Information sheet for partner institutions
2022 - 2023
Located in the heart of Canada’s national capital, the University of Ottawa is the world’s largest bilingual university where students may study in English, French or both languages.

**Student population:** 45,000 +

**International Ranking:** Ranked 279 on the QS World University Rankings 2021

- [University of Ottawa website](#)
- [International Exchanges website](#)
- [Academic Calendar](#)
  - Fall session: September – December
  - Winter session: January – April
  - Full academic year: September – April

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**EXCHANGE PROGRAM CONTACT DETAILS**

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IN GENERAL

Information may vary depending on the agreement:

- **Level of studies**: Undergraduate and Masters (Graduate)
- **Duration of exchange**: One or two sessions (Preferably two)
- **Minimum overall average required for exchange students**: 70% (B) or equivalent, 70% or higher for graduate studies.

The University of Ottawa will accept the GPA established.

FACULTY – SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- All uOttawa [Faculties and Departments](#) are open to exchange students except the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Education (Undergraduate) and the Telfer School of Management.
- **Course selection (under Select desired courses)**: Important information and guidelines
- **Course timetable**: Official timetable of courses being offered
- **Normal full-time course load per semester**:
  - Undergraduate studies: 15 credits (5 courses)
  - Graduate studies: 9 credits (3 courses)

ENGLISH OR FRENCH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE COURSES (ESL/FLS):

- Exchange students can register in English as a Second Language (ESL) and French as a Second Language (FLS) courses at no extra cost. It is possible to take both an ESL and an FLS course. Registration in selected ESL or FLS courses is determined by an [online language placement test](#).
- Results obtained in the placement test determine the appropriate language course level. Students must clearly indicate that they wish to take an ESL / FLS course on the Course Registration Form (included in the acceptance package).

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- **We have two deadlines for submitting applications for the exchange program.**
  - APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31st and APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 15th
- **All students wishing to participate in an exchange in the Fall session** (September-December) and **Academic Year** (September-April) must submit their completed online application by **March 31st** and all students wishing to participate in an exchange in the **Winter session** (January-April) must submit their completed online application by **October 15th**.
  
Please visit our website for the complete application procedures.
ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION PROGRAM

- **Recommended arrival dates:** 1 or 2 days before the orientation session, which takes place in the first week of September and January.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE:

- In September only.
- Details about the airport shuttle service are posted on our website in August.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM:

- Participation to the Exchange student orientation session is mandatory.
- Students must arrive prior to the orientation session.

MENTORSHIP (UOCONNEXION):

- uOConnexion pairs incoming exchange students with upper year uOttawa students to facilitate their integration into Canadian society and university life in Ottawa.

ACCOMODATION

- The University of Ottawa has rooms available in university residences for exchange students, even though on-campus accommodation is never guaranteed. Students can join the uOttawa Bureau International Office Facebook group to view postings from fellow students. They can also consult the Off-Campus Housing website to obtain further information about living off campus.

HEALTH INSURANCE

- **University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP):** Subscription to the University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) is compulsory for all international incoming exchange students (Canadian exchange students are exempted).

ESTIMATED COSTS

- Please visit our website for a breakdown of the estimated costs associated with living in Canada.

QUESTIONS?

- Please contact our Incoming exchanges team by email if you have any questions or consult the International Office website for complete instructions.