

RICE UNIVERSITY STUDY ABROAD

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Fact Sheet for Prospective Exchange Students, 2021-22

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 1 for the Fall Semester and Academic Year
Application deadlines	October 1 for the Spring Semester March 15 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 or IELTS 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 • <i>COVID accommodations</i>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Duolingo (min. 120) also accepted ○ TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition also accepted
Mandatory orientation dates	Fall Semester: August 15 – 21, 2021 Spring Semester: January 7, 2022
Semester dates	Fall Semester: August 23 - December 14, 2021 Spring Semester: January 10 - May 3, 2022
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, and Humanities are open to exchange students. Enrollment in desired courses cannot be guaranteed. 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 per Semester for 2021-22 Approximate total: \$12,500	Tuition	(\$26,035) - Waived
	Fall orientation	\$725.00
	iPREP Fee	\$195.00
	Room and board	\$7,400.00
	Mandatory fees	\$412.50
	Personal	\$1,375.00
	Books	\$650.00
	Transportation	\$400.00
	Insurance	\$1,100.00 / \$1,500.00
Web links of interest	Undergraduate Admissions: http://futureowls.rice.edu/home.aspx Schools and Departments: https://www.rice.edu/schools-depts-programs Majors and Minors: https://www.rice.edu/majors-programs.shtml Study Abroad Office: http://abroad.rice.edu/ 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
 - Minimum acceptable **TOEFL** iBT score: **100**
 - Minimum acceptable **IELTS** score: **7**
 - **COVID accommodations:**
 - Duolingo (min. 120) also accepted
 - 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:

- March 1** - for Fall and Academic Year applications
- September 15** - for Spring applications

The nomination form requires the following information on each candidate:

- Last name
- First name
- Major
- GPA
- Citizenship
- Language proficiency score (see 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 only.

Checklist for complete applications:

- ✓ **Photo** (upload passport-type photo onto online student profile)
- ✓ **Student Information Form** (biographical and contact information)
- ✓ **Personal Statement** (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 or IELTS 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 had 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 15 - 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.