

FACT SHEET FOR BBA EXCHANGE STUDENTS

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The University of Texas at Austin
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 UT Austin COVID 19 page: <https://protect.utexas.edu/>
Important websites from Texas Global (UT's central international office):
 Exchange application site: <https://global.utexas.edu/iss/student-exchange/apply>
 Exchange immigration site: <https://global.utexas.edu/iss/student-exchange/immigration>

IMPORTANT DATES

FALL 2022

NOMINATION DEADLINE: February 15, 2022
APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 1, 2022
ORIENTATION: Mid-August
CLASSES BEGIN: Wednesday, August 22
LABOR DAY HOLIDAY: Monday, September 5
FALL/THANKSGIVING BREAK: November 21-26
CLASSES END: Monday, December 5
FINAL EXAMS: December 8-12
EARLIEST DEPARTURE DATE: December 13

SPRING 2023

NOMINATION DEADLINE: September 15
APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 1
ORIENTATION: Early January
CLASSES BEGIN: Tuesday, January 9
MLK Day: January 16 (UT closed; no classes held)
SPRING BREAK: March 13-18
CLASSES END: April 24
FINAL EXAMS: April 27 - May 1
EARLIEST DEPARTURE DATE: May 2



Please plan to arrive in Austin by the evening before orientation at the latest.
 Orientation dates/times will be determined later. Dates subject to change due to COVID-19.
 We'll notify you later of the exact details.

PROCEDURE AND COMMUNICATIONS

Students selected to come to UT will receive information over email from both the Exchange Advisors at Texas Global (online application, immigration/visa matters, insurance) and our office, BBA International Programs, which is in the business school and mostly handles academic matters like academic advising and course registration.

- We start emailing beginning in August for Spring; in February for Fall.
- Information is emailed to coordinators about completing the online application necessary to process the Certificate of Eligibility (DS-2019) for a visa. DS2019s are sent about 8 weeks after receipt of all required documents. Students pay a SEVIS fee and visa application fee to the nearest U.S. Consulate when applying for the visa.
- Information on accommodation, courses, etc. is on our website at <https://my.mcombs.utexas.edu/BBA/IP/Incoming-Exchange/Preparing>.
- Students will receive regular email updates from the BBA International Programs Staff as well as the Exchange Advisors at Texas Global.

LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

- **CLASS FORMAT:** Lectures, presentations, case studies, papers, presentations, group projects.
- **MODALITY:** As of Fall 2021, most classes are in-person with only a few options for virtual classes.
- **REGISTRATION:** Students provide initial course requests prior to arrival. Changes are allowed and classes cannot be guaranteed until formal registration occurs a few days before the beginning of classes during the orientation period. Students pay their student services fee & health insurance at this time and receive instructions during orientation. Course changes are possible during the first week of classes.
- **DEPARTMENTS:** The College of Business comprises six departments: Accounting, Finance, Management, Marketing, IROM (Information, Risk, & Operations Management) and BGS (Business, Government & Society). Beyond these areas, courses are available in international business, supply chain management, management and information systems, real estate and statistics. Students must take at least 2 business courses, and may choose offerings from other colleges.
- **ATTENDANCE & PARTICIPATION:** Class attendance is mandatory, and participation is an important part of most classes.
- **GRADING:** UT Austin uses a plus/minus (+/-) letter grade grading system. The grades are: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, and F. D- is the lowest passing mark. All students will receive a grade report at the end of the semester generated from the University's central Registrar. The report will be forwarded to the students' home institution. If the student desires (or the home institution requires) an official transcript, the student may submit a request and pay \$20 to the Office of the Registrar to receive a transcript on the spot or have it mailed. Only the student is permitted to request these records. <https://onestop.utexas.edu/student-records/grades/>
- **CLASS SIZE:** Average class size for required courses is approximately 70 students. For elective courses it is approximately 40.
- **COURSE LOAD:** Four courses are recommended; at least two must be business courses. Students must enroll in at least 12 credit hours, which generally consist of four classes.
- **EXAMINATIONS:** Formats vary. The final exam period usually begins the Wednesday following the end of classes.

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

Exchange students, particularly for fall, should begin serious arrangements inquiries early.

We recommend beginning by early November for spring and by April for fall. The BBA International Programs Office does not arrange housing for students, but we have various resources we will send you via email, and are available on our website, to assist in your own housing search.

Austin's housing market is difficult - even more so for short-term one-semester stays. Students may choose to live in a private residence hall, a co-op, or apartment. Students may also sublease from a UT student going abroad that semester. More housing options are available for spring than fall, as there is less competition for space. Realistically, students should expect to pay rents of around \$1000 per month. Suitable lodging close to campus is often more expensive. Residence hall prices range from \$700-\$2,000 per month with varying degrees of service. Please read more detailed housing information on our website, <https://my.mcombs.utexas.edu/BBA/IP/Incoming-Exchange/Preparing>.

SUBLEASING APARTMENTS

There are several websites and Facebook groups that list apartments available for sublease from UT students who are studying abroad that semester. This can be one of the best ways to find convenient housing, make friends, and get a different perspective while you're here! We will provide this information as students are admitted.

GLOBAL LIVING LEARNING COMMUNITY

This program houses international and exchange students with local students in an on-campus dorm. Not many spots available for this! For more info, see <https://housing.utexas.edu/housing/residence-halls/living-learning-communities>

RESIDENCE HALLS AND CO-OPS

For private residence halls, the standards for cleanliness, etc. are high enough that students can feel confident in finalizing all details from home. Co-ops can provide excellent opportunities for interaction with UT students; for private co-ops we recommend that students ask the co-op about guidance on quality and cleanliness as standards vary. The co-ops offer some of the lowest prices at good locations. <https://www.iccaustin.coop/>



OTHER HOUSING ADVICE

We encourage students to ask previous exchange students to Austin or visiting UT students for housing advice. Deposits are typically equivalent to one or two months' rent. Deposits may also be required for utility services such as electricity, cable, and internet. It is advisable to search for housing on the "UT shuttle route" to ensure housing options are within reasonable commuting distance to campus and that students will have adequate transportation. Shuttle bus information and route maps are available at <http://parking.utexas.edu/transportation/shuttle/>. UT students ride city buses free of charge.

COST OF LIVING

The following is a listing of approximate living costs, prices are listed in U.S. dollars. Please note fees may increase.

UNIVERSITY FEES

About **\$200** per semester, more if immunizations are required:

ISSS Student Service Fee	\$125, but might be increasing to \$150
ID card	\$10
Tuberculin test, MMR	~\$80 (if immunizations are required and given, they cost about \$75 each)
Meningococcal vaccine	~\$130 (if have not had before)
Official transcript	\$20

HOUSING

\$700 - \$2,000 per month (depending on location and amenities)

FOOD (if renting without meal plan)

\$300 - \$400 per month (depending on individual's diet)

BOOKS AND CLASS MATERIALS

\$400 - \$600 per semester

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

UT students can ride all city and campus buses at no cost

HEALTH INSURANCE

UT Austin's health insurance plan costs approximately **\$1,300** per semester for a single student. All international students are automatically enrolled in the UT plan. **It is not possible to waive out of this insurance, unless you happen to be a US citizen.**

STUDENT SERVICES

Exchange students are required to attend both the general orientation with Texas Global and our BBA exchange orientation, which is focuses ore on academics and registration. Additionally, students have access to all UT facilities, which include libraries, computer labs & services, BBA Career Services Office, academic advising, recreational facilities, University Health Services, Counseling & Mental Health Center, Sanger Learning Center and Undergraduate Writing Center.



ACTIVITIES



BBA CAREER SERVICES

You will be eligible to use the services of the business school placement and recruiting office, BBA Career Services. You will have access to career fairs, networking events and interviews. If you would like to participate in any of their events, you will need to bring appropriate business casual and business professional attire.

BBA INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

You may wish to participate in our Buddy Program to be matched up with a McCombs student as a buddy, or to participate in our Global Ambassador program in which you help promote your home university to McCombs students who are considering studying abroad.

Texas Global (UT's International Office) will hold a number of activities designed to help you have a great experience, including workshops on various topics and trips to local interest spots throughout the semester.

Various student organizations are also available to set up events and connect you to other students through a variety of activities and events.



LIFE IN AUSTIN

Austin is known as the live music capital of the world with live music found all over the city. It is also home to many artistic exhibitions, historic buildings, festivals and museums. Austin is only a short drive from San Antonio, Houston, and Dallas, all of which are centers for cultural and touring performances as well as major sporting events.

In the summer, Austin features a warm climate and a wealth of outdoor settings for swimming, cycling, hiking and other activities. Winter days are generally mild, but may fall below freezing. Students will need warm jackets for winter and light cottons for summer.

CHECKLIST FOR BBA INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS INCOMING EXCHANGE STUDENTS BEFORE COMING TO THE U.S.:

- Application –Please reference the Texas Global's (UT's International Office) application instructions found here: <https://global.utexas.edu/iss/student-exchange/apply>
- Visa – pay SEVIS fee and visa application fee to U.S. Consulate when applying for your visa
- Course request form (submit your possible course choices on our online form which will be emailed in March/April for Fall semester or October for Spring semester.)
- Housing (review the information on our website and set up housing in advance. Costs range from \$700 - \$2,000 per month, depending on type, location, services and amenities. If renting without a meal plan, expect to spend \$300-\$400 per month on food.)
- Obtain immunization proof from health provider on UT's form and submit on UHS website or bring to Austin

AFTER ARRIVAL BUT BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN | ORIENTATION ACTIVITIES:

- Academic Advising for courses led by BBA International Programs Staff
- Submit UHS Immunization Forms and/or make an appointment at UHS, if you didn't do this prior to coming.
- Reciprocal Exchange Immigration/Briefing Check-In (IBC), done online after arrival in MyIO Portal
- Register for at least 2 business courses and at least 12 hours total. At least one course must be either in-person or hybrid according to visa requirements.
- Pay your fee bill! This includes the mandatory & automatically-charged student health insurance policy, approximately \$1,300 and the \$125 ISSS student service fee.

AFTER CLASSES BEGIN

- Purchase your course textbooks (\$400-\$600 per semester)
- Adds/drops for classes during the first four class days
- Final exams

DEPARTURE:

- Attend "farewell" meeting for exchange students
- Request official transcript; costs \$20.
- Pay any library fines, printing charges, etc.