

St. Thomas University International Education Program Exchange Information Guide

Deadline for 2023-2024 Exchange Applications: Monday, February 13, 2023

Completed application are to be emailed to cmonteith@stu.ca, or dropped off to GMH 311.

Thinking about going on Exchange?

An exchange experience is an invaluable one. If you are looking for an opportunity to experience a different language, culture and educational system while earning academic credit, then an academic exchange may be for you. Taking a semester or a year to study abroad is an excellent way to enhance your St. Thomas University degree and allows you to challenge yourself in ways you never imagined.

5 benefits to studying abroad:

1. **Experience a new culture-** share in the customs, traditions, and cultural practices of your host country. You will likely come back thinking differently with a broader worldview.
2. **Education-** experience a different style of education and take courses related to your degree that you may not have been exposed to at home.
3. **Learn a new language-** immerse yourself in the everyday language of the locals and study a new language at your host university.
4. **Travel the world-** explore all that your host country has to offer and why not expand your travels to neighbouring countries.
5. **Make lifelong friends from around the world-** most university partners have diverse international student populations, meet the locals, and make new friends from around the world.

Exchange Partners

St. Thomas has exchange agreements with several universities. Our partnerships with these universities allow you to pay your regular tuition to St. Thomas while studying abroad, instead of paying international student tuition fees. If you already hold a scholarship, you will be able to maintain it (subject to normal renewal requirements). You are responsible for your own travel and living expenses and may be required to purchase extra health insurance.

Please note: STU offers a financial need-based travel bursary. Students can apply for the bursary to help offset travel costs.

OCEANIA

Australia

Australian Catholic University- www.acu.edu.au, is a multicampus university that empowers students to think critically, ethically and to bring about change in their communities and professions. Students can study Humanities and Social Sciences. Popular among exchange students are their units in Aboriginal

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Studies, Asian Studies, Australian Studies, Environmental Science, and Visual and Performing Arts. The language of instruction is English.

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

Brazil, Bahia

Universidade Estadual de Feira de Santana, www.uefs.br, is a non-profit public higher education institution located in the urban setting of Feira de Santana Bahia. The language of instruction is Portuguese.

Brazil, Sao Paulo

Fundação Escola de Comércio Álvares Penteado, <https://www.fecap.br/>, is an institution devoted to excellence, concerning the formation of qualified professionals with accurate awareness of citizenship and socio-enterprise views. Students can study Business Administration, Economics, Advertising, International Relations, Accounting, Public Relations, Communication and Executive Secretariat. Language of instruction is English (limited) and Portuguese (no Portuguese language requirements for admission).

Chile, Santiago

Universidad Santo Tomas, www.santotomas.cl, is a prestigious educational institution based on Christian values, committed to its students. Students can study Social Sciences, Business, Journalism and Communications. An intermediate level of Spanish is required.

Ecuador, Quito

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, <https://www.puce.edu.ec/>, is based on four principles: social impact, agile administration, sustainability, and holistic development of the human being. PUCE is internationally recognized for the quality of its teachers and students. The university has a Human Rights Centre, Research Centre for International Law, an Economic Research Institute, and many other centres of specialization. The language of instruction is English and Spanish.

Peru, Lima

Universidad de Piura, http://udep.edu.pe/?utm_source=GlobalNav, is consistently ranked as one of top ten universities in Peru. The University of Piura is projected to be a benchmark of excellence in higher education in the country. You can study Economics, Business and Finance (some instruction in English). UDEP also has an academic program in Psychology and a Therapy Centre called SONQO where students do service learning or internships. Language of instruction is Spanish and English.

EUROPE

England, London

Richmond University, <https://www.richmond.ac.uk>, campuses in London, Florence and Rome. RU is a private institution with an American Liberal Arts approach, granting dual US and UK degrees. You can study Communications, Economics, International Relations, History, Political Science, Psychology and Film Studies. The language of instruction is English.

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France, Angers

Ircrom: l'Institut Albert le Grand or l'Institut Mac Luhan, <http://www.ircom.fr>, both campuses are situated in the town of Angers forming part of Loire Valley World Heritage. If you are interested in discovering France's rich medieval history Angers is located in the French region that was known as Anjou in the middle ages. Students can study Humanities and Political Science or Communications. An intermediate level of French is required.

France, La Roche sur Yon

The Instiut Catholique de Vendée (ICES), <https://ices.fr/>, is located in the Vendée region of western France, just twenty minutes from the Atlantic coast and three hours from Paris. Students can study Literature and Classics, Languages, Economics, and History. An intermediate level of French is required, however weekly French tutoring is provided by the institution. The language of instruction is French. English taught courses are being implemented.

Ireland, Limerick

Mary Immaculate College, <https://www.mic.ul.ie/>, founded in 1898, is a University-level College of Education and the Liberal Arts, academically linked with the University of Limerick. The College is a multi-campus institution, with a student population of over 5,000 students enrolled in undergraduate programmes in Primary and Post-Primary Education, Liberal Arts and Early Childhood Care and Education. The language of instruction is English.

Malta

University of Malta, www.um.edu.mt, is a small group of seven islands in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea, south of Sicily. The University of Malta is known for its excellence in learning and teaching with a history dating back over 400 years. Students can study Humanities and Social Sciences. The language of instruction is English.

Spain, Madrid

CEU San Pablo, www.uspceu.com, is a private, Catholic university in Madrid. It is one of Spain's most prestigious academic institutions consistently ranked among the top 5 private universities. CEU offers international degree programs in Journalism and Communications as well as Economics and Business. The language instruction is in English and Spanish.

Sweden, Orebro

Örebro University, www.oru.se is a modern, broad-based university with internationally prominent research. Orebro is a large multi-campus university in central Sweden that offers courses in both Swedish and English. Students can study English, Film Studies, Media and Communication, Political Science, Gender Studies, Sociology and Swedish. The language of instruction is English and Swedish.

ASIA

China, Beijing

China University of Political Science and Law, <http://web.cupl.edu.cn/en/>, is well known for legal

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academics and enjoys a distinguished reputation in arts, history, philosophy, economics, management, and education. Students can study Criminal Justice and Law. The language of instruction is English and Chinese.

Japan, Sapporo

Hokusei Gakuen University, www.hokusei.ac.jp/en, is located in northern Japan, and actively promotes international student exchanges. Students can study Japanese Language, History, and Culture. The language of instruction is English and Japanese.

Japan, Osaka

Kindai University, www.kindai.ac.jp/english, is now one of western Japan's largest universities. Its founding principal is "Learning for the real world and nurturing intellectual and emotional intelligence". Students can study Economics, Literature, Arts and Cultural Studies and Sociology. The language of instruction is English and Japanese, one-year study of Japanese, either at a student's home university or a language school is desirable.

Japan, Tokyo

Rikkyo University, <http://english.rikkyo.ac.jp/>. In 1874, Rikkyo University, one of the oldest private universities in Japan, was established in Tokyo. Our tradition is academic freedom, and we welcome students and researchers from all backgrounds and with diverse views. Since our founding, we have emphasized liberal arts education and a global perspective, educating the whole student to help them develop the skills and talents to contribute to society. Language of Instruction is English and Japanese.

South Korea, Seoul

Catholic University of Korea, www.catholic.ac.kr/english, was established in 1855 and has approx. 11,000 students across three campuses, all of which are located in Seoul. CUK offers over 80 courses taught in English. Students can study Humanities, Social Science and Korean Language. The language of instruction is English and Korean. Exchange students may be eligible for a Korean government funded Scholarship program that covers travel and living expenses; scholarships are limited and not guaranteed.

Turkey, Ankara

Middle Eastern Technical University, www.metu.edu.tr, is a public technical university. METU offers about 40 undergraduate programs within five faculties, one of them being Social Sciences and Humanities. The language of instruction at METU is English. Students can apply for grant funding through the Erasmus + Credit Mobility Program. Funding is limited and not guaranteed.

NORTH AMERICA

Québec

Université du Québec a Montreal, <http://www.uqam.ca>, UQAM is a dynamic, open, creative university with an international outreach. It is recognized for the originality and quality of its programs, its cutting-edge research, solidly grounded in social concerns, and its innovation in the arts. Instruction is in French, the minimum level of French proficiency accepted is Intermediate or equivalent to a B2.