



Student Exchange Program
2026-2027 FACT SHEET

GENERAL INFORMATION	
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ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
Academic Calendars	<u>FALL TERM (Semester 1):</u> Late August to mid-December (with exams taking place before December 23) <u>SPRING TERM (Semester 2):</u> Early-January to Early-May *For current academic calendar details for both Boston and Los Angeles, visit: https://www.emerson.edu/academics/academic-calendars
Academic Requirements	The Boston campus exchange is open to qualified sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students with the equivalent of a minimum GPA of 2.5 The Los Angeles campus exchange is open to qualified juniors and seniors with the equivalent of a minimum GPA of 2.7
Language Requirements	For exchange applicants whose native language is not English, proof of English language proficiency is required. At Emerson, we consider the TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo English, Cambridge English (Advance or Proficiency) or PTE Academic to show English Proficiency. If you submit one of the English Proficiency Examinations, please note the minimum score requirements for admission to Emerson College: Cambridge English (Advance or Proficiency) Minimum Score Required: 185 Duolingo English Minimum Score Required: 125 IELTS (International English Language Testing System) Minimum Score Required: 7.0 PTE Academic (Pearson's Test of English Academic) Minimum Score Required: 65 TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) Minimum Score Required: 95 Minimum Score of 20 in each section Alternatively, students can request an English Proficiency Interview with the Emerson College Associate Director of English Language Learning, Amy Rinaldo, at amy_rinaldo@emerson.edu.
Full-time Study Load	Undergraduate: • Minimum study load per semester: 12 credits (3 courses) • Maximum study load per semester: 16 credits (4 courses) Graduate: • Recommended study load per semester: 8 credits (2 courses)

Course Registration	Emerson course descriptions can be viewed here: Self-Service Course Search 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.
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NOMINATION & APPLICATION PROCESS	
Deadlines	For FALL TERM (Semester 1): • 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 For SPRING TERM (Semester 2): • Nominations from home institutions (Los Angeles): September 15 • Nominations from home institution (Boston): October 1 • Emerson applications completed by students (Los Angeles): October 31 • Emerson applications completed by students (Boston): October 31
Nominations by Host Institution	Home institutions will nominate students via email to Emerson College in accordance with the mutually agreed upon number of exchange places. Emerson College will contact the students and provide instructions for applying to the exchange program via an online application system.
Required Application Materials	• 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 • If using financial sponsorship, an International Student Letter of Financial Support (signed by the student's parent/sponsor) • Recent passport photo • Scanned copy of passport photo page
Acceptances	Students will be notified of their acceptances by no later than: • May 15 (for FALL TERM) • November 15 (for SPRING TERM)

HOUSING & INSURANCE	
Housing	Undergraduate exchange students are welcome to submit non-guarantee housing applications for on-campus accommodation at Emerson. Those interested in on-campus housing are encouraged to complete a non-guarantee housing application as soon as possible following acceptance. If pursuing off-campus accommodation, undergraduate and graduate 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 <i>PLEASE NOTE: Rental scams are possible. Students should never send money via wire transfer to rental agents.</i>
Mandatory Health Insurance and Immunizations	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. Presently, students may not waive enrollment in the Student Health Insurance Plan. For detailed information about mandatory health insurance and costs, visit: https://www.universityhealthplans.com/emerson For detailed information about mandatory immunizations, visit: https://www.emerson.edu/departments/center-health-and-wellness/pre-entrance-health-requirements/immunizations

ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION	
Arrival	Students are expected to arrive: • Late August for FALL TERM • Mid-January for SPRING TERM
Orientation	Students are invited to attend all new student orientation activities and are required to attend all events specifically for international students. For detailed information about Orientations, please visit: https://www.emerson.edu/orientation

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