



Fact sheet

Incoming exchange students



University information

Our picturesque downtown campus in the heart of the nation's capital offers a student lifestyle that appeals to urban hipsters and nature lovers alike. Parliament Hill, the Supreme Court, the bustling Byward Market and a vast network of historic canals and hiking trails are at our doorstep. Students have easy access to gigs, festivals, theatre, good eats, and art galleries. This town is booming, offering plenty of opportunities to connect and network with knowledge-based companies.



Student population:
48,000 +



International Ranking:
Ranked among the world's
top 200 universities



Application Process

Nomination:

exchange students must be nominated by their home university. Coordinators will receive nomination instructions by email.

Application:

nominated exchange students will receive a link via email to finalize their online application within our portals.

- ◆ Applicant file evaluation period for fall term or winter term and academic year: mid-April to end of June.

[Visit our website to learn more about the nomination and application procedures.](#)

Important: Any applications that are **INCOMPLETE** at the time of submission will not be reviewed or considered for exchange at uOttawa, and we will not follow up with the student or partner. To avoid disappointment, make sure you submit all the necessary documents for evaluation purposes.

Important dates and deadlines

Fall term or winter term and academic year



Recommended arrival dates



A virtual orientation will be provided closer the arrival date to prepare incoming students for their time at uOttawa.

For the dates and deadlines that apply specifically to you, see the [important dates and deadlines website](#).

Academic information

Requirements

- ◆ Minimum overall average required for exchange students: 70% (B) or equivalent, 70% or higher for graduate studies.
- ◆ All uOttawa [Faculties and Departments](#) are open to exchange students, **except** the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Education (undergraduate) and the Telfer School of Management.
- ◆ Exchange students should enrol in a full-time course load per term:
 - Undergraduate studies: minimum of four courses (12 credits) and maximum of five courses (15 credits)
 - Graduate studies: three courses (nine credits). Students may not register in both undergraduate and graduate-level courses.

Selecting courses

- ◆ See the course timetable to find out which courses are offered at uOttawa.
- ◆ Compulsory courses in some programs may be open to University of Ottawa students only. [See restricted courses.](#)
- ◆ Your letter of acceptance will reflect the faculty in which you have chosen to take most of your courses. Select courses that are relevant to your study background.
- ◆ Exchange students can register in English as a Second Language (ESL) and French as a Second Language (FSL) courses at no extra cost. Students may take both an ESL and an FSL course. Registration in selected ESL or FSL courses is determined by results of an [online language placement test](#).
- ◆ After receiving your letter of acceptance, **submit your course registration request form to your uOttawa faculty**. You cannot register on your own, as this is a manual process done by faculty representatives.

Language requirements

Courses at the University of Ottawa are taught in English or French. You must submit the results of a language proficiency test in the language you wish to study in, if that language is not your mother tongue. Such results must not be more than two years old by the time of the application.

[See the language requirements for undergraduate and graduate studies in English and French.](#)



Housing at uOttawa



Off campus housing

In Ottawa, students commonly live in offcampus housing. Since the University is in downtown Ottawa, there are neighbourhoods such as Sandy Hill and Centretown that are known for their student housing and affordable prices.

We strongly suggest you consider offcampus housing as an option for living in Ottawa. To find out more, check the Student Housing Billboard or reach out to the off-campus housing team (offcamp1@uOttawa.ca).

On campus housing

On-campus student residence housing may be available at the University of Ottawa.

Facilities include:

- ◆ main reception desk;
- ◆ mailboxes;
- ◆ Rez Café;
- ◆ Residents' Association Office;
- ◆ laundry room;
- ◆ bicycle and winter storage;
- ◆ activity lounge;
- ◆ shared, non-coed bathrooms on all floors.

Please note that there is **no guaranteed housing in residence** for incoming exchange students. Applying to live on campus is a time-consuming process with limited chances of obtaining accommodation. As a result, we recommend you consider off-campus housing first.

University health Insurance plan (UHIP)

The University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) is mandatory for all incoming exchange students. It is not possible for exchange students to opt out of the UHIP if the exchange takes place in person.

Immigration services

Our international student advisers are Regulated Canadian Immigration Consultants (RCICs) or Regulated International Student Immigration Advisers (RISIAs), who can support you regarding your temporary stay

in Canada. More specifically, they can help you with your temporary resident status in Canada. If you have any queries about this, please visit their immigration FAQ.

After your exchange

uOInternational will send you and your home institution a copy of your official transcript via email.

- ◆ Fall term: transcript will be sent by the **end of February**.
- ◆ Winter term and academic year: transcript will be sent by the **end of June**.

The official transcript will only be provided electronically. If a paper copy is needed, the student will have to request it and pay the associated fees.

If your university requires that you complete a stay/attendance certificate, please send the document to incoming@uOttawa.ca by the end of the term. If the document is not properly filled out, **we will not proceed with your request**. Allow up to 10 business days for the document to be processed and returned to you.





Contact information

Student experience

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You can contact the mobility team
by email at incoming@uOttawa.ca.

For information on student
mobility agreements and Erasmus+
agreements, please contact us at
mobcollab@uOttawa.ca.

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