

## Information for

# EXCHANGE PARTNERS

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### INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

NAME:	University of Notre Dame
LOCATION:	Notre Dame, Indiana,
SETTING:	USA Small City
STATE OR PRIVATE:	Private
YEAR FOUNDED:	1842
FACULTY:	1300+
NATIONAL RANKING:	#19 (2022 U.S. News and World Report)
STUDENTS:	1200+ Total students 8000+ Undergraduate 3800+ Graduate/Professional 500+ International Undergraduate 790+ 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 nearly 300,000. Notre Dame is 1.5 hours east of Chicago.

University Website: [nd.edu/](https://nd.edu/)  
Program Website: [gеп.nd.edu](https://gеп.nd.edu)  
[Application Portal](#)

## 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 Keough School of Global Affairs. 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 (NDI) provides:

- Orientation (mandatory)
- Welcome Lunch & Farewell Dinner
- Social Events & Activities
- Peer Mentoring Program
- Inter-cultural Communication Seminar (Optional)
- Advising and Administrative Services
- Access to Campus Resources and Facilities

### 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

## NOMINATION DEADLINES

For fall semester and full year programs: February 15th  
For spring semester: September 15th

Partner institutions will receive an email with nomination instructions and our nomination survey link on the day that applications open. The email will also include updated flyers and fact sheets as well as important additional information.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

For fall semester and full-year programs: January 15th - March 31st  
For spring semester: August 15th - 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, Duolingo English Test min. 115; 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)
  - 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](#), [College of Engineering](#) (CSE + ME limited availability), [Keough School of Global Affairs](#)
- Academic load: Students are required to maintain a full course of study of at least 12, but not to exceed 17/18 credit hours.
- Class hours/week equivalent to 1 credit hour: 50 minutes per week per credit
- Numbers of weeks per semester: 16
- **TRANSCRIPTS:** Students can order transcripts on the website of the [Registrar](#) at the end of each semester. They should do so before leaving campus. They may pick up their transcript in person once grades are published or choose to send it to their personal or home university address. Both hard copy and electronic versions are available. If students do not order transcripts before their departure, they will have to order through the "[Former Student Transcript Request](#)" form since their NDID and NetID will be deactivated. **An additional fee will be charged**, since students will no longer be enrolled as an ND student.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** OUR OFFICE IS UNABLE TO REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS ON STUDENT'S BEHALF AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEND A TRANSCRIPT TO THE STUDENT OR HOME INSTITUTION!

## COURSE RESTRICTIONS

- Law classes are not available for undergraduate exchange/visiting students.
- Graduate-level courses (courses numbered 50000+) are not available to undergraduate students.
- Courses in the Mendoza College of Business are only available to business majors. Business majors are allowed to take a maximum of one course (3 credit hours) at Mendoza.
- Courses in the following disciplines have limited availability: Aero/Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science Engineering.
- Architecture students [click here](#) for more information on school-specific restrictions.

## GRADING SYSTEM

LETTER GRADE	POINT VALUE	DESCRIPTION
A	4.000	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 Spring 2023)

Notre Dame room and board for semester: *	\$8,355.00**
<i>Health insurance Fall:*</i>	\$1,066.00
<i>Health insurance Spring:*</i>	\$1,734.00
<i>Health insurance full academic year:*</i>	\$2,800.00
Technology Fee:*	\$125.00
Health Center Access Fee:*	\$75.00
Student Activity Fee:*	\$47.50
Observer Fee:*	\$6.00

<b>Billable subtotal Fall:*</b>	<b>\$9,674.50</b>
<b>Billable subtotal Spring:*</b>	<b>\$10,342.50</b>
<b>Billable subtotal Academic Year:*</b>	<b>\$20,017.00</b>

\* Billable item

\*\* On-campus housing

### Additional non-billable expenses:

Round trip airfare:*	\$1,500.00
Books and supplies:*	\$1,100.00
Suggested amount for personal expenses:*	\$1,200.00

\*approximate for Academic Year

Students are responsible for their round trip airfare, passport/visa-related fees, books, and personal expenses.

### 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 into a lottery. We now have an option for students to apply to live in Sacred Heart Parish Center, at the edge of campus, if they do not receive on campus housing. To search for off-campus housing, students are encouraged to use the off-campus housing website [offcampus.nd.edu](http://offcampus.nd.edu). Students living off-campus can sign up for an ND meal plan.

## 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. For questions regarding visas and immigration, please visit [issa.nd.edu](https://issa.nd.edu).

## HEALTH & SAFETY

Before registration, students must submit a "Completed History and Physical Form" to the [Health Center](#). **Students are required to enroll in the University's health insurance plan or they may waive the insurance.** Required Vaccinations by the State of Indiana for college students can be found on the [University of Notre Dame Immunization Form](#).

All students are required to have a COVID-19 vaccination before attending classes on campus for the Fall 2023/Spring 2024 academic year. Students who do not submit vaccination documentation or receive an exemption will be unable to move into their residence halls, complete the [ND Roll Call](#) process to attend classes, or conduct research on campus. To meet the University's requirement, a vaccine must be approved by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) or the [World Health Organization](#) (WHO). Students who have questions regarding the acceptance of a particular vaccine should contact [University Health Services](#). Students who are unable to access the vaccine in their home state or country should contact UHS for consultation at least four weeks before arrival. The University also offers students the opportunity to apply for medical or religious exemptions. Exemptions are determined on a case-by-case basis, and in each case must be supported by specific documentation. To request an exemption, students should email UHS at [immunizations@nd.edu](mailto:immunizations@nd.edu) AFTER they have been admitted. More information about the university's response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the vaccination policy can be found at [covid.nd.edu](https://covid.nd.edu).