

FACTSHEET 2025-2026

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Website of Institution	www.mercer.edu

Contact:

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Student Exchange Information:

Beginning and end of Semesters (including examination dates)	Semester 1 – Fall 2025 Starts: August 19 th Ends: December 13 th	Semester 2 – Spring 2026 Starts: January 5 th Ends: May 2 nd
Application/Nomination deadlines	Fall 2025 & Academic Year 2025/2026: March 15, 2024 Spring 2026: October 15, 2024	
Application procedures	Exchange partner nominates student and sends contact details through the nomination form sent in August/January. Mercer then connects with the student and shares the application portal. Student completes online application. Global Pathways Coordinator reviews all documentation and then issues formal acceptance and the Form DS-2019. Documents are sent to student via email.	
Application Portal	Will be sent to student upon nomination	
Supporting documents required for application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passport biographical page • Proof of funding • Proof of English competency (if English is not the student’s first language) • Requested courses 	

Visa requirements	All non-U.S. citizens must secure a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa. Mercer University will assist students with issuing a Form DS-2019 and steps to complete the J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa process.	
Expected arrival dates (subject to change as we get closer)	Semester 1: August 12 th -13 th	Semester 2: January 2 nd and 3 rd
Orientation dates (subject to change as we get closer)	Semester 1: August 14 th	Semester 2: Early January
Is arrival pick-up service provided to exchange students? If yes, how do they apply?	Yes. Students need to inform the Global Services Coordinator of their expected arrival date and time to the Atlanta or Macon airport to be eligible for pick-up services. Pick up services are not provided for airports or other modes of transportation outside the ATL and MCN airport.	
Are there any courses conducted in English?	<p>Yes, all courses are conducted in English.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mercer University, Macon Campus, Course Catalogue: Course Catalog provide course descriptions https://registrar.mercer.edu/macon/catalogs.cfm Mercer University, Macon Campus, Class Schedules: Class Schedules lists classes that are being offered and potentially available to students during the specified term https://registrar.mercer.edu/macon/class-schedules.cfm 	
Courses available to exchange students	All undergraduate courses on the Macon campus are available to exchange students. Students must meet all pre-requisite requirement and their enrollment is dependent upon seats available within the course.	
Restricted courses	Any course above the undergraduate level. Internship courses without prior approval.	
Enrolment requirements	Minimum: 12 credits (approximately 4 courses) Maximum: 18 credits (approximately 6 courses)	
Compulsory language requirements for exchange students	For students whose native language or language of instruction in secondary high school is not English, please see this link for minimum scores for various English language proficiency tests.	
When will student receive the acceptance package?	After completion of the online application, plus two weeks for processing.	
When will transcript be released?	Transcripts can be requested prior to the end of program completion by the student. Transcripts are processed and mailed through the Office of the Registrar. It is estimated that transcripts will be issued and received within 1-2 months of program completion.	
Health insurance requirements	All students must have health insurance that meets J-1 Exchange Visitor requirements and Mercer University student health insurance requirements. All students will be automatically billed for the Mercer University Student Health Insurance Plan (MUSHiP). The academic year 2024/2025 cost is \$1,334 per semester. If they have sufficient private insurance, they are able to waive this fee.	

Housing:

Do you provide on-campus housing?	<p>All exchange students will be housed in Mercer University on-campus housing.</p> <p>All efforts are made to place students with an American student of the same gender. The second desire for placements is to place students with native English speakers of the same gender.</p> <p>You can see more about the housing options at Mercer here: Residence Halls (mercer.edu)</p>
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Application procedure for housing	Students will be prompted to complete an online housing contract through their MyMercer portal, prior to arrival.
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Fees and Others:

Do students need to pay any other fees? (e.g. administration fee to your office)	Students must pay housing, technology fees, meal plan, lab fees and the Mercer University Student Health Insurance Plan fee to the Office of the Bursar upon arrival.
Student costs (based on 2024-2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Housing: Semester cost: average \$3,880 (2) Meals: Semester cost: average \$2,920 (3) Facility and Technology Fee: \$150 (4) Transportation: Own cost (5) Mercer University Student Health Insurance Plan: Semester cost: \$1,246 (able to be waived with sufficient proof of outside insurance) (6) Books: Semester cost: average \$432

Additional Information:

<p>Mercer University, Macon Campus, Academic Calendar: https://registrar.mercer.edu/macon/calendars.cfm</p> <p>Mercer University, Macon Campus, Course Catalogue: https://registrar.mercer.edu/macon/catalogs.cfm</p> <p>Mercer University, Macon Campus, Class Schedules: https://registrar.mercer.edu/macon/class-schedules.cfm</p> <p>Important Dates for On-Campus Housing: https://residencelife.mercer.edu/macon/resources/calendar.cfm</p> <p>Payment Options: https://bursar.mercer.edu/macon/payment/</p> <p>Required Student Immunization Record: https://shc.mercer.edu/immunization/</p> <p>City of Macon: https://www.maconga.org/</p>
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