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ABOUT

Arizona State University (ASU)
ASU is among the largest universities in the United States of America (U.S.) with more than 72,000 undergraduate and graduate students from all 50 U.S. states and more than 120 countries. ASU is consistently one of the top-ranked public, research universities in the country, offering over 350 academic programs and majors led by expert faculty and top researchers in first-class facilities. Learn more about ASU and take a virtual tour of our four campuses.

International Students at ASU
ASU welcomes more than 5,300 international students each semester from over 120 countries, the 15th highest international student population in the U.S. ASU’s international students are an important and integrated part of the community. They are proud to call themselves “Sun Devils”. Learn more about ASU’s international population and hear what international students love about ASU.

ASU International Exchange Program
The ASU Study Abroad Office (SAO) welcomes over 150 international exchange students from over 20 countries to ASU each year through the ASU International Exchange Program. International exchange students are an integral part of the ASU community and the exchange student experience is sure to be a unique and important experience of your life! The focus of the experience is academic learning, as well as intercultural exchange and personal development. The SAO manages the International Exchange Program and offers several resources and assistance throughout your time at ASU.

Arizona and the Phoenix Metropolitan Area
ASU is located in the state of Arizona in the southwest U.S. Arizona is famous for its beautiful weather and scenery; including more than 310 days of sunshine each year and the famous Sonoran desert. The city of Phoenix is the capital of Arizona and is the fifth largest city in the U.S. More than four million diverse residents from around the world live in the Phoenix metropolitan area. ASU’s convenient location is within a short drive or flight to some famous locations such as Los Angeles, Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, and México.

ASU has four comprehensive campuses located throughout the Phoenix metropolitan area and are accessible by free intercampus shuttles and various public transportation options. While international exchange students can study at any campus, most take courses at and live at or near the Tempe campus due to the high number of classes and programs offered. Tempe is a lively university city, only a five-minute drive from Phoenix.

Learn more about the state of Arizona, and the cities of Phoenix and Tempe, and see what there is to do around ASU’s four campuses.
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CALENDAR and IMPORTANT DATES

Study Terms
Exchange students may study at ASU during the following terms:

- Fall semester (August-December)
- Spring semester (January-May)
- Academic Year (August-May)
- Calendar Year (January-May and August-December; summer break May-August)

More Dates
See the ASU International Exchange Program calendar and the Eligibility and Application Process section below for additional dates and details.

COSTS

Learn more about costs for international exchange students. While exchange students do not pay ASU tuition, students should budget for additional costs such as ASU fees, special course fees, mandatory medical insurance, books, supplies, housing, food, transportation, and other personal expenses. Exchange students are also required to provide proof of sufficient financial support as a part of the application process. See specific amounts below in the Eligibility and Application Process section.
ELIGIBILITY and APPLICATION PROCESS

Eligibility
To be eligible for the ASU International Exchange Program, you must meet the following requirements:

- Fulfill all of your home institution’s eligibility and application requirements
- Have sufficient proof of funding, as follows:
  - One semester only (Fall or Spring semester): $7,214 USD minimum
  - Two semesters (Fall and Spring semesters): $14,428 USD minimum
- Show proof of one of the following English language proficiency* requirements (if applicable):
  
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* Applicants who do not meet the above English language proficiency requirement may be eligible to concurrently enroll in intensive English courses at the ASU American English and Culture Program while studying regular ASU courses part-time. Inquire with the ASU Study Abroad Office for more information.

Application Process
To participate in the ASU International Exchange Program, you must be nominated by one of ASU’s partner institutions. Be sure to plan ahead and meet with an advisor in your university’s international office at least three months before the nomination deadlines listed below. Once nominated, your home institution will then provide you with the instructions needed to apply. The entire application process is online, including uploading all documents through the online application portal.

Materials
The following is a list of items to complete or submit as a part of the application process:

- International Exchange Program Application
- Official Transcript (in English)
- Passport Identification Page
- Proof of English Language Proficiency
  (if applicable)
- Personal Statement
- Proof of Financial Support
- Statement of Understanding
- Profile Photo

Admission Timeline

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VISA and IMMIGRATION

International exchange students studying in the U.S. must obtain the J-1 Exchange Visitor’s visa. The SAO will send the DS-2019 form necessary for applying for the J-1 visa in the official acceptance packet. For more information see ASU’s student visa steps.
ARRIVAL and ORIENTATION

When to Arrive
According to U.S. law, international exchange students can enter the U.S. as early as 30 days before the first day of ASU classes. ASU international exchange students must arrive prior to the start of the semester in order to participate in a mandatory orientation. Orientation is usually held approximately one week prior to the start of classes. Exact dates are provided in students’ acceptance materials and on the International Exchange Program calendar.

For students residing in ASU residence halls, early check-in options are available. ASU University Housing will provide international students with early check-in options once their housing is confirmed.

Where to Arrive - International Airport
International students’ final airport destination is the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport, conveniently located in the city center just a ten-minute drive to downtown Phoenix or downtown Tempe. All international visitors to the U.S. will go through customs and immigration screening when they first enter the U.S. Learn more about what to expect when entering the U.S.

Airport Transportation
Several public and private transportation options are available from the airport, including taxi, shuttle, light rail, and bus. ASU offers free transportation services from the airport to ASU’s campuses the week prior to the International Student Orientation. Learn more about airport transportation. Additional information will be provided upon acceptance into the International Exchange Program.

Mandatory Orientation
All new international students are required to attend the ASU International Student Orientation, which takes place about one week prior to the first day of classes. Specific dates and information are provided in the International Exchange Program calendar and upon acceptance to the International Exchange Program. The orientation lasts one day, is free, includes all meals, and covers such topics as:

- Introduction to the U.S. and Arizona
- Introduction to the American university
- Courses and registration
- Immigration information and requirements
- Cultural adjustment
- Safety and laws
- Health and wellness
- Academic success and resources
- Activities and involvement
- Housing
- Banking
- Technology
- Transportation
- Student employment
- Student panels and mixer
- ASU tours

Welcome Activities and Resources
In addition, ASU provides various workshops, activities, and resources specific for new international students and all ASU students during the first weeks of the semester to help in the transition to life at ASU and the U.S. Learn more.
ACADEMICS

Student Success Centers and Libraries
ASU provides free tutoring, writing and mathematics assistance, study groups, test preparation, and other student success services. Learn more about ASU’s students success services.

In addition, ASU offers an intensive eight-day program before the start of the Fall semester to prepare international students for academic success. This program is highly recommended for international exchange students to be successful while at an American university. The program focuses on improving skills in academic and scientific writing, research and referencing, teamwork, making presentations, taking tests, understanding the American education system, and other important skill areas. The program is not free. Learn more about the ASU Academic Skills Boot Camp.

ASU has eight libraries and a comprehensive online library system for students to use for studying, group work, and research. Learn more about ASU’s library services. In addition, international exchange students can use the local city government libraries and their online services. Learn more about the City of Tempe’s library services.

Fulfilling Your Degree Requirements
ASU employees are not qualified to determine degree requirements for foreign institutions. Prior to arrival, students should meet with an academic advisor at their home institution to ensure the courses they choose will meet their home institution’s degree requirements.

Language of Instruction and Language Courses
The primary language of instruction is English. Students whose native language is not English may be eligible to concurrently enroll in intensive English courses at the ASU American English and Culture Program (AECP) while studying regular ASU courses part-time. Inquire with the ASU Study Abroad Office for more information about AECP. ASU also offers various language courses for credit.

Term Length and Sessions
The ASU academic year starts with the Fall semester (August-December) and ends with the Spring semester (January-May). Each semester consists of three different course session options:

- Session A (first half of the semester; 7.5 weeks)
- Session B (second half of the semester; 7.5 weeks)
- Session C (entire semester; 15 weeks)

Students can take classes in any session as long as the student is enrolled in a minimum of twelve credit hours (undergraduate) or nine credit hours (graduate) at all times. View the ASU academic calendar for specific dates.

Grading Scale
ASU uses the traditional letter grading scale (i.e. A, B, C, D, E). However, a small selection of classes offer Pass/Fail grading. International exchange students must take at least twelve credits (undergraduate) or nine credits (graduate) of courses that receive letter grades. See ASU’s grading scales and grading policies for details.

Transcript and Grade Report
All courses, credits, and grades received at ASU are reported on the official grade report. Grade reports are sent to the student’s home institution within two months after the end of the semester by email and mail. Grade reports are not issued for students with incomplete grades or outstanding charges on their ASU student account.

If students are required to report their grades at their home university in percentages or numbers, the student can request that information from their professors using a form provided by the ASU Study Abroad Office.
Course Credits
Students must enroll in twelve credits (undergraduate) or nine credits (graduate) per semester in order to be considered a full-time student. Courses can be worth one or more credits, but most courses are worth three credits.

Course Hours
A minimum of 45 hours of work per semester by each student is required for each unit of credit. An hour of work represents a minimum of 50 minutes of class time—often called a “contact hour” —or 60 minutes of independent study work. For lecture-discussion courses, this requirement equates to at least 15 contact hours per semester and a minimum of 30 hours of work outside the classroom for each unit of credit. Even though the values of 15 and 30 may vary for different modes of instruction, the minimum total of 45 hours of work for each unit of credit is a constant.

Course/Faculty Restrictions
International exchange students have the following course enrollment restrictions:

- College of Law (graduate-level not available; undergraduate courses okay upon availability)
- College of Nursing and Health Innovation (most courses restricted)
- The Design School (most courses restricted)
- Master of Business Administration (prior approval required before exchange program application)
- Journalism and Mass Communication (only JMC prefix courses restricted; all other courses okay)

Seats are extremely limited in the School of Engineering, the School of Business, the College of Technology and Innovation, and the Department of Kinesiology depending on the specific area or course.

ASU offers several courses that are 100% online; international exchange students are limited to enrolling in up to three credits of online courses.

Course Registration
Students are responsible for searching for courses, requesting any required enrollment overrides, and for registering for courses. The student should start registering for courses no later than one month before the start of the semester since many courses may be full after this time. However, students can continue the registration process upon arrival to ASU.

Students may begin the course registration process upon:
- Receiving their official acceptance email from ASU (which includes the details necessary to access the ASU online registration system)
- Submitting proof of the MMR immunization requirement to ASU Health Services

Students search for courses and register using the ASU course catalog. Course listings will list all course enrollment requirements, course information, special course fees (if applicable), and syllabi (if available).

Course Registration Restrictions
Every ASU academic department has academic advisors that may be able to provide additional course information and can assist you with requests to enter a class that has any prerequisites that you need to be reviewed for. In addition, the ASU Study Abroad Office International Coordinators can assist exchange students with general information and resources about ASU course registration.

Additional Course Fees
Some courses have special course fees (i.e. laboratory fees, art supplies, field trip fees, etc.), which will be listed on the ASU schedule of classes. These fees are billed to and are payable through a student’s ASU student account.

Additional Course Information
Learn more about ASU’s academic system.
STUDENT LIFE

Housing/Accommodations
There are several housing options for international exchange students, including on-campus in ASU residence halls, and off-campus in nearby apartments or in homestays with local families. These housing options allow students to experience a comfortable living and learning environment, and to live among a diverse group of Americans and other international students. Learn more about housing options for international exchange students.

ASU Global Village Residential Community
International exchange students are encouraged to live in ASU’s Global Village Residential Community, an on-campus multicultural housing option for students from all over the U.S. and the world. Residents of the Global Village have the opportunity to connect with peers through both structured and informal interaction. Currently located in the Cholla Apartments residential hall at the ASU Tempe Campus, the Global Village also provides residents with the benefit of living in a convenient campus environment with several amenities. Learn more about the Global Village Residential Community.

Benefits of Living On-Campus
While international students can live where they would like, international students are encouraged to live on-campus in ASU residence halls. On-campus living provides more opportunities to make lasting friendships and to practice daily English with other American and international students. Research shows that students who live on-campus tend to transition more easily to university life, become more involved in the university community, and graduate faster.

When to Apply
Students may apply for housing once they receive their official university acceptance. On-campus housing is assigned on a first come, first served basis and placement is not guaranteed.

Nearby Hotels
Several hotels are available around all ASU campuses for students to arrange their own temporary accommodation. Learn more about hotel options near the ASU Tempe Campus.

Housing Assistance
The ASU Study Abroad Office (SAO) offers resources, contact information, and basic advice about finding housing. However, the SAO does not make housing arrangements for students. Students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements and applying before the deadline. Contact ASU University Housing for more information about on-campus housing. The ASU Off-Campus Commuter Student Services provides resources for off-campus housing.

Local Transportation
Several local transportation options are available to ASU students, including walking, biking, skateboarding, driving, free ASU and neighborhood shuttles, the Light Rail train, and public buses. In addition, ASU provides free shuttle transportation between all four campuses. Most international exchange students choose not to buy a car since most students live at or near the university. Most students purchase bicycles and/or local transportation passes. Learn more about transportation options.
Dining and Food Options
Being one of the largest metropolitan areas in the U.S., several local, international, and multiethnic restaurants and markets are available to meet the dietary needs of a diverse population. ASU offers various dining options, including cafeterias, markets, restaurants, and more. ASU students can purchase meal plans or purchase their own food. Learn more about ASU’s on-campus dining options and dining options around the ASU Tempe Campus.

Technology Resources
All ASU facilities, including on-campus dormitories and all intercampus shuttles, provide free wireless internet. Various computing and technology centers are available throughout ASU. Many exchange students bring their own laptop or purchase a laptop from ASU or a local technology store, while others use ASU’s computer facilities instead of using a laptop. ASU also provides free laptop technology solutions. Learn more about ASU’s technology resources.

All ASU students are provided with their own personal ASU online student portal (MyASU) which houses a student’s ASU email account, calendar, files, access to online course information, academic information, free software downloads, and more.

Student Organizations and Activities
There are over 1,000 student organizations at ASU for students to join. With this many student groups, there is truly something for everyone. Student organizations are a great way to get involved at ASU and in the local community, develop new skills, hone skills learned in the classroom, meet friends, and have fun. Browse ASU’s registered student groups or search for a particular interest.

Exercise, Sports, and Recreation
ASU provides several exercise, sports, and recreation resources and activities. ASU students have unlimited access to the ASU recreation centers and can receive discounts to various ASU fitness activities, as well as ASU sporting events. Learn more about ASU fitness and recreation and ASU athletic sports.

Student Employment
International students are allowed to work in hourly student jobs at ASU within the dates of their program (up to 20 hours-per-week during the academic semesters and up to 40 hours-per-week during official university breaks). Hundreds of student employment opportunities are available in various departments throughout ASU. Learn more about student employment at ASU.

Career Services
International exchange students have access to ASU’s Career Services, which provides resources to help prepare students for their future career such as: interview preparation, career advising, resume and cover letter reviews, and more.

Campus Stores
ASU’s Sun Devil Campus Stores provide many resources such as books, supplies, technology, apparel, gifts, and more.
HEALTH and WELLNESS

Required Immunization
All ASU students are required to provide proof of receipt of the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) immunization in order to register for classes. International students should complete the MMR immunization requirements soon after being admitted to ASU and before coming to the U.S. in order to not delay the course registration process. Learn more about the MMR immunization requirements.

Mandatory Health Insurance
All international students are automatically enrolled in the ASU Student Health Insurance plan. This cost of the insurance will be charged to a student’s ASU student account. The plan provides several health resources, but does not cover the cost of dental services or personal property. Please note that the ASU Student Health Insurance is only valid from the first day of classes to the end of classes but does cover the student in all 50 U.S. states. Students should purchase additional health insurance coverage for dates outside of the ASU insurance coverage dates.

If a student has their own health insurance plan, they may apply for an insurance waiver through ASU Health Services. Please note, the majority of international health insurance plans do not meet ASU’s health insurance requirements and are not approved for a waiver.

Health and Wellness Resources

Health Services
ASU Health Services provides several health and wellness resources for students, including acupuncture, allergy clinic, chiropractic care, dermatology, gynecology, immunizations, laboratory, massage therapy, nutritional counseling, orthopedics, pharmacy, primary doctor care, x-rays, and more.

Student Wellness
A student’s wellness is very important to their success. ASU promotes balanced and healthy lifestyles through various wellness resources, activities, and information. View a list of ASU health and wellness resources.

Counseling Services
ASU provides counseling services to support international students through various challenges by addressing academic and personal concerns in an environment that is new and unfamiliar.

ASU is Tobacco and Alcohol Free
The use of tobacco and alcohol are prohibited on all ASU property, facilities, grounds, parking structures, and outdoor areas. ASU recognizes that tobacco and alcohol are public health hazards and promotes a more healthy, comfortable and productive environment by being tobacco- and alcohol-free. Learn more about ASU’s tobacco-free policy and resources.

Accessibility and Disability Resources
The ASU Disability Resource Center provides services and resources for students with a physical or mental impairment to help students with their success at ASU. U.S. law provides rights and protection designed to remove barriers which prevent persons with disabilities from accessing the same educational and employment opportunities as personas without disabilities. Advanced notification of accessibility needs is required in order to arrange services and resources. Please notify an SAO International Coordinator regarding accessibility needs.

For additional information, please feel free to contact us directly at asuexchangestudent@asu.edu.