



## STUDY ABROAD STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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### Academic Calendar

<b>Fall 2022 semester</b> (August to December)	Arrival Dates	Saturday, August 13 and Sunday, August 14
	Intl Student Orientation	Monday, August 15 and Tuesday, August 16 ( <i>mandatory for all new students</i> )
	Week of Welcome	Wednesday, August 17 through Sunday, August 21
	First day of classes	Monday, August 22
	Last day of classes & exams	Friday, December 2 (exams end Friday, December 9)
<b>Spring 2023 semester</b> (January to May)	Arrival Dates	Wednesday, January 4 and Thursday, January 5
	Orientation	Friday, January 6 and Saturday, January 7 ( <i>mandatory for all new students</i> )
	First day of classes	Monday, January 9
	Last day of classes & exams	Friday, April 28 (exams end Friday, May 5)
<i>All other important semester dates</i>		<a href="https://www.bw.edu/Assets/registration-records/academic-calendar.pdf">https://www.bw.edu/Assets/registration-records/academic-calendar.pdf</a>

### Academic Information

Academic Requirements	Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA or equivalent
Language Requirements for Non-Native English Speakers	Non-native English speakers are required to have attained an English proficiency level of TOEFL 79 (internet-based), IELTS 6.5 or above, or Duolingo score of 105 or higher.
English as a Second Language (ESL)	<b>All international students for whom English is not a first language will be enrolled in ENG 111 College Composition class (3 credits).</b> While TOEFL or IELTS scores remain a valuable indicator of English language proficiency, students will take an online English Language Exam prior to arriving to campus. Students who score an 8 or above on the exam have the option to remove the ENG 111 College Composition class from their schedules. <b>If their score is below an 8, students are required to keep the ENG 111 College Composition class (3 credits) on their course schedule, regardless of any credit a student may/may not receive at their home institution for this class.</b>
Full-time Academic Study	Minimum 12 credit hours – in order to remain in status with immigration (approx. 4 courses) Maximum 18 credit hours – based on tuition and exchange agreement (approx. 6 courses)
Fees	Some classes have additional fees (such as music, art, and science classes, etc.) Students are required to pay a <b>\$75.00 application fee</b> which helps to pay for application processing, orientation events, and programming that will occur throughout the semester. <i>If you are a Conservatory student, there is additional tuition fee not covered in the tuition exchange agreement.</i>
Transcripts	Due to privacy laws in the United States, CGE Staff cannot request transcripts. Students are responsible for requesting their own transcript from BW through TranscriptsPlus ( <a href="http://www.transcriptsplus.net/order">http://www.transcriptsplus.net/order</a> ).
Course Schedule Preference (see application)	Students are expected to select BW classes that fulfil requirements as established by their home institution degree or program plan. A copy of the home institution degree or program plan must

be submitted along with syllabi or course descriptions to prove a student has met the pre-requisite knowledge needed for selected classes. When necessary, an academic advisor will be in contact with students via email prior to course registration. Students will meet with their academic advisor before arriving to campus to build and review their schedules.

### Nomination and Application Process

Spring Semester	Nominations – by Home Institution	By September 15
	Applications – by Students	By October 15
Fall Semester	Nominations by home institution	By March 15
	Students complete exchange student application	By April 15
Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home university must submit nominations to: <a href="https://forms.gle/N6LrM7joiJt44TKt6">https://forms.gle/N6LrM7joiJt44TKt6</a></li> <li>Once nominated, students should complete the online application and pay the \$75.00 Application Fee.</li> <li>Link to Application: <a href="https://bw.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&amp;id=43925">https://bw.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&amp;id=43925</a></li> </ul>	
Supporting Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete international student exchange undergraduate application</li> <li>Complete course schedule preference form</li> <li>Submit an original copy of the official transcript in English</li> <li>Submit copy of signed passport</li> <li>Provide evidence of the student’s financial standing in English, e.g. certified bank statements and savings accounts, scholarship letters, etc. *If someone other than the student is paying (i.e. a parent), a letter of support must be included.</li> <li>Provide English language proficiency proof (TOEFL or IELTS), for non-native English speakers</li> </ul>	
Student Visa Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upon receiving a BW acceptance letter and I-20 form. Students must follow steps on <a href="https://www.fmjfee.com/">https://www.fmjfee.com/</a></li> <li>Apply for and obtain their F-1 visa permit</li> </ul> <p><u>Note: All exchange students must apply and obtain an F-1 visa permit in order to study in the United States.</u></p>	

### Accommodation and Facilities

#### University Housing

- All exchange students are required to live on campus.
- Standard rooms are doubles, meaning students will live with a roommate
  - Single rooms – with no roommate – are available, but very limited and cost an additional fee
- Students must complete housing application after acceptance to BW on [bw.erezlife.com](http://bw.erezlife.com).
- Included in all individual rooms: Bed, Desk, Dresser and Rented Linen\*
  - \*During ISS orientation, students will have opportunity to purchase their own linens and must return rented linens
- Included in common area: Kitchenettes, public study spaces

#### Meal Plan

- Exchange Students on a **tuition only** exchange will be enrolled in the Prime Plan:
  - A set number of meals per week (21) and a set amount of flex dollars to be used on campus.
  - This can be adjusted during the 1st two weeks on campus depending on the student’s needs
- Full Exchange students** (Tuition, Room and Meal exchange) will receive a Prime Meal plan (21 meals per week, no flex).

Duration of Stay	Fall Semester Move-In Date	Saturday, August 13 or Sunday, August 14
	Fall Semester Move-Out Date	By Saturday, December 10
	Spring Semester Move-In Date	Wednesday, January 4 and Thursday, January 5
	Spring Semester Move-Out Date	By Saturday, May 6

Move-in Assistance      Center for Global Exploration Ambassadors will assist exchange students moving into campus housing.

### Insurance and Fees

Health Insurance Requirements	Baldwin Wallace University <b>requires</b> all international students to self-enroll and purchase health insurance through CISI. Health insurance information will be included on the student’s application portal and at orientation. Students must purchase health insurance before they arrive to BW. The cost of the insurance is approximately \$104 per month.
Additional Fees	Fees will vary based on exchange agreement.