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## HISTORY

Princeton University is a private Ivy League research university in Princeton, New Jersey, United States. Founded in 1746 in Elizabeth as the College of New Jersey, Princeton is the fourth-oldest institution of higher education in the United States and one of the nine colonial colleges chartered before the American Revolution. The institution moved to Newark in 1747, then to the current site nine years later, where it was renamed Princeton University in 1896.

## LOCATION

The campus is located on 500 acres in the heart of New Jersey. Visitors set aside time to explore the region, which includes numerous shops and restaurants, art exhibitions and events, and many parks and historical sites. Princeton is roughly equidistant from New York City and Philadelphia. NJ TRANSIT trains passing through Princeton Junction provide direct service to New York City and Newark Liberty International Airport. Students can also take the train at Trenton, which provides service to Philadelphia. Amtrak trains also connect to Washington, D.C., Boston, and the greater region.

## EXCHANGE PARTNERS

Princeton University has established exchange agreements with the below institutions that allow students from these schools to attend Princeton for study/research programs. Please note, Princeton does NOT accept short-term visiting students except those from recognized exchange partners.

<b>Bocconi University</b> Milan, Italy	<b>CentraleSupélec</b> Paris, France	<b>Delft University of Technology</b> Delft, Netherlands
<b>ETH Zurich</b> Zurich, Switzerland	<b>Institut d'Études Politiques</b> Paris, France	<b>Tsinghua University</b> Beijing, China
<b>University of Cantabria</b> Santander, Spain	<b>University of Hong Kong</b> School of Engineering Hong Kong, China	<b>University of Oxford</b> Biochemistry & Engineering Oxford, England
<b>University of Tokyo</b> Tokyo, Japan		

Students arriving on the exchange are fully integrated into university life and have full access to all the services that Princeton offers. Academically, students will be assigned to a primary department based on their academic interests (for Engineering students, normally students should plan to take at least 50% of their courses in the School of Engineering). However, pending adviser approval, students can oftentimes take any additional courses for which they have the necessary academic preparation or background.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

The full calendar for Princeton University can be found [here](#). Please be aware **exchange students will be required to arrive between 8:30 am – 4:30 pm on the Wednesday prior to the first day of classes**. Students arriving earlier than required will need to make alternative housing arrangements until the official start date of the program. Students may not arrive later than the official start date except in certain emergency circumstances.

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Undergraduate students at Princeton normally take 4 courses across a range of disciplines and exchange students will be required to take a full course load unless alternative requirements are agreed upon with the sending institution. For specific course offerings in all departments, please consult [Princeton University Course offerings database](#). Please also see the [Exchange Student Guide](#) for more detailed information about course structure and academic expectations at Princeton. For the full list of areas of study, please see [here](#).

## ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

As a general rule, **class attendance** is mandatory, and a portion of a student's final grade often comes from class participation. **Exams** must be taken during official examination sessions and may only be taken at Princeton, unless a student can demonstrate compelling academic reasons for an exception. The exam format may vary and might also include take-home assignments and projects. Since each course may be different, we suggest that students carefully read the final detailed syllabus of the course, usually made available at the beginning of the semester, and always discuss those details with the instructor. **Grading** is normally based on a variety of different things. In some courses, the final grade might be the result of different elements such as group work, assignments, essays and class participation. Students should always clarify with the instructor the exam rules, as well as the weight of class discussions and assignments (e.g., group work) on the final grade. **Transcripts** are mailed directly to the International Office of partner universities at the end of each semester.

## HOUSING & DINING

Princeton on-campus housing consists of [Residential Colleges](#) and upper class student housing. We advise exchange students to live in Residential colleges because of the rich student life and additional advising that occurs in the colleges. However, we do allow students with upper class student status (3rd year or 4th year students) to choose upper class housing. In that case, students will be affiliated with a Residential college and will be fully included in the college's advising system and of all the college activities.

The residential college system provides students not simply with housing and dining options, but advising and other resources to assist them in taking advantage of all that Princeton has to offer. The goal of the colleges is to "create a strong sense of community, collaboration and mutual respect, and to support individual initiative and personal growth". While living in a residential college will afford you more opportunities to meet students and be a part of a community, if you choose that option, you are also required to sign a dining contract. Information on these can be found [here](#).

## STUDENT LIFE

Exchange students have the same access to libraries, computing facilities, and health services as do regularly enrolled students. The campus hosts numerous student events and guest speakers, from the world famous to more esoteric experts, which are open to exchange students. In addition, residential colleges hold regular student events and activities that exchange students will be invited to attend. There are many [student clubs](#) to join: special interest groups, cultural/religious groups, pre-professional groups, performing arts groups, and sports clubs. In short, no matter your interests, you will likely find a group where you share those interests with fellow Princeton students.

## EXPENSES

Exchange students normally pay tuition to their home institutions (with the exception of students coming from Hong Kong University, who pay Princeton tuition). Students should also budget for expenses associated with their room, meals, books, travel, and other personal expenses.

Estimated costs (as of 1/2018):

- **Housing:** \$4,490
- **Meals:** The smallest dining plan (Block 95) is \$1,770 for the semester. This will allow 95 meals per semester plus an additional 30 free meals for a total of 125 meals.
- **Health insurance:** \$900 for the semester if you opt for the Princeton Student Health Plan. *Please note: this is a very comprehensive plan. As such, students opting for other plans should be choosing a comparable one.*
- **International airfare:** depending on where you come from, it could be anywhere from \$750 - \$1,500
- **Books:** \$250 - \$300

## TIMELINE

	Fall/Academic Year	Spring
Exchange nomination deadline	April 1	September 15
Students may apply	As soon as notified by OIP	As soon as notified by OIP
Princeton online application due	April 15	October 1
Acceptance decisions	May 1	October 31
Course registration	Upon arrival	Upon arrival
Add/drop period	Until late September	Until mid-February
Midterms	Late October	Mid-March
Reading period	Early January	Mid May
Exams	Late January	Late May
Transcripts available	Mid-February	Mid-June

## APPLICATION PROCESS

First, you must apply through your home institution and be nominated to participate in the exchange. Next, after being contacted by Princeton's exchange manager, apply through Princeton's online [Global Programs System](#) (GPS) by clicking "**Apply Now**" at the top of this page. Scans of all required documents are accepted. Specific instructions can be found in the application, but you will need to include:

- Exchange Student Application for Visa Certificate Form
- Academic Information & Research Background (if applicable)
- Billing Information
- Exchange Program Essays
- Résumé /CV
- Official Home School Transcript
- Passport-Sized Electronic Photo
- Faculty Recommendation
- Proof of English language ability (if relevant)\*\*

**\*\*English language ability:** A minimum score of 100 on the internet-based TOEFL, or a 7 on the IELTS is required for students from Bocconi University, CentraleSupélec, ETH Zurich, Institut d'Études Politiques, University of Cantabria, and the University of Tokyo. These scores will be required at the time of nomination. Exceptions may be made for native English speakers. Your home school may require additional documents so consult with them before applying.

Applications are due to Princeton **by October 1 for spring semester or by April 1 for fall semester of full academic year.** However, individual institutions will have their own application deadlines so please consult with them about dates.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Princeton University!**