



uOttawa

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARTNER INSTITUTIONS

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

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: 188th worldwide (Times Higher Education rankings 2014)

- [University of Ottawa web site](#)
- [International Exchanges web site](#)
- [Academic calendar](#)
 - Fall session: September – December
 - Winter session: January – April

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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

IN GENERAL

(Information may vary depending on agreement):

- **Level of studies:** Undergraduate and Graduate
- **Duration of exchange:** One or two sessions (Preferably two)
- **Minimum overall average required for exchange students:** 70% (B) or equivalent (uOttawa will accept the GPA established by the partner institution).

FACULTY-SPECIFIC INFORMATION

All [uOttawa Faculties and Departments](#) are open to exchange students **except** the Faculty of Medicine, the Faculty of Education and the Telfer School of Management.

COURSE SELECTION

- [Course selection: 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

There is one deadline for submitting applications for both sessions

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31ST

All students wishing to participate in an exchange in the Fall session (September-December), Academic Year (September-April) **and/or** Winter session (January-April) must submit their completed application package by **March 31st**.

Please visit our web site 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 pick-up service:** In September only.
 - Details about the airport pick-up service are posted on the uOttawa main web site in August.
- **Orientation program:** Participation to the [Exchange student orientation session](#) is mandatory. Students must come to Canada for the orientation session.
 - Dates for orientation session: First day of Fall session (September) or first day of Winter session (January)
- **Mentorship** (Buddy Program): The [International Office Buddy Program](#) pairs incoming exchange students with upper year uOttawa students to facilitate their integration into Canadian society and university life in Ottawa.

ACCOMMODATION

The University of Ottawa has a limited number of rooms available in [university residences for exchange students](#), therefore exchange students are not guaranteed on-campus residence. Students can join the [uOttawa Bureau International Office Facebook group](#) to view postings from fellow students. They can also consult [the Off-Campus Housing web site](#) to obtain further information about living off-campus.

ACCESSIBILITY

There is accommodation for students who have a disability such as wheelchair accessibility and visually impaired accessibility in our new residence complex, 90 University private. Please [visit the Access Service web site](#) for a complete list of services for students with disabilities.

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 COST OF LIVING

Please visit our web site 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 web site](#) for complete instructions student exchanges.