

# RICE UNIVERSITY STUDY ABROAD

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## Fact Sheet for Prospective Exchange Students, 2023-24

<b>Host Institution</b>	<b>Rice University</b> ( <a href="http://www.rice.edu/">http://www.rice.edu/</a> ) Rice University is a private and independent university dedicated to the "advancement of letters, science, and art." Rice attracts a diverse group of highly talented students with a range of academic studies that includes humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, architecture, music, and business management.
<b>Location</b>	<b>Houston, Texas, USA</b>
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<b>Nomination deadlines</b>	<b>September 15</b> for the Spring Semester <b>March 15</b> for the Fall Semester and Academic Year
<b>Application deadlines</b>	<b>October 1</b> for the Spring Semester <b>April 1</b> for the Fall Semester and Academic Year
<b>Application form and supporting documents</b>	On-line application (link will be provided to nominated students via their home school). No hard copies needed.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Undergraduate students regularly enrolled at a partner institution, in good academic (min GPA 3.00) and judicial standing, nominated by their home institution. See language requirement below.
<b>Language requirement</b>	If the language of instruction in the student's <b>country of origin</b> is not English, <b>TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo English Test scores must be submitted</b> , even if the language of instruction at the partner university is English. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum acceptable <b>TOEFL</b> iBT score: <b>100</b></li> <li>• Minimum acceptable <b>IELTS</b> score: <b>7</b></li> <li>• Minimum acceptable <b>Duolingo</b> score: <b>130</b></li> <li>• TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition also accepted</li> </ul>
<b>Mandatory orientation dates</b>	Fall Semester: August 11 – 19, 2023 Spring Semester: January 3-5, 2024 (tentative)
<b>Semester dates</b>	Fall Semester: August 21 - December 12, 2023 Spring Semester: January 8 - April 30, 2024
<b>Courses</b>	Course catalog (all possible courses): <a href="http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main?p_action=cata">http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main?p_action=cata</a> Course Schedule (specific search by semester): <a href="http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main">http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main</a>

Courses available to exchange students	Provided that pre-requisites for courses are met, all <b>undergraduate</b> courses in the Schools of Engineering, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Business are open to exchange students. Enrollment in desired courses cannot be guaranteed and will always be subject to availability in terms of course capacity and scheduling restraints. Course registration is completed during orientation.	
Courses not available to exchange students	Courses in the Shepherd School of Music and the School of Architecture are not available to exchange students unless they are offered specifically to non-major undergraduates.	
Course load	Minimum: 12 credits (full-time) Maximum: 15 (-18) credits	
Housing	On-campus housing: automatic placement for admitted students (no separate application needed).	
Health and vaccination requirements:	<a href="https://health.rice.edu/new-students/health-data-form">https://health.rice.edu/new-students/health-data-form</a>	
Medical insurance requirement:	<a href="https://oiss.rice.edu/studenthealth">https://oiss.rice.edu/studenthealth</a>	
<b>Semester Cost Estimates for 2023-24</b> Approximate total student expense <i>per semester</i> : <b>\$14,000 - \$14,500</b>	Tuition - Waived	(\$ 28,605.00)
	Orientation (fees + room & board)	\$ 1,205.00
	Room and board	\$ 7,950.00
	Mandatory university fees	\$ 459.00
	Personal	\$ 1,425.00
	Books	\$ 700.00
	Transportation	\$ 1,500.00
	Insurance	\$ 1,250.00 / \$ 1,750.00
Web links of interest	Undergraduate Admissions: <a href="http://futureowls.rice.edu/home.aspx">http://futureowls.rice.edu/home.aspx</a>  Majors and Minors: <a href="https://www.rice.edu/majors-programs.shtml">https://www.rice.edu/majors-programs.shtml</a>  Study Abroad Office: Incoming students <a href="https://abroad.rice.edu/prospective-students">https://abroad.rice.edu/prospective-students</a>  Academic Calendar: <a href="http://registrar.rice.edu/calendars/">http://registrar.rice.edu/calendars/</a>  Residential Colleges: <a href="https://dou.rice.edu/residential-colleges">https://dou.rice.edu/residential-colleges</a>	

## **(1) THE NOMINATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES**

*All prospective exchange students must apply first at their home institution to be nominated for the exchange program. Only nominated students whose eligibility has been verified may access the on-line application.*

### **Eligibility requirements:**

- Undergraduate students
- Good academic and judicial standing
- At the time of applying, one full academic year already completed at home institution
- Minimum GPA 3.00 on 4.00 scale (or equivalent)
- Demonstrated language proficiency, if the language of instruction **in the student's country of origin** is not English:
  - Minimum acceptable **TOEFL iBT** score: **100**
  - Minimum acceptable **IELTS** score: **7**
  - Minimum acceptable **Duolingo English Test** score: 130)
  - TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition also accepted
- Home school nomination

**Nominations by the home institution must be submitted, according to guidelines specified in each cycle's call for nominations, by the following dates:**

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| <b>March 15</b>     | – for Fall and Academic Year applications |
| <b>September 15</b> | – for Spring applications                 |

**The google nomination form, shared with partners at the beginning of the application cycle, will require the following information on each candidate:**

- Last name
- First name
- Major
- GPA
- Citizenship
- Language proficiency score (see guidelines above)
- Current year of study
- Length of overseas study, specifying semester or academic year

## (2) THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES

*Only nominated students whose eligibility has been confirmed may access Rice University's on-line exchange application; link will be shared with partner institutions.*

Checklist for complete applications:

- ✓ **Photo** (upload passport-type photo onto online student profile)
- ✓ **Student Information Form** (biographical and contact information)
- ✓ **Personal Statement** (min. 500-word essay explaining motivation)
- ✓ **Preliminary Course Information** (placement in desired courses is NOT guaranteed)
- ✓ **Exchange Program Participation Agreement**, including **Release of Transcript to Home Institution** (online signature document)
- ✓ **Release of Information** (online signature document)
- ✓ **Official University Transcript** (upload scan of most recent official transcript)
- ✓ **TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo results** (If the language of instruction in the candidate's country of origin is not English, official scores from the past two years **must be submitted**, even if the language of instruction at the candidate's current university is English. – (upload scan of official score report / arrange for Duolingo results to be sent electronically to our office directly - Rice University Study Abroad)
- ✓ **CV or Resume**: all years must be accounted for (no time gaps permitted); include high school years)
- ✓ **Color Copy of Valid Passport Identification Page** (upload scan)
- ✓ **Faculty Recommendation** (attesting to applicant's suitability for program: academic and personal match) **Please note: We cannot accept a letter from a faculty administrator who has not taught the candidate in class.** Only faculty who has taught the candidate may submit a recommendation letter.
- ✓ **Home Institution's Program Approval** (to be completed by designated exchange official)

Deadlines for complete applications:

**April 1** - for Fall and Academic Year  
**October 1** - for Spring

**Please note:**

- The entire application is online; no hard copies need to be submitted.
- Please follow instructions carefully: scans of **OFFICIAL** documents are required.

*Only complete applications will be reviewed. Late applications cannot be considered.*