

Academic Year / Semester

Tulane University

An exchange semester at Tulane University is a study abroad like no other. From jazz, to food festivals, to academic excellence -- this multicultural city with a strong community feel is an unforgettable experience.



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About Tulane University

About Tulane

Tulane's motto — *non sibi sed suis* — embodies who we are and what we stand for. We are entrepreneurs on the front lines of life-changing technologies, as well as hometown heroes. Tulanians see challenges as opportunities, and strive to improve the lives of others in our own community and around the globe.

Rated by The Princeton Review in five categories: Happiest Students (#1), Most Engaged in Community Service (#2), Best College City (#3), Students Love their College (#6), and Best Alumni Network (#18).

There are over 70 majors available to inbound exchange students.

About New Orleans

Tulane's campus is located in an area known as Uptown, which is near the New Orleans Garden District. New Orleans is defined by its distinct museums, live music venues on nearly every corner, hundreds of art galleries, and thousands of restaurants. The city hosts festivals celebrating nearly every local food, music, or heritage. Some of the most famous festivals include the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, French Quarter Festival, and - the most famous celebration of all - Mardi Gras.



Only at Tulane

Only in New Orleans

**TULANE BOASTS A
THRIVING SOCIAL SCENE
AGAINST THE BACKDROP
OF NEW ORLEANS.
YOU'LL NEVER BE BORED.**

200+ student clubs

Halloween

Mardi Gras

Food and Music Fests

Crawfest

Homecoming

Football Season

Jazz Fest



Course Selection and Registration

Finding Classes

The Tulane schedule of classes can be found online at classschedule.tulane.edu.

Exchange students normally enroll in courses within their home institution field of study. However, if a student meets the course prerequisites, exchange students can request to enroll in many courses offered through Tulane's School of Liberal Arts, School Public Health and School of Science and Engineering. Comprehensive course descriptions can be found at catalog.tulane.edu. Please note that the classes in the university catalog are not necessarily offered each semester. Refer to the Tulane schedule of classes for an updated list of course offerings.

Students may only take courses at the 1000-4000 level, and may not take courses from the business school or law school. Students must maintain 12 US credit hour enrollment.

Course Format

Most courses are characterized by traditionally American teaching methodologies: lectures, discussions, group work (in and out of class), and written course assignments. Many courses require substantial preparatory reading. Many classes meet multiple times a week. Class attendance & participation is mandatory for all Tulane students, including exchange students, and is part of a student's final grade in all courses. Excessive absences may result in failing the course (receiving a grade of "F") and may jeopardize an exchange student's visa status. Many classes meet multiple times a week, rather than just one day a week.

Grading is based on the traditional American system. Grades given are from A to F, with A being the highest grade.

Final assessments are often exams, and/or papers. Students must stay through the last day of their exams.



Estimated Costs

Cost of Living

The 2024-2025 estimates for living expenses varies depending on whether the student lives on or off campus. Students are encouraged to visit studentaccounts.tulane.edu for a full breakdown of costs.

Students should budget roughly \$2,863 per month for room (rent, utilities), food, miscellaneous expenses, books and supplies, and all transportation. Book expenses are estimated to be \$750 per semester, which is included in the above amount. Health expenses (\$1,900 per semester), representing medical insurance and ordinary health expenses (such as prescriptions), are not included in the estimated living expense budget of \$2,863 per month.

All degree-seeking students and al J-1 visa-holding international students at Tulane University (J-2 dependents) are required to have health insurance and will be automatically charged for the university sponsored student health insurance plan. All international students must either enroll in the university-sponsored student health insurance plan or waive enrollment in this plan by providing proof of other adequate coverage. Costs and instructions for enrolling in or waiving the insurance will be provided the semester prior to a student's exchange period.

Various immunizations and tests are **required** for all students attending Tulane University. The immunization form must be submitted by the deadline to register for classes. [See full requirements here.](#)



Housing

On Campus Housing

Exchange students are responsible for arranging their own accommodations. It is an independent process. You may arrange housing after you arrive, however, some students prefer to arrange housing in advance. Note that if you choose not to arrange housing until after you arrive, other exchange students may already have roommates.

Important: If you submit a Tulane Housing Application form, you are signing a binding contract declaring that you will live in Tulane's residence halls and pay for the room even if you decide not to accept your housing assignment. If you later decide not to live in Tulane housing, you are not able to decline this application/contract and you will still be responsible for paying the full cost of housing for the semester plus a non-refundable application fee. There is no way to cancel your application form. Please do NOT complete a Housing Application form unless you are absolutely sure you wish to live in a dorm or apartment on campus.

For more information, visit housing.tulane.edu



Off-Campus Housing

Many exchange students live in off-campus apartments located in the neighborhoods around the university. Costs vary but can be less expensive than living on-campus. It normally takes at least 4 to 5 days to finalize setting up an apartment/house if you do not have housing when you arrive. Be sure to make a reservation at a hotel, hostel or Airbnb for the first few days you are in the city.

Facebook is a common way for students to find housing, and so is offcampushousing.tulane.edu.

Note: The Center for Global Education does not endorse any of the housing listed on the above links. The quality and condition of the apartments listed have not been verified by this office. Individuals interested in the properties are responsible for checking the condition of the listed apartments and we recommend that students have any lease checked for free by the Tulane Legal Assistance Program before signing. Please check any housing listed in person before signing a lease or making a deposit.

Support on Campus

Health Center and CAPS

The Student Health Center provides comprehensive medical care through their Primary Care Clinics, including evaluation and treatment of acute and chronic medical illnesses. The Preventive Health Clinic includes women's and men's health, nutrition, allergy shots and immunizations. They provide accessible, high quality medical care for students during their time at Tulane University. Students may schedule an appointment online through the Patient Portal and same-day appointments are typically available for an acute illness.

Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) is committed to providing a safe, inclusive and affirming community of care for all students. The interdisciplinary team fosters personal, emotional and academic well-being by offering comprehensive therapeutic services, outreach and prevention programs, and consultative relationships throughout Tulane. Appointments may be made in advance but walk-in consultations are also available if the situation is urgent. They also have a drop in support group for international students.

Center for Global Education

Through our office, we offer holistic support for international students. We go beyond the classroom – connecting with local community and offer programming that elevates the Tulane experience, such as Global Café, historic tours, and exploring American sports (Go Pels!). We have one-on-one appointments available if you need assistance navigating Tulane and New Orleans.

Coaching

All enrolled students can utilize Success Coaches, Academic Advising, and Career Counseling. These specialized advisors can answer questions, help you plan for your future, and more.



Immigration

Visas and Immigration

Students must submit the Foreign Admissions Data Form (included in Application Packet), a copy of the first page of their passport and proof of sufficient financial resources. Proof of sufficient financial resources can be shown by obtaining a letter from the student's bank, or from the bank of a sponsor/parent who is sponsoring their stay. If the letter is from a sponsor's/parent's bank, an affidavit of support from the parent must also be included (or the bank must specifically mention the student's name in their letter). The required amount of financial proof will be provided in the application materials. The amount will cover costs of living, books, school supplies, fees and health insurance. A DS-2019 form will be sent to you containing the information needed for you to apply for the visa. Students must take the form with them to the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate for their visa appointment. Due to time restraints, we must receive documents in a timely manner. You may enter 30 days before the date on your DS-2019 and leave up to 30 days after.



J-1 Orientation

This orientation is mandatory for any student with a J1 visa. The online component includes general information about Tulane University and will cover all the rules and responsibilities concerning your student visa to the United States. The in-person orientation usually takes place the Thursday or Friday before classes start. Visit oiss.tulane.edu to confirm dates.

Maintaining Status

You must follow all requirements to maintain your status while you are a student at Tulane. This includes maintaining full-time course enrollment, receiving authorization to work paid/unpaid jobs, obtaining travel authorization signatures, and not being arrested. [**See more here.**](#)

Application and Nominations

Eligibility Criteria

- GPA of 2.5 or equivalent on a 4.0 scale, 3.0 recommended
- English language proficiency (95+, 6.5+ or 115+ on TOEFL, IELTS or the Duolingo English Test respectively)

Nomination

Request nomination from the International Office at your home university. Your home university exchange officer will provide you with the application website if you have been nominated.

Deadlines

- Spring Semester Study (January – May):
Mid-September
 - September 15th for Spring priority admission, October 1 for general admission. *Students cannot submit after October 1 as it will complicate immigration.*
- Fall Semester Study (August – December): March 1st 2025
- Academic Year (August – May): March 1st

Requirements

- Statement of Academic Objective
- Color Photocopy of Passport (pdf)
- English language proficiency declaration
- English language proficiency supporting documents
- Exchange student funding form
- Supporting Proof of Finances

