



Estimated costs for exchange students in the USA

Students do not pay any tuition fees to the host university. For those going abroad for one term (semester), the full tuition fee will be payable to the University of Kent. Those going abroad for the full academic year are currently charged 15% of the full tuition fee.

Before you accept a placement, please take time to speak to your sponsors/parents to confirm that you are able to afford the term/year abroad. You must make sure you have sufficient funds available to you on arrival at your host university to cover the initial costs. You should also budget for the remainder of your time abroad.

Costs you will incur will vary according to where your placement is (country and city/town) and what you wish to do while on placement. As a general rule, you should research the following:

- Air fares
- Visa fees
- Any compulsory vaccinations required by host university
- Any medical check-ups required by host university
- Travel to and from the airport
- Health insurance*
- Orientation fee, required by some host universities
- Accommodation during the Orientation
- Accommodation for your period of study
- If accommodation is unfurnished, bedding etc.
- Meal plan
- Books
- Local transportation
- Any compulsory incidental fees charged by the host university
- Sports facilities

Many of our partner institutions do not issue their financial information until the beginning of the calendar year so please use the following information as a guide only. For further information on costs, tuition fees and funding opportunities, please visit our [Costs and Funding page](#).

Visa Requirement

A valid student visa is required for entry to the US. Before applying for the visa, you must pay the SEVIS Fee. To find more information please refer to [Paying the SEVIS Fee](#). The easiest way to pay the fee is online. If you are outside the US and do not already have a valid student visa, you must apply for one at the nearest US Consulate. View <http://usembassy.state.gov> for information about your consulate's process for non-immigrant visa applications and to download the visa application forms. When you apply for your visa, you will need to show your valid passport, DS-2019 form, proof of sufficient funds available to meet all expenses, and proof that you have paid the SEVIS fee.

*Please note that many US universities will not accept Kent’s free insurance and you will have to purchase the host university’s mandatory medical insurance policy. See our [Insurance](#) page for more details.

Belmont University

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$7,000 US per semester
- \$14,000 US per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Accommodation	\$3,500 per semester
Meal plan	\$2,500 per semester
Books/insurance	\$1,000 per semester



University at Buffalo

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$8,675 US per semester
- \$17,346 US per academic year



Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Housing and meals	\$7,236 per semester
Books/supplies	\$750 per semester
Fees/health insurance	\$2304 per semester
Personal expenses	\$1,250 per semester

University of California

Exchange students must certify at least:

Host UC	Living (room and meals)	Health insurance	Total
Berkeley	\$15,797	\$3,286	\$19,083
Davis	\$11,568	\$2,621	\$14,189
Irvine	\$12,260	\$1,894	\$14,154
Los Angeles	\$14,896	\$2,517	\$17,413
Merced	\$13,543	\$2,266	\$15,809
Riverside	\$11,697	\$1,773	\$13,470
San Diego	\$13,249	\$2,040	\$15,289
Santa Barbara	\$13,945	\$3,537	\$17,482
Santa Cruz	\$14,975	\$3,016	\$17,991

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
English Language Test	\$200 approx. fee varies by location
Visa Application	\$160 + any applicable reciprocity fees
SEVIS Fee	\$220
Orientation Fee	\$20-\$320
Document Fee	\$60
Technologies Fees	\$35-\$60
Materials Fees (labs, supplies, etc.)	Varies depending on the course requirements
Books and Supplies	\$1,200
Personal/Transportation	\$2,100

Airfare/Ground Transportation	Varies depending on your location
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California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$10,250 US per semester
- \$20,500 US per academic year



George Mason University, Virginia

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$10,500 US per semester
- \$20,500 US per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Administrative fee	\$500
On-campus housing	\$3,255 - \$4,160 per semester (triple occupancy) \$3,720 - \$4,800 per semester (double occupancy) \$4,505 - \$5,345 per semester (single occupancy)
Health insurance	\$966 (fall) \$1,500 (spring/summer)
Food	\$2,145 - \$2,505 per semester (meal plan in housing without full kitchen) \$190 - \$2,505 per semester (meal plan in housing with full kitchen) \$1,600 - \$2,800 per semester (living off campus)
Public transportation	Free with Mason ID (Campus shuttle and local CUE bus around Fairfax) \$4 - \$6 /one-way (Metro train to Washington, DC)
SEVIS fee	\$180 paid to US Government Minimum of \$130 paid to US Consulate
Personal expenses	\$2,330 per semester (students living on campus) \$3,566 per semester (students living off campus)
Books and supplies	\$600 per semester (books can be bought used or rented for less)



Indiana University

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$7,129 US per semester
- \$14,668 US per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Room and board (based on a double residence hall room with a standard meal plan)	\$11,263 per academic year
Health insurance	\$1,585 per academic year
Miscellaneous expenses (including books and general living expenses)	\$2,246 per academic year



University of Iowa

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$6,000 US per semester
- \$12,000 US per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Housing and meals	\$11,590 per academic year
Books and supplies	\$950 per academic year
Personal expenses	\$2,546 per academic year
Transportation	\$684 per academic year



Kansas University

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$5,834 US per semester
- \$11,668 US per academic year (two semesters)

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Mandatory "You at KU" orientation program*	\$275
KUID card	\$15
ISS check-in fee	\$40
Housing and meals	\$6,500 - \$14,500 per academic year
Personal	\$1,530
Books	\$1,212 per academic year
Health Insurance	\$709 per semester

*Includes some meals, campus and city tours, planned cultural and social activities, shopping excursions, shuttle from Kansas City international airport (for students arriving on the designated date), and fees for immigration.



Loyola University Chicago

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$10,894 per semester
- \$21,788 per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Activity/Development Fee	\$419 per semester
Program Fee	\$350 per semester
Technology Fee	\$125 per semester
CTA U-Pass	\$155 per semester
Health Insurance	\$3,000 per semester
Housing (Double Room)	\$3,695 per semester
Meal Plan	\$2,600



Marist College

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$11,198 per semester
- \$22,394 per academic year



Marquette University

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$8,800 per semester
- \$17,600 per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Housing/food	\$6,600 per semester
Books	\$400 per semester
Personal/insurance/fees	\$1,800 per semester



University of Maryland

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$7,000 US per semester
- \$15,750 US per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
SEVIS fee for J-1 students	\$220
Transportation to campus upon arrival	\$50 (Super Shuttle)
On-campus housing	\$3,800 per semester
On-campus housing early move-in fee	\$38 per night
Off-campus housing	\$850 per month
On-campus meal plan	\$2,599 per semester
Off-campus food expenses	\$1,600 per semester
Books/supplies	\$600 per semester
Excursions hosted by UMD	\$50 per semester
Personal expenses	\$1,600 per semester
Student Activity Fee	\$40 per semester
Mandatory UMD SHIP Health Insurance	\$650 per semester



University of Memphis

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$7,700 US per semester
- \$15,400 US per academic year (two semesters)

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Accommodation	\$3,700 per semester
Meal plan	\$1,785
Cost of living	\$500 per month
Housing prepayment deposit	\$45
Housing confirmation deposit	\$200



Mount Holyoke College (MHC)

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$6,720 per semester
- \$13,440 per academic year

Estimated costs:



Item	Cost
Student Activities Fee	\$109 per semester
MHC Student Health Insurance (required)	\$2,415 per year

Books and personal expenses	\$2,500 per year
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New Mexico State University (NMSU)

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$12,000 US for the full academic year
- \$6,000 US for one semester

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
On-campus accommodation	\$50 application fee \$200 refundable deposit \$2,650 - \$3,475 per semester
Meal plan	\$918 - \$2,070 per semester \$15 application fee
Medical insurance	\$650 per semester
Living expenses	\$300 - \$600 per month
Books and materials	\$100 - \$300 per semester
TB testing	\$80



University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$19,800 for the full academic year
- \$9,900 for one semester

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
On campus housing (double occupancy)	\$4,400 per semester
On-campus meal plan	\$2,250 per semester
Health insurance	\$1,350 per semester

Indirect Costs
(books, misc. personal expenses, varies
per student)

\$2,000 per semester



Purdue University

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$7,185 US per semester
- \$14,370 US per academic year

Estimates costs:

Item	Cost
Books and academic supplies	\$400 - \$900 per semester
Insurance (in case not waived)	\$400 per semester, \$900 per year
On campus accommodation	\$2,000 - \$7,750 per semester
Miscellaneous expenses	\$1,000 per semester

Rhodes College

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$6,094 US per semester
- \$12,188 US per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Room and board	\$11,358 per year
Course materials, text books, and other miscellaneous expenses	\$2,000 per semester
International Accident and Health Insurance	\$700 per semester



Rowan University

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$9,454 US per semester
- \$18,908 US per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
On-campus accommodation	\$5,000 per semester
Meal plan	\$2,000 per semester
Fees	\$1,925 per semester
Health insurance	\$1,500 per year
Personal expenses	\$2,300 per semester



San Diego State University (SDSU)

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$9,650 US per semester
- \$19,300 US per academic year (two semesters)

To cover the following estimated expenses:

Item	Cost
Living expenses (food, housing, books/supplies, personal expenses)	\$17,973 for one academic year (9 months)
Health insurance	\$1,354 for one academic year (9 months)

University of South Carolina (USC)

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$9,907 US per semester
- \$21,571 US per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Non-degree seeking student fee	\$200
Linen pack (optional)	\$125
On-campus accommodation	\$3,380 - \$4,925 per semester
Housing application fee	\$50
Advance Room Payment Fee	\$100
Technology Network Fee	\$76

Mail and Package Service Fee	\$30
Residence hall activity fee	\$50
Renters insurance	Approximately \$200 per semester
Early move-in fee	\$20 per night
Meal plan (optional)	\$1,408 - \$2,119 per semester
Medical insurance (possible to waive)	\$1,031.28 - \$1,401.72 per semester



University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK)

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$9,514 per semester
- \$19,719 US per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Health insurance	\$885 - \$1,239 per semester
Immunizations	\$100 - \$500
Books & supplies	\$700 per semester
Housing	\$3,450 per semester
Meal plan	\$2,174 per semester
Meals during orientation	\$155
Miscellaneous	\$1,650 per semester



Towson University

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$8,859 US per semester
- \$19,398 US per academic year

Estimated costs:



Item	Cost
Housing and meals	\$6,423 per semester / \$12,846 per year
Winter Break living expenses (housing, meals, and personal expenses)	\$1,500
Books/supplies	\$600 per semester/ \$1,100 per year
Health insurance and expenses	\$1,036 per semester / \$2,452 per year
Personal expenses	\$800 per semester / \$1,500 per year

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$5,900 US per semester
- \$11,622 US per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Orientation fee	\$175
International student fee	\$175 per semester

Housing	\$2,370 per semester / \$4,732 per year
Meal plan	\$1,295 per semester / \$2,595 per year
Health insurance	\$885 per semester
Personal expenses	\$1,000 per semester

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$9,431 US per semester
- \$18,862 US per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Room fees	\$3,862 per semester
Dining service (meals)	\$3,351 per semester
Mandatory health insurance	\$843 per semester
Miscellaneous	\$1,375 per semester



University of Virginia

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$9,340 US per semester
- \$18,680 US per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Room	\$3,360 per semester
Board	\$2,615 per semester
Books and supplies	\$690 per semester
Personal	\$1,275 per semester
Health insurance	\$1,400 per semester



Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech)

Undergraduate exchange students must certify at least:

- \$8,189 US per semester
- \$16,378 US per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
On-campus accommodation	\$3,000 - \$4,700 per semester
Meal plan	\$1,800 - \$2,100 per semester
Medical insurance	\$2,555 per year
Course specific fees	\$500 - \$700 per semester
Exchange student fee	\$75



West Virginia University (WVU)

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$13,860 US per academic year
- \$6,390 US per semester

Estimated costs:



Item	Cost
On-campus rooms	\$2,915 per semester
Meal Plan	\$2,400 per semester
Off-campus apartments (University Place)	\$2,975 per semester
WVU Student Health Insurance*	\$1,086 per semester
WVU Education Abroad Admin Fee	\$150 per semester
Textbooks	\$500 per semester
Personal expenses	\$2,100 per semester

University of Wisconsin--Milwaukee (UWM)

Exchange students must certify at least:

- \$6,400 US per semester
- \$12,800 US per academic year

Estimated costs:

Item	Cost
Mandatory/segregated fees	\$1,700 per academic year
International student fee	\$200 per academic year
Health insurance	\$1,730 per academic year
Housing	\$4,996 per academic year
Food	\$3,456 per academic year

Books and supplies	\$600 per academic year
Visa	\$187 per academic year
Miscellaneous expenses	\$2,420 per academic year

