



Global Exchanges at Florida State 2026-27 Fact Sheet

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Institutional Profile

Florida State University is a public research university located in Tallahassee, Florida. Established in 1851, FSU has 17 colleges that offer more than 275 undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, professional, and specialist degree programs. There are more than 40,000 students enrolled at FSU. The average age for undergraduate students is 21. Students from all 50 states and over 130 countries are represented. For more information: www.fsu.edu/about/.

Deadlines for Nominations and Applications

The partner university coordinator nominates students by the deadlines below. Nominations are submitted online (link below). Please include the name, email, year of study, and area of study for each student as well as the grade point average and a transcript copy, if available.

After nominations are reviewed, application instructions will be sent by email to the student and the coordinator if the nomination is accepted. Please note the college and department restrictions noted on this Fact Sheet.

ONLINE NOMINATION FORM LINK:
fla.st/LL4F2E6B

<u>Semester</u>	<u>Nominations Open</u>	<u>Nomination Deadline</u>	<u>Student App. Deadline</u>
Fall	January 1	February 1	February 15
Spring	August 1	September 1	September 15



Requirements For Incoming Exchange Students

Academic Profile

- Must be a degree-seeking student at the home university.
- Must be in good academic standing:
 - Undergraduate students with at least a 3.0/4.0 GPA are preferred.
 - Students with lower than a 3.0 GPA will be considered.
- Studying and seeking courses in the academic college or departments that are partners within the specific exchange or academic areas offered by terms of the exchange agreement. Students with flexibility in course selection and academic requirements:
 - Exchange students need to have flexibility in course selection. Students with specific course requirements needed to graduate may not be able to fulfill these requirements while on exchange if the courses needed are not available.
 - Partner university coordinators are asked to confirm that the nominated students have flexibility in course selection during their exchange.

Finances

- Proof of financial support on the Certificate of Financial Responsibility form. Must show proof of finances for at least the amount listed to receive a J-1 visa.
 - Academic Year 2026/27: \$25,263
 - Fall 2026 only: \$ 11,070
 - Spring 2026 only: \$ 11,871

Documentation

- International Student Health Insurance Compliance
- Immunization Forms
- Official university transcript (scanned copy accepted)

English Language Level

- Required scores for language proficiency* (taken within the past 2 years):
 - TOEFL Internet based (IBTOEFL): 80
 - TOEFL iBT "My Best Scores" score and TOEFL Special Home Edition are also accepted. Institutional TOEFL reports are not accepted.
 - DuoLingo Exam: 120
 - International English Language Testing System (IELTS): 6.5
 - IELTS Indicator (test at home) is also accepted.
 - Cambridge C1 Advanced Exam: 180
 - Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB): 77
 - Pearson Test of English: 55



Academic Areas and Courses

It is important for exchange students to have flexibility in class selection. Some FSU classes may be limited due to high demand from current FSU students. Students with specific requirements from their home university may not be able to fulfill these requirements while on exchange and should have alternates. Students will be sent a list of classes currently offered classes and suggested for exchange students.

Academic Areas available for this Exchange Agreement

The following academic areas are available to students as part of this agreement:

- College of Arts & Sciences
- College of Social Sciences and Public Policy

Overview of Academic Colleges and Departments

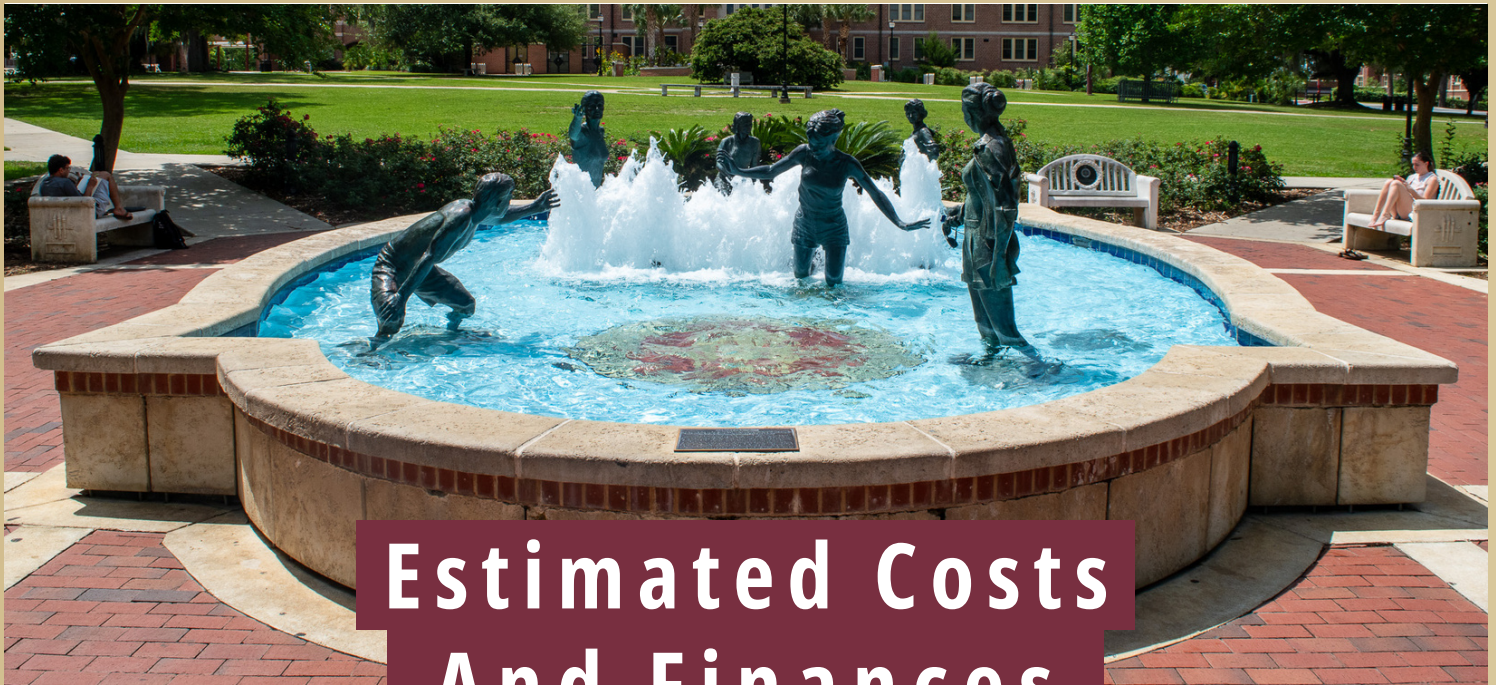
- Overview of academic colleges and departments, including course descriptions and prerequisites for classes within each academic department, see:
 - Undergraduate: <http://registrar.fsu.edu/bulletin/undergraduate/>

Course Search

- Student applicants will be sent a list of available courses for various areas in advance of their application deadline.
- Students may search courses offered at FSU by semester with the understanding that some class areas are not available or are restricted.
- The Class Search Snapshots provide a list of offered classes each semester: <https://registrar.fsu.edu/class-search-snapshots>. The list of class for the next semester is typically available 2 months before the start of the semester. Students searching in advance are advised to look at a prior year's term for the semester they are planning to attend FSU.

Course Registration Process

- Students will make initial requests for classes at the time of submitting their FSU Global Exchange application and the application will request students to include a number of alternate courses.
- The FSU Global Exchanges Program Director will advise students about available courses, suggest alternates if needed, and request registration permission for students from academic areas. The registration process can take several weeks and concludes before the start of classes.
- The Global Exchanges Program Director will register students in approved courses after permission is received from academic areas, and after exchange students have cleared registration holds for immunizations and health insurance.
- Students may take 1 online class per semester as part of their full-time course registration. Additional fees may apply for online classes.



Estimated Costs And Finances

Students must complete the "Certificate of Financial Responsibility" form before FSU can issue the immigration document (DS-2019) needed for the student visa (called the "J-1 Exchange Visitor" visa). The required minimum funds to show on the Certificate of Financial Responsibility is:

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Estimated Expenses *(These figures are average estimates and are subject to increase)*

The amount required for the student visa is based on estimated expenses from the following:

- **Tuition:** Paid to home university directly
- **Housing (on-campus):** \$4,100-\$4,500 on average per semester
- **Housing (off-campus):** \$850-1500 per month
- **Food:** \$600-800 per month
- **Books & Supplies:** \$600 per semester
- **Personal Expenses:** \$1,500 per semester
- **FSU Student Health Insurance:** Academic Year: \$3,363; Fall: \$1,282; Spring/Summer: \$2,083 (costs subject to change for 2026-2027 - will be updated in summer 2026)
- **FSU Student ID Card Fee:** \$5 per semester

Additional Expenses

In addition to the expenses listed above, students should budget for any personal travel during their program as well as for expenses during their 30-day grace period upon the end of their final semester as an exchange student. Many exchange students use that time to pursue travel throughout the US during the grading period. Personal travel is not included in the estimated cost of attendance.

Visa Information

After admission to FSU and enrolling in the required insurance, the Center for Global Engagement staff will review the student's financial documentation submitted with the application and will issue the immigration document required for the J-1 visa application (DS-2019). Students will be provided instructions about how to apply for the J-1 visa, which should be done as soon as possible after receiving the electronic form DS-2019.



Health Insurance and Immunizations

FSU Health Insurance Plan

Florida State University and the state of Florida, in addition to the US government, have specific requirements for health insurance for J-1, non-degree students. The FSU Student Health Plan offers comprehensive coverage that meets all of these requirements and allows students to use the FSU Student Health Center without paying for the visit and costs upfront. Therefore, it is recommended that international students enroll in the university's approved plan. Students may purchase insurance after receiving notice of admission to FSU and creating an "FSUID" login account.

Purchase the FSU Student Health Plan: <http://studentinsurance.fsu.edu/>.

Alternative Health Insurance Plan

In addition to the FSU Student Health Plan, an alternative option that meets the FSU/State of Florida/US government requirements is offered by a company named "ISO". Note that a cheaper health insurance plan generally does not mean it offers the same coverage as another plan. It is important to do one's research to make the best choice that meets an individual's needs.

There are two acceptable plans through ISO, listed at:

<https://www.isoa.org/Florida State University J1 Exchange>.

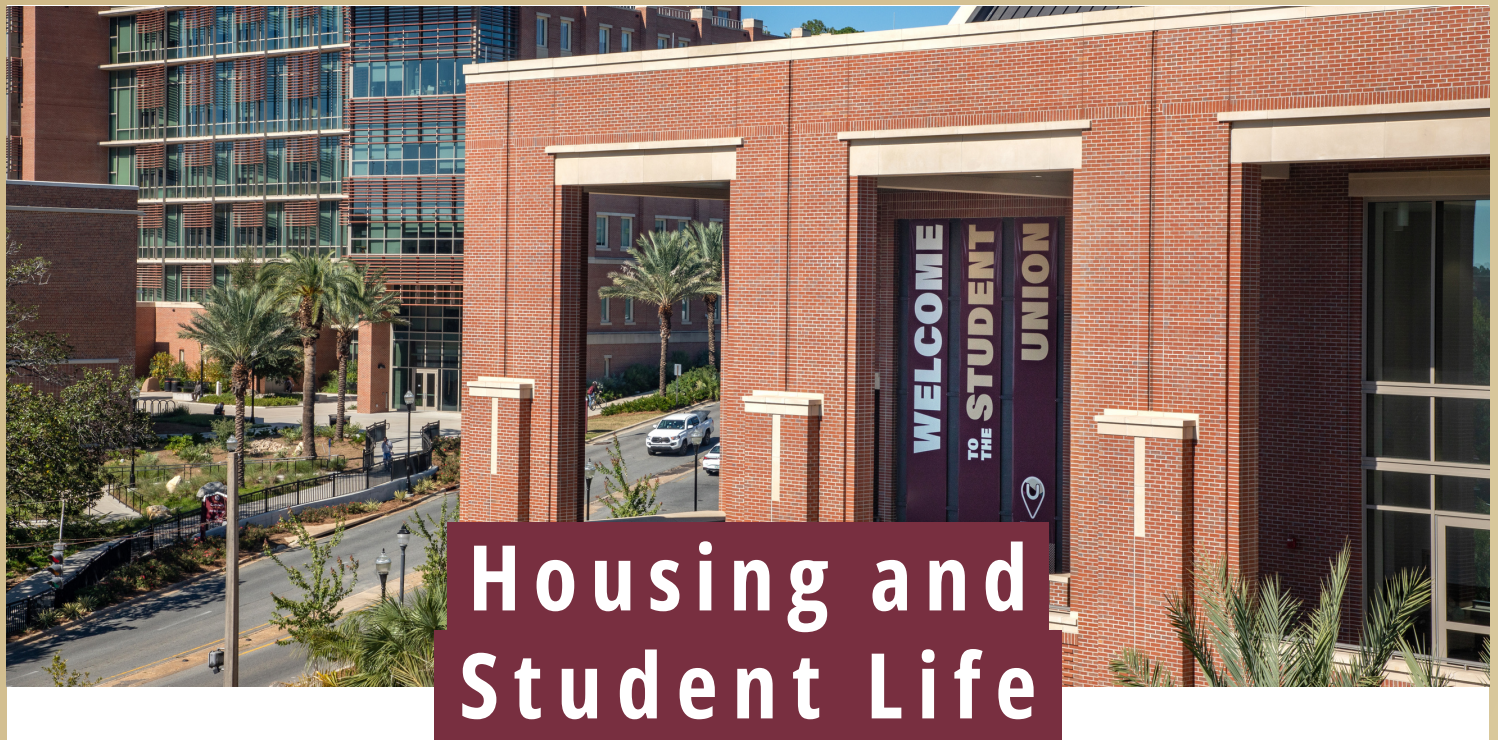
- Note that the ISO plans for 2025-2026 will be available in late Summer 2025. Students should wait to purchase insurance until notified that the new ISO plan is available.

J1 Exchange Health insurance and/or Travel insurance plans from the student's home country do not meet the very specific state requirements for mental health care, and they require students to pay for healthcare services out of pocket and apply for reimbursement, which can cause a significant financial burden during the short study program. Therefore, **only the FSU Student Health Plan or the 2 ISO health insurance plans mentioned above will be accepted. No other insurance plans will be reviewed or accepted to meet this requirement.** Students must submit proof of insurance enrollment after admission to FSU.

Immunization Requirements

All students are required to submit proof of immunizations before being registered for classes by the Center for Global Engagement. Two combined MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccinations administered after the student's 1st birthday and at least 28 days apart are required. The Immunization Form must be signed by a doctor or clinician.

Download the Immunization Form at: <https://studentinsurance.fsu.edu/immunization-requirements>.



Fall 2026:

Required Orientation: To be announced (students should arrive the week before classes start)

Classes Begin: August 24, 2026

Exams End: December 11, 2026

Spring 2027:

Required Orientation: To be announced (students should arrive the week before classes start)

Classes Begin: January 6, 2027

Exams End: April 30, 2027

Housing and Accommodations

Student accommodation may be available on campus but is not guaranteed due to high student demand. Students seeking on-campus housing should apply as soon as possible after being formally admitted to FSU. <http://housing.fsu.edu>. Students cannot apply for on-campus housing until after receiving their FSU ID login. A deposit is due within 7 days of a student signing a housing contract. The housing contract cannot be canceled later if a student decides to not live on campus so students should consider their options carefully! Students living on campus are typically assigned a double, shared room. Single rooms are very limited and students wanting single rooms should consider off-campus options. On-campus housing also closes for official university breaks such as Winter Break and Spring Break. Students living on campus need to find alternate accommodations at their own expense.

For off-campus housing, the Center for Global Engagement maintains a list of off-campus apartments at: <http://cge.fsu.edu/living-tallahassee/housing>. The "Short Term" housing options section lists apartments offering less than 12-month leases. Off-campus housing may be limited, particularly if only attending FSU for one semester. Furnished apartments may be available but are offered at a higher monthly cost. For additional information about living in Tallahassee: www.cge.fsu.edu/living-tallahassee.

Meal Plan Options

Students living on or off-campus may purchase a meal plan to use the FSU dining halls and retail food service locations at: <https://seminoledining.campusdish.com/>.

Student Buddy Program

Exchange students have the option to request a "buddy" from our Global Noles Mentor Program. The "Global Nole" is a current FSU student who volunteers to help an incoming exchange student with questions before arrival and maintains a social connection with the student during the student's exchange period at FSU. Students will receive more information for requesting a "Global Nole" after admission.