

Information for **EXCHANGE PARTNERS**

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

NAME:	University of Notre Dame
LOCATION:	Notre Dame, Indiana, USA
SETTING:	Small College Town
TYPE OF INSTITUTION:	Private University
YEAR FOUNDED:	1842
FACULTY:	1390+ Faculty members
NATIONAL RANKING:	#19 (U.S. News and World Report September 2020)
STUDENTS:	12400+ total students 8500+ undergraduate 3900+ graduate/professional 1400+ international

The University of Notre Dame is a leading American research university that offers undergraduate, professional, and graduate students a unique academic environment. Enriched by Catholic intellectual and cultural traditions, it is a place that throughout its history has promoted excellent teaching. Its undergraduate program is consistently ranked among the top 20 universities in the United States by various sources including U.S. News and World Report, Time, Kiplinger's, Kaplan/Newsweek, and Forbes. Notre Dame is also well known for its vibrant campus life and high level of student engagement and sense of community. It is located 1.5 hours east of Chicago adjacent to South Bend, Indiana, the center of a metropolitan area with a population of approximately 300,000+.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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INTERNATIONAL

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Our exchange programs, are credit-bearing programs that allow international students from our partner universities to take 12-18 credits during a semester spent abroad at the University of Notre Dame. Students also have the option of spending a full academic year on our campus.

Important Websites:

- [Notre Dame International Website](#)
- [Exchange Program Website](#)

Notre Dame International provides a mandatory international student orientation, welcome reception, social events & activities, and advising and administrative services. In addition, we offer a [peer mentoring program](#) where exchange students are paired with a ND degree-seeking student and a mandatory course on Intercultural Communication to help with the adjustment to campus and living in the U.S.

Experience Notre Dame:

- Attend classes taught by world renowned professors
- Experience the unmatched sense of community on campus
- Participate in student activities in our state-of-the-art facilities
- Understand the religious and intellectual traditions that are unique to Notre Dame
- Cultivate your sense and responsibility to be a force for good

PROGRAM DURATION:

Minimum: 1 semester (Fall or Spring)

Maximum: 2 semesters (full academic year)

SEMESTER DATES:

Fall Semester: mid-August through mid-December

Spring Semester: mid-January through early May

For more information about semester dates, please visit our [Academic Calendar](#).

NOMINATION & APPLICATION

NOMINATION PROCESS:

Nominations are to be submitted by a university official online via the survey link sent to your institution.

Nomination Deadline:

Fall semester & Academic Year: February 15th

Spring semester: October 1st

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Admission Requirements:

- International undergraduate students nominated by their home institution
- Sophomore or higher standing at home university
- Strong academic transcript, GPA of at least 3.0 or higher
- High level of English language proficiency
 - TOEFL 90+ /IELTS 7.0+ / Duolingo English Test 115 + preferred
 - Some students may be required to participate in an interview
 - Students whose native language is English or who study in a country where English is the main language do not have to submit an English proficiency test.

Required Documents:

- Online Questionnaire
- Copy of your passport
- Official Transcript (in English)
- TOEFL/IELTS/DET score report
- Proof demonstrating enough funds to support study at Notre Dame (see Financial Proof Submission Instruction & Template*)

Applications and required documents are to be submitted online via our [application portal](#).

Application Deadline:

Fall semester & Academic Year: March 31st

Spring semester: October 31st

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Students can take courses offered by:

- College of Arts & Letters
- College of Science
- College of Engineering
- Keough School of Global Affairs
- School of Architecture (limited availability)

Students will be able to select courses after their admission to the program and will receive an official ND transcript upon completion of the program. Please note that registration for some courses, however, will depend upon the availability of spots and commitment from the department as well as existing restrictions and pre-requisite requirements.

Language of Instruction: English

Academic Load: 12-18 credit hours

Class hours/week: 50 min per week is equivalent to 1 credit hour, most courses are typically 3 credit hours

Numbers of week per semester: 16

Important Websites:

- [Course Restrictions](#)
- [Course Database](#)

GRADING SYSTEM

LETTER GRADE	POINT VALUE	DESCRIPTION
A	4	Truly Exceptional
A-	3.667	Outstanding
B+	3.333	Very Good
B	3.000	Good
B-	2.667	More than Acceptable
C+	2.333	Acceptable: Meets all Basic Standards
C	2.000	Acceptable: Meets most Basic Standards
C-	1.667	Acceptable: Meets some Basic Standards
D	1.000	Minimally Passing
F	0	Failure

PROGRAM COST (as of Fall 2020)

Budget Item	Cost
Notre Dame Room and Board per semester*	\$7,992.00
Health Insurance Estimate*	\$1,063.00 (Fall semester) \$1,729.00 (Spring semester) \$2,792.00 (Academic year)
Technology Fee per semester*	\$125.00
Health Center Access Fee per semester*	\$75.00
Student Activity Fee per semester*	\$47.50
Observer Fee per semester*	\$6.00
Billable Total:	\$9,308.50 (Fall semester) \$9,974.50 (Spring semester) \$19,283.00 (Academic year)
*Billable Item (Cost does not include flight, passport and visa fees, books, and personal expenses)	

In addition to the above items, students are also responsible for books & supplies, round trip airfare, passport & visa related fees, and personal expenses.

HOUSING INFORMATION

Due to a shortage of on-campus accommodation at ND, exchange and visiting international students are not guaranteed on-campus housing. Thus, some students will need to secure their own off-campus housing. Students who wish to live on campus will need to fill out a housing application and will be entered in a lottery. Students living off-campus are able to sign up for a meal plan.

VISA AND MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

All exchange students are required to obtain a J-1 student visa. Upon acceptance into the program, our office will issue a DS-2019 form, with which participants can apply for the J-1 visa at the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. For more information for international students please visit the [website of our International Student and Scholar Affairs](#).

Students are also required to submit a medical history and health form to the [University Health Center](#). A list of required vaccinations can be found [here](#). In addition, students are automatically enrolled in the [University's health insurance plan](#).