

Student Exchange Office

Location: 2nd Floor, Laurier Hall (within the International Student Center)

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What is “Exchange”?**
 - Exchange involves students coming and going between partner institutions for an academic and cultural experience over one or two semesters. This partnership is typically established within a signed/formal bilateral Exchange Agreement
 - For Students who go on Exchange the intent is that the classes taken at the host school will be transferred back and applied to their degree at their home school
 - Within Exchange Agreements there is some need for balance. We therefore need to have +/- equal numbers of students both coming and going
 - UWindsor Students out on Exchange are still UWindsor students and as such still qualify for scholarships and OSAP funding while away

- **What is the difference between an “International Student” and a “Visiting Exchange Student”**
 - An International Student is paying UWindsor tuition fees and will complete the requirements necessary to graduate with a UWindsor degree. They are a UWindsor student and are typically in Windsor for 3 semesters or longer, depending on their program
 - A Visiting Exchange Student is enrolled at UWindsor for one or two semesters and the academic work completed while at UWindsor will be applied to their degree at their home institution
 - Given that Visiting Exchange Students are at UWindsor for a shorter period of time they tend to have a different focus and priorities than the typical International Student does

- **As faculty, what does exchange have to do with me?**
 - Studying on Exchange affords students opportunities for academic and personal growth by enabling them to acquire differing world perspectives. As instructors who will be engaging directly with undergraduate students, especially in the first and second year, you are in a position to encourage students to consider opportunities such as Student Exchange
 - Be conscious of Student Exchange as a significant opportunity for students to gain experiential learning, enhance their education, and attend courses not taught here
 - Direct them to make enquiries directly with the Exchange Office when they have detailed questions
 - Many of our existing Exchange agreements offer a variety of scholarly activities in addition to Student Exchange, such as research collaborations, joint teaching, and even staff exchanges

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- **What is some basic information about Exchange?**
 - Exchanges are available in a variety of countries, involving many different partner institutions, including every continent except for Antarctica (note that not all destinations are available every semester)
 - Students typically apply for Exchange in second year and go abroad for one or two semesters in third year. For some students a fourth year Exchange might also be possible
 - Courses taken on Exchange and deemed equivalent to UWindsor courses are accepted on the same basis as UWindsor courses for completion of degrees, for meeting major, minor and elective requirements, and for prerequisite purposes
- **What does UWindsor look for when signing an exchange agreement?**
 - For Exchange Agreements to work there must be some recognition of the need for balance (reciprocity) over the lifespan of a multi-year agreement between partner institutions
 - The University of Windsor has sought to develop and maintain a broad variety of Student Exchange opportunities with various partner institutions around the world. A requirement for Exchange is with partners where:
 - Sufficient course instruction in English is available to support a one or two semester Exchange, or
 - Where the language of instruction is taught at the University of Windsor.
 - Broad-based Exchanges open to students in many disciplines are strongly preferred. Exchanges restricted to specific disciplines may also be entered into when good academic reasons support them

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