



Iowa State University

ISU Fact Sheet - Student Exchange Program, Academic Year 2017-2018

Contact Information	
Name of university	Iowa State University
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General Information		
Academic calendar	Fall Semester (1 st semester):	Spring Semester (2 nd semester):
Teaching	21 Aug – 8 Dec 2017	8 Jan – 4 May 2018
Examinations	11 – 15 Dec 2017	30 Apr – 4 May 2018
Semester break	25 Dec 2017 – 7 Jan 2018	5 May 2018 – 17 Aug 2018
Link to academic calendar	http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/calendar/	

Exchange-related Information		
Application period	Fall Semester (August Entry): 1 Oct - 15 Apr	Spring Semester (January Entry): 1 Mar - 15 Oct
Website for exchange-related information	http://www.studyabroad.iastate.edu/home/students/incoming/	
Online application for admission	https://isuabroad.iastate.edu/index.cfm?Program_Type_ID=2&Program_Name=&pt=%7F&pi=%7F&pc=%7F&pr=%7F&FuseAction=Programs.SearchResults&SimpleSearch=1	
Application check list	The following supporting documents should be provided at the time of	

	<p>application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official academic transcript (online uploading) • Evidence of Financial Support (online uploading)
Minimum requirement	English proficiency
Can students extend their exchange stint?	Yes, but subject to approval of the home and host institutions.
Activities or services available to exchange students (e.g. student activity group, student club, sports facilities, wellness centre etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange students may apply for associate membership and join any of the activities organized by the Students Activities Club, The Outdoor Recreation Program or Intramural Sports • Student residence hall activities • Peer support from International Students and Scholars Office • Students may work or do research on campus, with the permission of their admitting college • Access to campus facilities including library, sports complex and medical center, free transportation pass, etc. <p>Note: Fees will be charged for some of the activities and services.</p>

Course-related Information (for exchange students)

Online course information	http://catalog.iastate.edu/azcourses/ and http://classes.iastate.edu/
Online course schedule/timetable	Once accepted, students can add courses by logging onto their student account via ACCESS+ https://accessplus.iastate.edu
Restricted programs or courses (not open to exchange students)	For pre-requisite required courses, students must have taken courses considered equivalent to the pre-requisite.
Medium of instruction and assessment	The medium of instruction and assessment at ISU is English unless specified otherwise.
Minimum and maximum number of credits to be taken for each semester	12-18 credit units per semester. Exchange students must take full-time credit-unit load, i.e. at least 12 credits per semester in order to meet the visa requirements set by the United States government.
Are students allowed to take cross-faculty modules?	Yes, subject to approval by the course-offering department.
Level of courses	Exchange students are normally allowed to take courses at undergraduate level only (course level: 100-400 level) unless admitted as a graduate-level student.

Any special language courses for exchange students prior to the exchange programme stint?	No.
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<i>Accommodation</i>	
Is on-campus accommodation available for exchange students?	Yes, exchange students may apply for accommodation at Student Residence. However, the provision of on-campus accommodation is NOT guaranteed due to limited spaces.
Online application for on-campus accommodation	Submit after acceptance via https://accessplus.iastate.edu/frontdoor/login.jsp
Is accommodation guaranteed?	No.
Is accommodation available over semester breaks?	Accommodation at Student Residence is only available during term breaks in certain residence halls and in student apartments.
Link to information on off-campus accommodation	https://www.facebook.com/groups/1559947094257323/ http://www.iowastatedaily.com/classifieds/#http://iowastatedaily.campusave.com/housing/sublets-2347/
Website for information on campus accommodation	http://www.housing.iastate.edu/

<i>Visa Requirements</i>	
Are exchange students required to obtain a student visa?	Yes. Details and procedures can be found at https://www.isso.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/J-1%20Immigration%20Presentation%20(12%2023%202015).pdf
Are exchange students allowed to work?	Yes. Exchange students are allowed to work, whether paid or unpaid, on campus only. Or off campus after the exchange period as part of the Academic Training visa status.

<i>Arrival / Orientation Program</i>		
Recommended arrival dates	Semester A (tentative date): 09 Aug 2017	Semester B (tentative date): 1 Jan 2018
Is airport pick-up service available?	Yes, through Executive Express. Reservation is required. https://www.isso.iastate.edu/new-student-orientation/frequently-asked-questions/airport-transportation	
Orientation period	Fall 2017 Orientation will take place from Monday 8/10/17 to Friday 8/18/17.	Dates for Spring 2018 Orientation are still tentative by will likely take place from Tuesday 1/2/18 to Friday 1/5/18
Cost of orientation programme (if any)	Most of the activities are free of charge, except for room and board.	

<i>Insurance</i>	
Are exchange students required to purchase insurance?	Yes. It is mandatory for international students (including exchange students) to have insurance. If students submit proof of insurance as good as or with higher levels of coverage that ISU's SSHIP insurance (http://sship.hr.iastate.edu/), the student may be eligible for a waiver. (http://sship.hr.iastate.edu/waive)

<i>Estimated Expenses in Local Currency</i> <i>(The estimated costs are for reference only. Actual expenses may vary from person to person.)</i>	
University-administered accommodation	<p>Charging rates for residence at (per semester per person)</p> <p>Multiple housing options - all with different costs associated. All costs approximates Examples are: 3/4-person Apartment Unit: \$3400 per semester per person 4 person suite-style Residence: \$2930 per semester per person Private Residence Hall Room: \$3585 per semester per person</p> <p>Notes: Housing rates: http://www.housing.iastate.edu/rates/2017. On-campus accommodation is NOT guaranteed. The above charging rates are subject to annual review and revision. Not all residence halls require meal plans, but some do.</p>
Private accommodation	Please see http://www.housing.iastate.edu/places/off-campus-resources for information.
Food/Meals	\$1,900 – \$2,500 per semester, depending on individual plan
Personal expenses (e.g. laundry, sundries and local transportation)	\$1,500 per semester
Academic expenses (e.g. books)	\$400 – \$800 per semester + any special course fees

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Airport Transportation

The closest International Airport to Iowa State University (ISU) is roughly 30 miles away in Des Moines, Iowa. If you arrive to the Des Moines International Airport, you will still need to find transportation from Des Moines to ISU in Ames, Iowa. The following airport transportation options are available for you at the Des Moines International Airport:

Executive Express:

To better serve your airport transportation, ISSO has partnered with Executive Express to offer all **NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OF SPRING 2017** a FREE shuttle service from the airport to the Orientation Housing (Best Western Plus University Park Inn & Suites). Make sure you choose "Ames-Best Western University Park Inn & Suites" as your dropoff location.

PLEASE NOTE: This free link is **ONLY applicable to NEW ISU international students admitted Spring 2017.**

Only arrival (one-way) trip can be made if using the free link, and only 1 person can be registered using the free link. If you have more than 3 pieces of luggage, you will be charged \$15 for the extra luggage.

If you are NEW ISU international students admitted Spring 2017 but are not staying in the Orientation Housing, you are still able to use the free ride link, but please make sure that you choose "Ames-HOME pick-up/drop-off" as your dropoff location. And you will be charged extra \$15 for the home drop-off.

If you are RETURNING international students or FAMILY members of ISU new international students, please use the regular link to register (You will be charged for the ride afterwards if you use the free link to register).

ONLY FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS OF SPRING 2017:

Register for transportation with Executive Express
here:[http://executiveexpress.hudsonltd.net/res?
USERIDENTRY=ISUSPRING17&LOGON=GO](http://executiveexpress.hudsonltd.net/res?USERIDENTRY=ISUSPRING17&LOGON=GO)

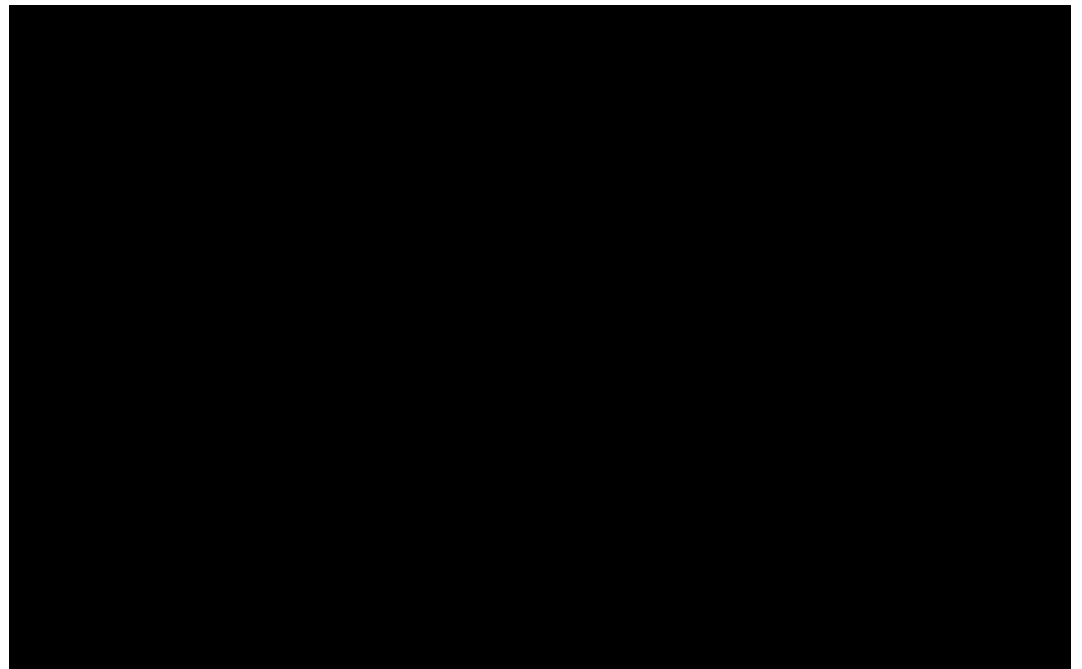
**FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OR RETURNING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS,
PLEASE USE REGULAR REGISTRATION LINK:**

<https://www.executiveexpress.biz/reservations>

For regular price breakdowns, please refer to the link below:

<http://www.executiveexpress.biz/city/ames-iowa-state-university>

PLEASE NOTE: It is important to make your transportation reservation as soon as possible. Once your flight arrangements are made, please make your transportation reservations because seats fill up quickly.



Other Transportation Options from the Des Moines International Airport

1. You may also contact one of the international student organizations to see if they will meet you

<https://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/org-listing>

2. If for any reason you do not make transportation plans before you arrive to the Des Moines International Airport, don't worry! Please take a taxi directly to orientation housing (Best Western Plus University Park Inn & Suites). The taxi queue is outside the baggage claim area of the airport. The cost should be about \$90 USD,

including tip.

<http://transiowa.com/taxi.php>

Transportation from the Des Moines Bus Station

1. You may contact one of the international student organizations to see if they will meet you.

<https://www.stuorg.iastate.edu/org-listing>

2. You may take a Jefferson Bus Lines bus from the Des Moines Greyhound Bus Terminal directly to the Iowa State University campus. Please go to the website listed below:

<http://www.jeffersonlines.com/>

3. You may also take a taxi directly to the accommodations you have arranged or to orientation housing (Best Western Plus University Park Inn & Suites). The cost should be about \$90 USD, including tip. Please go to the website listed below:

<http://transiowa.com/taxi.php>

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GRADING

Grading System Details

The following provides quality points assigned for each letter grades:

Grade Quality Points

A 4.00

A- 3.67

B+ 3.33

B 3.00

B- 2.67

C+ 2.33

C 2.00

C- 1.67

D+ 1.33

D 1.00

D- 0.67

F 0.00

Grade Description

P

Passing mark obtained under the

Pass-Not Pass system.*

NP

Non-passing mark obtained under

the Pass-Not Pass system.*

S

Satisfactory completion of a course offered on a Satisfactory/Fail grading basis. May also be reported to indicate satisfactory performance in R (required-credit) courses, and in courses numbered 290, 490, 590, and 690.

T

Satisfactory performance (equivalent to a grade of C or better in courses numbered 100-499, and a grade of B or better in courses numbered 500-699) in a special examination for academic credit.

X The course was officially dropped by the student after the first week of the term.

N

No report was submitted by the instructor. An N is not a recognized grade or mark, it merely indicates the instructor has not submitted a grade and that a grade report has been requested.

I

Incomplete. An incomplete mark may be assigned when the student is passing at the time of the request, but special circumstances beyond the student's control prevent completion of the course.

