



Student Exchange Program
2024-2025 FACT SHEET

GENERAL INFORMATION	
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ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
Academic Calendars	<p><u>FALL TERM (Semester 1):</u> Early September to Late December (with exams taking place before December 23)</p> <p><u>SPRING TERM (Semester 2):</u> Mid-January to Late May</p> <p>*For current academic calendar details, visit: https://www.emerson.edu/academics/academic-calendars</p>
Academic Requirements	<p>The Boston campus exchange is open to qualified sophomores, juniors and seniors with a minimum GPA of 2.5</p> <p>The Los Angeles campus exchange is open to qualified juniors and seniors with a minimum GPA of 2.7</p>
Language Requirements	<p>For students whose native language is not English, you must submit official results of the TOEFL, PTE Academic, IELTS (International English Language Testing System), Cambridge English, or Duolingo English . The minimum score requirements for admission to the Emerson exchange program are as follows:</p> <p>TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minimum Score Requirement: 95 ● Minimum Score of 20 in each section ● *Emerson College’s school code for the TOEFL is 3367. <p>IELTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minimum Score Requirement: 7 <p>PTE Academic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minimum Score Requirement: 65 <p>Duolingo English</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minimum Score Requirement: 125 <p>Cambridge English (Advance or Proficiency)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Minimum Score Requirement: 185
Full-time Study Load	<p>Minimum study load per semester: 12 credits (3 courses) Maximum study load per semester: 16 credits (4 courses)</p>
Course Registration	<p>Emerson course descriptions can be viewed here: https://www.emerson.edu/courses</p> <p>Exchange students will receive an email about course registration after they have been accepted. Students should allow some flexibility with their course preferences, as some courses require prerequisites and/or faculty approval. Students are allowed to make registration changes during the add/drop period at the beginning of each semester. Some course areas may have limited offerings for exchange students, including Performing Arts and Visual Media Arts, particularly in production-based courses. Los Angeles students will enroll in a required 4-credit internship seminar based on their academic discipline.</p>

NOMINATION & APPLICATION PROCESS

Deadlines	<p>For FALL TERM (Semester 1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nominations from home institution (Boston & Los Angeles): March 15 ● Emerson applications completed by students (Los Angeles): March 30 ● Emerson applications completed by students (Boston): April 15 <p>For SPRING TERM (Semester 2):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nominations from home institutions (Los Angeles): September 15 ● Nominations from home institution (Boston): October 1 ● Emerson applications completed by students (Los Angeles): October 1 ● Emerson applications completed by students (Boston): October 31
Nominations by Host Institution	<p>Home institutions will nominate students via email to Emerson College in accordance with the mutually agreed upon number of exchange places.</p> <p>Emerson College will contact the students and provide instructions for applying to the exchange program via an online application system.</p>
Required Application Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Teacher Evaluation: A minimum of one official teacher evaluation from someone who has taught the student in an academic subject must be submitted. ● College/University transcript(s): An official transcript is required from the Host Institution. Make sure the transcript indicates courses in progress. All transcripts must include an English translation if they are in a foreign language. ● Proof of English Language Proficiency (see Language Requirements above) ● Official documentation of finances: An official original bank document that is written in English and indicates a minimum balance of \$12,500 ● International student letter of financial support (signed by the student's parent/guardian) ● Recent passport photo ● Scanned copy of passport photo page
Acceptances	<p>Students will be notified of their acceptances by no later than:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● May 15 (for FALL TERM) ● November 15 (for SPRING TERM)

HOUSING & INSURANCE	
Housing	<p>Due to limited availability, Emerson College is unfortunately not able to guarantee housing to exchange students. Those interested in on-campus housing should complete a non-guarantee housing application following acceptance. All exchange students should plan to secure their own, off-campus housing in the Boston area.</p> <p>Exchange students are encouraged to review Emerson's Off-campus Housing website for international students: https://www.emerson.edu/departments/off-campus-student-services/international-students</p> <p><i>PLEASE NOTE: Rental scams are possible. Students should never send money via wire transfer to rental agents.</i></p>
Mandatory Health Insurance and Immunizations	<p>Per Massachusetts state law, exchange students must carry U.S.-based health insurance. Insurance from your home country is not acceptable. Therefore, all exchange students will automatically be registered and billed for the Emerson Student Health Insurance Plan. The annual cost for the Emerson Student Health Insurance Plan is currently \$2,777 for undergraduate students and \$4,133 for graduate students <i>*subject to change</i>.</p> <p>Presently, students may not waive enrollment in the Student Health Insurance Plan.</p> <p>For detailed information about mandatory health insurance, visit: https://www.universityhealthplans.com/emerson</p> <p>For detailed information about mandatory immunizations, visit: https://www.emerson.edu/departments/center-health-and-wellness/pre-entrance-health-requirements/immunizations</p>

ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION	
Arrival	<p>Students are expected to arrive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Late August for FALL TERM ● Mid-January for SPRING TERM
Orientation	<p>Students are invited to attend all new student orientation activities and are required to attend all events specifically for international students.</p> <p>For detailed information about Orientations, please visit: https://www.emerson.edu/orientation</p>

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