Office of Global Engagement
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Incoming Exchange Information Sheet

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Application Requirements & Process

Incoming Exchange Student Application Materials

1. Online OGE StudyAway Exchange Program Application
   - Undergraduate, Graduate, and Intensive English Language Exchange Options
2. Undergraduate/ Graduate Application for Admission to UGA (no application fee)
   - Student must be in good standing and recommended by home university
3. Official transcript or grade report in English from home university
4. Proof of English language proficiency (minimum scores)
   - TOEFL iBT: TOEFL iBT: 4.0 recommended (80 recommended if taken prior to 2026)
   - IELTS: 6.5 (Graduate students: no sub-score below 6.0)
   - Cambridge International Examinations: Grade "D" (Undergraduate applicants only)
5. Medical History and Immunization Forms
6. Copy of Passport
7. Course Request Form
8. On-Campus Housing Application, if desired (online after acceptance)
9. DS-2019 request for J-1 visa (submit upon request after acceptance)

Nominations & Application Deadlines

Fall Semester →	March 1 Nomination →	March 25 Application
Spring Semester →	September 15 Nomination →	October 15 Application

University of Georgia's bilateral and research exchanges are made possible by BridgeUSA. Learn more at https://www.bridgeusa.state.gov/. While connecting global leaders and students, BridgeUSA programs at UGA create lasting impacts on our campus community, providing academic excellence, diversity, and cultural exchange.

Academic Information

Level of Study

- Undergraduate or graduate, depending on exchange agreement and/or OGE approval

Areas of Study Available

- Agricultural and Evironmental Sciences
- Arts and Sciences
- Business
- Ecology
- Engineering
- Public Health
- Forestry and Natural Resources
- Interational Affairs
- Journalism
- Education
- Environment and Design
- Family and Consumer Sciences

Course Limitations

- Courses in Terry College of Business, SPIA School of Public and International Affairs, and Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication have some restrictions
- Students are not permitted to take courses in Law, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine

UGA Schedule of Classes Offered

- Classes offered in previous and upcoming semester
- https://reg.uga.edu/registration/schedule-of-classes/

UGA Bulletin

- Description of courses, pre-requisites and syllabi
- https://bulletin.uga.edu/

Semester Course Load

- Undergraduate: Minimum of **12**
- Graduate: Minimum of **9**
- Graduate with teaching/ research assistantships: Minimum of **12**

Please Note

- Students should confirm approval of UGA classes with home university
- Students are not guaranteed requested courses due to university restrictions, including class size, timetable, and previous study requirements

Transcript Issue Date

Fall Semester → January

Spring Semester → June

Additional Information

Student Visa & UGA Immigration Services

- After acceptance, students will request the DS-2019 form which is needed to apply for a J-1 Student Exchange Visa
- Plan to demonstrate required funding cost per semester for academic and personal expenses
- https://globalengagement.uga.edu/international-students

Student Housing

- UGA On-Campus Housing: Assignments made based on availability in UGA Reed, Payne, or Brown Hall. These are shared rooms with roommate: https://housing.uga.edu/
- Off-Campus Housing: Arrangements made independently by students: https://offcampushousing.uga.edu/listing

Insurance

- UGA Insurance Policy for International Students is required and automatically assigned
- https://hr.uga.edu/benefits-wellbeing/health-insurance-retirement-plans/student-health-insurance/mandatory-plan/

Estimated Semester Budget - Based on 2026-2027 Rates

Orientation Program	$199/$350 with housing	**Personal Expenses**	$1,645
Housing	$4,419	**Health Insurance***	$1,317/$1,825
Meals**	$2,395	**International Student Compliance Fee**	$82
Books/Supplies	$500	**TOTAL (USD)**	$10,557/$11,216

**All-Access 7-Day Meal Plan

*First price listed indicates Fall 2026 coverage and the second indicates Spring 2027 coverage

Transportation to Athens

- Air travel to Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport recommended; Groome Transportation shuttle service available from airport to UGA campus https://groometransportation.com/athens/

International Student Orientation

- Recommended orientation program hosted by The Center for Global and Cultural Student Engagement (CGCSE), covering campus life, immigration, academics, and cultural adjustment. Orientation fee includes housing, meals, and excursions.
- https://cgcse.uga.edu/gse/orientation/

UGA Academic Calendar - Fall

- https://reg.uga.edu/calendars/academic-calendars/

August 8	Early move-in date for Orientation, extra fee charged
August 10	Arrival Date for Student Orienation
August 10-14	International Student Orientation (ISO) by GSE
August 17 at 5PM	OGE Orientation (For NSE students as well as international students who did not attend the ISO)
August 17	First Day of Classes
August 17-21	Class Add/Drop Period
September 7	Labor Day Holiday - No Classes
October 30	Fall Break - No Classes
November 11	Course Withdrawl Deadline
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Holiday Break - No Classes
December 1	Last Day of Classes
December 3-9	Final Exam

UGA Academic Calendar - Spring

- https://reg.uga.edu/calendars/academic-calendars/

January 7	Arrival Date
January 8	Spring International Student Orientation
January 11	OGE Orientation (For NSE students as well as international students who did not attend the ISO)
January 11	First Day of Classes
January 11-15	Class Add/Drop Period
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - No Classes
March 8-12	Spring Break - No Classes
April 7	Course Withdrawl Deadline
April 26	Last Day of Classes
April 28-May 4	Final Exams