

RICE UNIVERSITY STUDY ABROAD

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Fact Sheet for Prospective Exchange Students, 2023-24

Host Institution	Rice University (http://www.rice.edu/) 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.
Location	Houston, Texas, USA
Office handling exchange	Study Abroad Office, MS - 539 Rice University 6100 Main Street Houston, TX 77005 U.S.A. Phone: 713-348-5836 Fax: 713-348-2938 abroad@rice.edu http://abroad.rice.edu/
Nomination deadlines	September 15 for the Spring Semester March 15 for the Fall Semester and Academic Year
Application deadlines	October 1 for the Spring Semester March 31 for the Fall Semester and Academic Year
Application form and supporting documents	On-line application (link will be provided to nominated students via their home school). No hard copies needed.
Eligibility	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.
Language requirement	If the language of instruction in the student's country of origin is not English, TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo English Test scores must be submitted , even if the language of instruction at the partner university is English. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum acceptable TOEFL iBT score: 100 • Minimum acceptable IELTS score: 7 • Minimum acceptable Duolingo score: 130 • TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition also accepted
Mandatory orientation dates	Fall Semester: August 11 – 19, 2023 Spring Semester: January 3-5, 2024 (tentative)
Semester dates	Fall Semester: August 21 - December 12, 2023 Spring Semester: January 8 - April 30, 2024
Courses	Course catalog (all possible courses): http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main?p_action=cata Course Schedule (specific search by semester): http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main

Courses available to exchange students	Provided that pre-requisites for courses are met, all undergraduate 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:	https://health.rice.edu/new-students/health-data-form	
Medical insurance requirement:	https://oiss.rice.edu/studenthealth	
Cost Estimates for 2022-23 Approximate total student expense per semester: \$12,500 - \$13,000	Tuition - Waived	(\$ 27,050.00)
	Orientation (fees + room & board)	\$ 1,100.00
	Room and board	\$ 7,500.00
	Mandatory university fees	\$ 430.00
	Personal	\$ 1,400.00
	Books	\$ 675.00
	Transportation	\$ 400.00
	Insurance	\$ 1,109.00 / \$ 1,541.00
Web links of interest	Undergraduate Admissions: http://futureowls.rice.edu/home.aspx Schools and Departments: http://dev.pubaffairs.rice.edu/schools-depts-programs.shtml Majors and Minors: https://www.rice.edu/majors-programs.shtml Study Abroad Office: Incoming students https://abroad.rice.edu/prospective-students Academic Calendar: http://registrar.rice.edu/calendars/ Residential Colleges: https://dou.rice.edu/residential-colleges	

(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
- 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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| March 15 | – for Fall and Academic Year applications |
| September 15 | – 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)
- ✓ **CV or Resume** (all years must be accounted for – no time gaps permitted)
- ✓ **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:

March 31 - 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.