit a "Completed History and Physical Form" to the [Health Center](#). Required Vaccinations by the State of Indiana for college students include those listed under 'A' and either 'B' OR 'C' below:

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| A. | Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis: | Within the last 10 years |
| | <u>AND</u> Meningococcal Vaccine-Quadrivalent: | All incoming students under age 21 and living on campus; 1 dose after age 16 |
| B. | Rubeola (Hard Measles): | Must have had two measles vaccines, one after the first birthday, and one at least 28 days after the first one. |
| | <u>AND</u> Mumps: | Two vaccinations |
| | <u>AND</u> Rubella (German Measles): | One vaccination |
| C. | MMR: | Must have two doses, the first after age one, and the second at least 28 days after the first. |

Highly Recommended Immunizations:

- Hepatitis B
- Varicella (Chicken Pox)

Students are required to enroll in the University's [health insurance](#) plan.