

## Fact Sheet for Incoming Exchange Students – Spring 2026

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<b>Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum overall GPA of 3.0 (out of a 4.0 scale)</li> <li>• Good academic and disciplinary standing</li> <li>• Provide one of the following minimum test scores as required for students whose native language is not English:  <a href="#">TOEFL</a>: 80 iBT (Internet-Based Test) with no sub-score below 18  <a href="#">IELTS</a>: 6.5 Overall Band Score with no individual band score below 6.0  <a href="#">Duolingo</a>: Minimum score 125</li> </ul> <p><b>Please note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Exchange students who do not meet the minimum required scores will be required to enroll in Academic English courses</b></li> <li>• <b>USF does not accept institutional testing scores</b></li> <li>• <b>Testing scores cannot be more than two years old</b></li> </ul>
<b>Nomination and Application Deadline</b>	Exchange students must first be nominated by the home institution. <b>Please send an email to Allyn Nobles (<a href="mailto:nobles@usfca.edu">nobles@usfca.edu</a>) with the following:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Student's full name as shown on their passport</li> <li>2) Student's email address</li> <li>3) Student's Major and/minor studies</li> <li>4) Confirm Semester Enrollment (e.g. Academic Year 25-26, Fall 2025, Spring 2026)</li> <li>5) Copy of Official Transcript (if already available)</li> </ol> <p><b>After nomination is received</b>, exchange student nominee will receive the "Jesuit Education Exchange Program (JEEP)" application link and instructions. <u>Please DO NOT apply through the USF Admissions website!</u> Early nominations are strongly recommended to will allow more time for the student applicant to submit his/her exchange application by the priority deadline.</p> <p><b>Spring 2026 deadline will be Friday, October 17, 2025*</b>                  *Late application submissions may be permitted upon request.</p>
<b>Academic Calendar</b>	<a href="http://myusf.usfca.edu/onestop/registration/academic-calendar">http://myusf.usfca.edu/onestop/registration/academic-calendar</a> 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester: Aug-Dec (Fall Semester); 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester: January-May (Spring Semester)
<b>Language of Instruction</b>	All courses are taught in English except for foreign language classes.
<b>Courses</b>	Exchange students can only enroll in <b>undergraduate courses</b> offered in the <b>College of Arts &amp; Sciences</b> and the <b>School of Management</b> . <b><i>NOTE: Dual-Degree Teacher Program and other special programs are NOT offered to exchange students.</i></b> Most USF courses are offered at 4 credits each and most exchange students enroll in 3 to 4 courses (12 - 16 credits) per semester. Exchange students cannot exceed 18 credits nor register less than 12 credits per semester and must maintain full-time status. <p><b>Spring 2026</b> courses will be available late October or early November:  <a href="http://myusf.usfca.edu/onestop/registration/class-schedule-final-exams">http://myusf.usfca.edu/onestop/registration/class-schedule-final-exams</a></p> For course catalog information: <a href="http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/">http://www.usfca.edu/catalog/</a>

	<p><b>IMPORTANT ADVICE:</b> <i>USF does not reserve nor guarantee courses for exchange students. It is advised to have flexibility to enroll in alternative courses as USF courses are never guaranteed due to unmet prerequisites, over-capacity, time conflicts and class cancellations. Courses in Advertising, Architecture, Business, Computer Science, Kinesiology, and Psychology are increasingly impacted and become unavailable to exchange students. Exchange students will be assigned a USF Academic Success Coach who will assist with class registration and all academic issues throughout their time at USF.</i></p>
<p><b>USF Student Housing and Accommodations</b></p>	<p>On-Campus housing descriptions and application information can be found here: <a href="https://myusf.usfca.edu/housing">https://myusf.usfca.edu/housing</a>. Exchange students cannot begin the USRooms online housing application until they have been assigned their USF ID and username. Housing assignments are based on availability and some residence halls are reserved for specific USF student populations such as first year students, sophomore students, and graduate students only.</p> <p><b>Important Notice:</b> A standard meal plan is required for most university housing. For housing and board costs: <a href="https://myusf.usfca.edu/billing-tuition/room-board-rates">https://myusf.usfca.edu/billing-tuition/room-board-rates</a></p> <p>Exchange students who need housing accommodations are advised to indicate the need for a disability related accommodation by answering the question on the housing application. Exchange students must contact USF's Student Disability Services to complete the intake and eligibility process to request a housing accommodation; answering the housing application question will not initiate the process. To learn more about the types of housing accommodations please visit: <a href="https://myusf.usfca.edu/housing/residents/accommodations">https://myusf.usfca.edu/housing/residents/accommodations</a></p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Exchange students can choose to find independent off-campus housing instead of USF student housing. To learn more about off-campus housing: <a href="https://myusf.usfca.edu/off-campus-housing">https://myusf.usfca.edu/off-campus-housing</a></p> <p><b>USF housing contract cancellation policy:</b> <a href="https://myusf.usfca.edu/student-life/housing/cancellation-policy">https://myusf.usfca.edu/student-life/housing/cancellation-policy</a></p>
<p><b>Health Insurance</b></p>	<p><b>PLEASE NOTE:</b> Exchange students will be automatically charged the USF Student Insurance upon registering for their USF courses. The cost for insurance for Spring 2026 is \$2,430 USD: <a href="https://myusf.usfca.edu/hps/insurance/student-plan">https://myusf.usfca.edu/hps/insurance/student-plan</a></p> <p>For information about the mandatory insurance requirement: <a href="https://myusf.usfca.edu/student-health-safety/hps/insurance/international">https://myusf.usfca.edu/student-health-safety/hps/insurance/international</a></p> <p>For information to waive out of USF's health insurance plan: <a href="https://myusf.usfca.edu/hps/insurance/waiver-criteria">https://myusf.usfca.edu/hps/insurance/waiver-criteria</a></p>
<p><b>Immunization Requirements</b></p>	<p>Exchange students are required to provide proof of immunization records as part of the exchange application regardless if they do not live in USF student housing. For more information on what immunization requirements for international students need to submit and how to submit them:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://myusf.usfca.edu/hps/immunization">https://myusf.usfca.edu/hps/immunization</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://myusf.usfca.edu/hps/immunization/check-requirements">https://myusf.usfca.edu/hps/immunization/check-requirements</a></li> <li>• Exchange students will be required to submit proof of immunization records prior to arrival to San Francisco. <b>The due date will be January 15, 2026</b></li> </ul>

<p><b>Visa Requirements</b></p>	<p>Exchange students who do not have a U.S. passport must obtain a <b>J-1 visa</b> to enter the U.S. and attend courses at USF. Exchange students will be required to complete the Certification of Finances form (as part of the exchange application). It is very important because without it USF cannot issue out the DS-2019 form that exchange students need in order to get the J-1 visa from a U.S. Embassy in their home country.</p> <p>Exchange students must demonstrate that they have the financial means to support their academic expenses (housing, meals, insurance, transportation, books, etc.) while they attend USF. Exchange students will need to have <b>valid bank documentation</b> verifying that they have at least <b>\$13,521 US dollars per semester</b> in available funding for the <b>Academic Year 2025-2026</b>. For more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://myusf.usfca.edu/issf/new-students">https://myusf.usfca.edu/issf/new-students</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://myusf.usfca.edu/issf/new-students/visainfo">https://myusf.usfca.edu/issf/new-students/visainfo</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://myusf.usfca.edu/issf/students/j-1">https://myusf.usfca.edu/issf/students/j-1</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Student Disability Services</b></p>	<p>USF is committed to the full participation of all students. Student Disability Services (SDS) recognizes disability as a valued aspect of diversity and works to facilitate equal access and an inclusive environment for students with disabilities. For more information: <a href="https://myusf.usfca.edu/sds/accommodations">https://myusf.usfca.edu/sds/accommodations</a></p>
<p><b>Employment</b></p>	<p>Exchange students are not eligible to work on-campus but can pursue off-campus work experience through <b>Academic Training</b>. For more information: <a href="https://myusf.usfca.edu/issf/students/j-1/employment/academic-training">https://myusf.usfca.edu/issf/students/j-1/employment/academic-training</a></p>
<p><b>Mandatory Orientation</b></p>	<p>Exchange students are required to attend the <b>mandatory International Student Orientation</b> that is scheduled approximately one week before classes begin. For more information: <a href="http://myusf.usfca.edu/issf/international-student-orientation">http://myusf.usfca.edu/issf/international-student-orientation</a></p>
<p><b>USF Transcripts</b></p>	<p>USF does not automatically issue official transcripts for students. Therefore, exchange students will be responsible for ordering his/her USF official transcript before departing the U.S. Exchange students must resolve any remaining account balance or else transcript will not be released until payment has been made.</p>
<p><b>Student Support Services &amp; University Life</b></p>	<p>Exchange students have access to various student engagement programs and academic support services, free of charge, such as: <a href="#">The Learning, Writing and Speaking Centers</a>, <a href="#">Student Disability Services</a>, <a href="#">International Student Scholar Services</a>, <a href="#">Counseling and Psychological Services</a>, <a href="#">Student Clubs</a> and <a href="#">Cultural Centers</a>, <a href="#">Career Services Center</a>, <a href="#">University Ministry</a>, and <a href="#">Recreational Sports programs and exercise classes</a>.</p>

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