2021-22
UCLA Exchange
FACT SHEET

INBOUND COORDINATOR

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Students must be selected by the partner university to participate in the UCLA Exchange program. We are unable to admit “free movers” through this program.

The partner university must submit the following documents to UCLA as part of the nomination process:

- A copy of the student’s transcripts
- Student’s Academic Plan*
- Proof of English Proficiency

Upon UCLA’s approval, students will receive an email with the link for the online registration form.

* The Academic Plan should not be longer than one page and must list 10 courses the student wants to take at UCLA. Students should include the course title and number (e.g. Public Policy 10A: Introduction to Public Policy).

DEADLINES

**Deadlines**

**Nomination by Partner: Fall/Winter Quarter:** March 31
The nomination form will be sent to the partners by email. Submissions will be accepted starting March 1.

**Student Application for Fall Quarter:** May 1
Registration opens April 1.

**Student Application for Winter Quarter:** October 1
Registration opens September 1.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

UCLA academic year is based on the quarter system: 3 terms, 10 weeks each. Please consult the [UCLA Academic Calendar](https://www.ucla.edu/calendars) for more detailed quarter and holidays dates.

**TERM DATES FOR 2021-22:**

- **Fall**
  - September 20 - December 10
- **Winter**
  - January 3 - March 18
- **Spring**
  - March 23 - June 10

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

English language proficiency is required and proof of proficiency is to be submitted to UCLA by your university during the nomination process. Countries or institutions in which the language of instruction is English are exempted from these requirements, as are those students who are able to prove fluency through their university transcript.

- **TOEFL:** 87 or above
- **iELTS:** 7 or above
Exchange students must obtain a J-1 Non-Degree Student visa to study at UCLA. Upon completion of the online registration, students will be instructed on how to request the DS-2019 form “Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status” from UCLA, which they will take to a U.S. Embassy/Consulate to apply for a J-1 Non-degree Student Visa.

The following documents are required when requesting the DS-2019 form:

1. Copy of passport (photo page).
2. Financial documents showing available funds (see “Living Expenses”).
3. CFS (Confidential Financial Statement) – The form is available [here](#).

**IMPORTANT:** Per U.S. immigration rules, all students must complete the mandatory online J-1 Visa Check-in application upon arrival. Instructions will be sent directly to the students by email.

**ORIENTATION & CAMPUS RESOURCES**

Exchange students are required to complete a pre-arrival online orientation (iSTART@UCLA) and attend a post-arrival IEO Welcome/Orientation event. Details will be sent by email to all incoming exchange students.

Exchange students will have access to a wide variety of campus services. This includes full library privileges, access to Bruin Online resources, access to the UCLA recreational facilities, and eligibility for discounts on bus passes, movie tickets, performances and cultural events.

**HOUSING**

On-campus housing is available but not guaranteed. Exchange students must be enrolled full-time (12 or more units for undergraduates and 8 or more units for graduates) to apply for UCLA housing. If on-campus housing is not available, there are many off-campus options. Please check the [UCLA Exchange Student Guide](#)(page 18) for more information.

**HEALTH INSURANCE**

**Health Insurance**

Exchange students are required to purchase the UCLA Student Health Insurance Plan (UCSHIP) which meets immigration and campus requirements for J-1 visa holders.

**UCSHIP fees for the 2020-21 academic year were as follows (cost for 2021-22 will be available mid-June):**

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Exchange students enrolled in SHIP are eligible for services at the Arthur Ashe Student Health and Wellness Center, Counseling and Psychological Services, and the UCLA Medical Center.

Exchange students accompanied by dependents must obtain independent health insurance coverage for each dependent.
Living Expenses

Exchange students do not pay tuition at UCLA, but they are responsible for living expenses, health insurance, orientation and document fees. All fees are subject to change.

Approximate Living Expenses Estimate (2021-22):

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Acceptable financial documents include:

**Personal funds:**
A recent bank statement or bank letter showing available funds. The student must be the account holder.

**Family funds:**
A recent bank statement or bank letter having a family member as the account holder and showing available funds.

**Funds from UCLA:**
A copy of fellowship, grant, or assistantship award letters or a letter specifying the type, amount, and duration of award from the appropriate department.

**Funds from government or other sponsoring agency:**
A signed copy of the scholarship or award letter which states the amount and duration of the award.

COURSES

Course Enrollment

A schedule of classes* and a course catalog (which includes course descriptions) are available at www.registrar.ucla.edu.

*Please note that NOT all courses are open to exchange students. Professional schools of Law, Management, Dentistry, Medicine, and Nursing are not part of the exchange program.

Additionally, some undergraduate academic departments have course restrictions, such as Theater, Film and Television; Economics**, Mathematics, Physical and Life Sciences, Engineering, and Applied Sciences. This may result in your inability to enroll in specific courses. You are encouraged to thoughtfully select courses and remain flexible as enrollment is a highly competitive process.

**The UCLA Economics Department will only allow exchange students who are declared Economics major at their home university to enroll in Economics courses.

Please check the list of Restricted Courses to avoid including them in your Academic Plan.

Students can look through the UCLA General Catalog and the Schedule of Classes from previous quarters to make their course selection. Please note that some courses are restricted to UCLA students only. The Academic Plan will be used for assistance with course placement and does not guarantee enrollment.
RESTRICTED COURSES

Professional Schools are not part of the exchange program. So, you will not be able to take classes from:

- School of Law
- School of Nursing
- School of Medicine
- School of Dentistry
- Anderson School of Management

**NOTE:** Some UCLA departments have restricted courses, which are not available to exchange students. *(This list is subject to change)*

**Bioengineering**
167L – Bioengineering Laboratory
177A – Bioengineering Capstone Design I
177B – Bioengineering Capstone Design II
180L – System Integration in Biology, Engineering, and Medicine I Laboratory
188 – Special Courses in Bioengineering
298 – Special Studies in Bioengineering

**Economics**
ONLY exchange students who are Economics majors at their home university can enroll in Economics courses at UCLA. However, the following courses are restricted to exchange students.

- 11 – Microeconomic Theory
- 41 – Statistics for Economics
- 101 – Microeconomic Theory
- 102 – Macroeconomic Theory
- 103 3 – Introduction to Econometrics
- 103L – Econometrics Lab
- 106D – Designed Markets
- 106DL – Designed Markets Lab
- 106E – Economics of Entrepreneurship
- 106EL – Economics of Entrepreneurship Lab
- 106F – Finance
- 106FB – Finance Lab
- 106G – Introduction to Game Theory
- 106GL – Introduction to Game Theory Lab
- 106M – Financial Markets and Financial Institutions
- 106ML – Financial Markets and Financial Institutions Lab
- 106T – Economics of Technology and E-Commerce
- 106TL – Economics of Technology and E-Commerce Lab
- 106V – Investments
- 173A – Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship
- 173B – Introduction to Social Entrepreneurship

**Film and TV**
ALL courses are restricted, EXCEPT the following. You are welcome to enroll in these courses if space is available.

- FTV 122 series – Production (All courses in this series)
- FTV 132 – Screenwriting
- FTV 133 – Screenwriting
- FTV 106A – American Film History
- FTV 106B – European Film History
- FTV 106C – History of Asian, Latin American and African Film
- FTV 108 – Documentary Film
- FTV 110A – History of Broadcasting
- FTV 112 – Film and Social Change

*Please look online for complete list.*
The following Engineering undergraduate courses are impacted, but if you want to take one or more of these courses and you are not able to enroll through MyUCLA, you can submit the Enrollment Consideration Request (ECR) Form. The department will contact you to let you know the status of your request.

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