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International Exchange Fact Sheet • Academic Year 2017—2018



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Applications sent to Alex Kailer



Academic Calendar and Important Dates

Fall Deadlines

Nomination Deadline: March 1

Application Deadline: April 1

Spring Deadlines

Nomination deadline: September 1

Application deadline: October 1

Academic Calendar

Fall 2017

Orientation: August 16 - 28* (attendance required)

Classes: August 28 - December 8

Final Exam Period: December 11 - December 15

Spring 2018

Orientation: January 24 - 28* (attendance required)

Classes: January 29, 2018 - May 11

Final Exam Period: May 14 - 18

**Arrival and orientation dates will be confirmed in admission letters. Do not purchase flights before confirmation of dates.*



Holidays & Breaks

Labor Day Holiday: September 4, 2017

Mid-term Break: October 13-15, 2017

Thanksgiving Holiday: November 22-26, 2017

Spring Break: March 19-25, 2018

Note on Winter Term:

Miami University now offers a Winter Term during the first three weeks of January. Academic year exchange students may enroll in Winter Term courses at their own expense. Winter term course tuition is not covered by exchange benefits.

Orientation and Arrival



A comprehensive required orientation is provided to all incoming exchange students that will include sessions on immigration, American classroom culture, academic integrity, support services at Miami, and social activities with other exchange and international students. Current Miami students are selected as International Peer Orientation Leaders (iPOLs) and assist with incoming students' transition to Miami. Students arriving for the fall semester are also able to participate in Miami's *Welcome Week* activities for all new Miami students.

Miami University offers a \$30 bus service from Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport for all incoming international students and has arranged a discounted airport hotel rate for those who need it. Additional information on the bus service and hotel can be found by clicking 'Arrival to Oxford' at <http://miamioh.edu/global/international/students/new-students/arrival/index.html>.



Application Instructions

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND TIMELINE	FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER
<p><u>Nomination Deadline</u></p> <p>Exchange coordinators should email the following information for each nominated student to the appropriate Miami University contact:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">-Name, Academic Major, Term of Study</p>	March 1	September 1
<p><u>Application Deadline</u></p> <p>After the exchange coordinator has made nominations by email, exchange applicants apply online at: http://MiamiOH.edu/study-abroad/exchange-application</p> <p>Exchange coordinators are asked to send the following hard copy documents for all applicants in a single express mail package to Sarah O’Connell. Applicants can download the forms from the online application.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Exchange Student Financial Form, including bank statement or balance verification</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signed Disciplinary Questionnaire</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Official Transcript (<i>must be an original document in English issued by the institution and include an original institutional stamp, signature or seal</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Copy of Passport photo page</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Initial Class Selection Form</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Official TOEFL or IELTS scores</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Minimum for admission is 80 iBT or 6.5 IELTS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Students hoping to take courses in the Farmer School of Business are recommended to have an 85 iBT or better to be successful</i></p>	April 1*	October 1*
Mailing of admission letters and immigration documents	May 15	November 15

*Application documents received after the deadline can delay admission letters, immigration documents, and course registration.

Course Offerings



Students typically take between 12-16 credits during each exchange semester. Students can access course descriptions and prerequisite information at the following website (select appropriate year and then ‘Courses of Instruction’ on the left hand column): <http://miamioh.edu/academics/bulletin/>

Students can search course offerings by term at <http://www.admin.MiamiOH.edu/cfapps/courselist/>.

IMPORTANT NOTE ON BUSINESS COURSES: Business majors who meet prerequisites for business classes (ACC, BUS, BLS, BTE, ECO, ESP, FIN, ISA, MGT, and MKT) are eligible to take up to three business courses only, no more than two from the same department. Due to high demand for business courses, students are encouraged to be flexible with course selections. Placement in preferred courses is not guaranteed.

A surcharge of \$100 **per credit hour** is assessed for business courses and is **not** covered by exchange benefits. Contact Jenni Kim at jenni.kim@MiamiOH.edu for questions concerning this fee.

Housing

Exchange students are housed in on-campus residence halls. Rooms are generally double occupancy. Residence hall options can be found at: <http://www.miamioh.edu/housing>

On-campus Rate: \$4,015-\$4,982 per semester + \$420 Residential Fee. An advance Oxford Campus enrollment deposit of \$330.00 are charged to all incoming resident students. This fee will be refunded provided there are no damages to your room. Rates by room type can be found at the above link. *Rates are subject to change.*

Off-campus Option: Students who are 21 years or older or have completed two full years of university study have the option of living off-campus with home university approval, unless required by your exchange program to live on campus. Students choosing to live off campus are responsible for finding their own accommodations. Recommendations for off-campus housing can be found at <https://miamioh.edu/student-life/off-campus-outreach/housing-search/index.html>

ORIENTATION AND BREAK HOUSING: Temporary housing is provided during orientation and prior to the official opening of the residence halls for a per night fee. Students will also incur a fee per night if they stay in dorm rooms during Thanksgiving break, winter break/term or spring break. These periods are not covered by housing contracts. **Contact exchange advisor for nightly rates.*



Dining



Miami University offers its exchange students living on campus a standard dining plan with 262 meals per semester at our buffet locations, and a declining balance of \$500 to use at our a la carte and market locations.

The standard meal plan is \$2,496. This includes the cost of 262 buffet meals and a \$500 declining balance. *Rates are subject to change.* You can add funds to your declining balance plan at any time during the semester. Please note that buffet meals do not transfer from one semester to another. **Unused declining balance meal plan dollars are non-**

refundable. Plan your semester's meals accordingly.

There are six all-you-can-eat dining locations along with dozens of cafes and restaurants on-campus. Dining options can be found at <http://www.miamioh.edu/dining>.

Please note that dining halls will have limited openings or may be closed during break periods and orientation.

Health Insurance

Miami University requires all students to carry the Miami University health insurance plan. Costs of this plan can be obtained from your exchange student advisor. You can find more information about this plan here:

<http://miamioh.edu/student-life/student-health-service>

As a J-1 student, you are required to have the following benefits:

- 1) Medical benefits of at least U.S.\$100,000 per person per accident or illness
- 2) Repatriation of remains in the amount of U.S.\$25,000
- 3) Expenses associated with medical evacuation in the amount of U.S.\$50,000

J-1 Visa Requirements: Sponsors are to require that their participants (and any dependents entering the United States as holders of a J-2 visa) have insurance in effect during the period of time they are in the sponsor's program. An insurance policy secured to meet the benefits requirements must be underwritten by an insurance corporation with an A.M. Best rating of "A-" or above, an Insurance Solvency International, Ltd. (ISI) rating of "A-1" or above, a Standard and Poor's Claims Paying Ability rating of "A-" or above, or a Weiss Research, Inc. rating of B+ or above. Alternatively, the sponsor may ascertain that the participant's policy is backed by the full faith and credit of the government of the exchange visitor's home country.

The Miami University policy fulfills these requirements.

Programs and Events

Exchange Student Receptions take place at the beginning and end of each semester. They provide the opportunity for exchange students to meet and socialize, as well as interact with staff and faculty.

NationaliTea celebrates a different culture or holiday each week, complete with food, drinks, music, activities, slideshow, etc. There is also a raffle drawing for prizes each week. This event is open to all students, international and domestic, and provides a great opportunity for students to make new friends and practice speaking English.

The Global Buddies program introduces international students to American students for the purpose of practicing language and cultural exchange. Scheduled activities are offered each semester to provide Global Buddy participants with opportunities to meet and interact with one another.

Bus Trips take students out of Oxford to explore nearby attractions including King's Island, Cincinnati's biggest amusement park; Kenwood Mall; Outlet Malls; and Jungle Jim's International Market.

The International Student Organization is a student organization made up of international and domestic students interested in international and/or multicultural issues. ISO plans events for students each semester, including a Thanksgiving break trip to Chicago in the Fall semester and a week long international festival in Spring semester called Intercontinental Week.

