



Indiana University of Pennsylvania

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Greetings Partners:

We, in the Office of International Education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), look forward to hosting your students during the next academic year, 2026-2027. To ensure an efficient application process, we are distributing information about International Student and Scholar Orientation, arrival dates, tuition and fees, meals, and housing accommodations. We strongly recommend that all non-degree applications be submitted to the OIE by the deadlines listed below. However, while we can continue to accept applications from most countries after the deadline, on-campus housing cannot be guaranteed. Please contact us if you have a late application.

RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Before making your selections, we ask that you please **contact us by e-mail** intl-exchange@iup.edu to find out the number of reciprocal exchange students that we can accept during the 2026-2027 academic year.

Reciprocal exchange students will be assessed fees based on the exchange agreement. In addition, reciprocal exchange students whose tuition and fees are waived per the exchange agreement are assessed the following mandatory fees: Orientation, Immigration Services, Evacuation/Repatriation Insurance, and Student ID Card fee (approximately \$400). Reciprocal exchange students should register for 12-15 credits per semester.

FEE-PAYING NON-DEGREE STUDENTS

Students from partner universities who pay tuition and fees directly to IUP are referred to as “fee-paying” non-degree students. These students receive a significant tuition discount and pay only 10% more than Pennsylvania residents. The cost of tuition and fees is approximately \$6,800 per semester plus international fees, housing, and meals. For a full course load, undergraduate students will register for 12-15 credits per semester.

HOUSING & MEALS

IUP requires all students to live on-campus in one of IUP’s suite-style residence halls.

Each suite is equipped with individual bathrooms, high-speed wired and wireless internet connectivity, microwaves and refrigerators, individually controlled air-conditioning and heating, and many more features. The cost of housing in a two-person shared semi-suite is approximately \$5,475 per semester, and other suite options are available at increased costs. More information is available online at <http://www.iup.edu/housing>.

Housing during Fall Pause, Thanksgiving Break and Spring Break is free for international students living on-campus, but they must register in advance for break housing. Winter Break Housing is available for a fee (see below).

Students living on campus must enroll in a resident student meal plan. Descriptions and pricing of each meal plan are available online at www.iup.edu/housing/forms/housing-and-dining-costs/dining-costs-fall-and-spring.

The IUP Office of Housing, Residential Living and Dining requires all Fall 2026 Semester students to **reserve their on-campus housing by JUNE 1, 2026**. They encourage online registration, but a paper contract is available on request. Housing requests submitted after this deadline may not be honored due to lack of rooms. Spring Semester housing must be reserved by November 15, 2026.

WINTER BREAK HOUSING POLICY

Students may stay after fall term (up to 2 days past the date of graduation) for a fee of \$35 per night. Returning students may arrive early for spring term (up to 2 days prior to returning student check-in) for a fee of \$35 per night. Students staying later/coming earlier than the 2-day window will be charged a \$392 flat winter break housing fee.

ARRIVAL DATE

All new international students and scholars should arrive on the Arrival Date and must attend International Student and Scholar Orientation. IUP sponsors a bus pick-up from the Pittsburgh International Airport for students who arrive before 18:00 on the specified Arrival Date (see immigration document for arrival date). The cost is \$60 per person, and a seat must be reserved in advance for each student by submitting the Airport Transportation Form www.iup.edu/international/students-scholars/students/new/arriving-at-iup. Students not arriving on the official Arrival Date must arrange their own transportation to IUP. Please note that the Pittsburgh International Airport is approximately 2 hours from IUP, depending on traffic, weather and road conditions.

If students cannot arrive at the airport before 18:00 and want to ride the IUP-sponsored bus, we strongly recommend they plan to arrive a day early and stay at a hotel near the airport. Many hotels near the airport offer free shuttle service to and from the airport, so students can be transported back to the airport to catch the IUP-sponsored bus to Indiana on the official Arrival Date.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

International Student and Scholar Orientation is mandatory for all new international students and scholars. A \$150 fee is charged for this program. Orientation is designed specifically for international students and scholars to help them succeed at IUP. They will learn about IUP academic and student services, U.S. academic culture, and student visa and immigration regulations.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2025-2026

IUP ACADEMIC CALENDAR	FALL SEMESTER 2026	SPRING SEMESTER 2027
NOMINATION DEADLINE	April 15, 2026	October 15, 2026
APPLICATION DEADLINE	May 1, 2026	November 1, 2026
REQUIRED DOCUMENT DEADLINE <i>Students must submit learning plan and J1 visa compliant health insurance to OIE and reserve housing</i>	June 1, 2026	November 15, 2026
ARRIVAL DATE <i>IUP-sponsored transportation from the Pittsburgh International Airport is available for those who arrive by 18:00. The cost is US\$60 and seats must be reserved in advance.</i>	Monday, August 17	Monday, January 11
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION	August 18 – 21	January 12 – 15
ACADEMIC SEMESTER	August 24 – December 7	January 19 – May 3
RECESS BREAKS: No Classes <i>Cafeterias will be closed.</i>	October 19-October 20 <i>Fall Pause</i> November 25 – November 27 <i>Thanksgiving Break</i> December 13 – January 19 <i>Winter Break</i>	January 18 <i>Martin Luther King Jr Holiday</i> March 8 – 12 <i>Spring Break</i>
FINAL EXAMS	December 8 – 11	May 4 – 7
LAST DAY IN RESIDENCE	December 12 (must depart by 10:00 am)	May 8 (must depart by 10:00 am)

IUP's detailed academic calendar is available online at <https://www.iup.edu/news-events/calendar/academic/>

CURRENT COSTS OF ATTENDANCE

COSTS PER SEMESTER (double the amounts for one full academic year)

TUITION & ACADEMIC FEES	\$7,000 (based on 12-15 credits)
INTERNATIONAL FEES	\$400
ROOM & Commons Fee	\$5,075 (based on two-person shared semi-suite)
MEALS	\$2,210 (based on 19 meals per week)
OTHER EXPENSES	\$2,000 (estimate for health insurance, books, personal expenses, etc)

*** Please allow for a 3-5 % increase in costs for 2026-2027. The final cost of housing, tuition and fees will be set in July 2026 after the State of Pennsylvania passes the budget, and funds are provided to the university.**

FINANCIAL AFFIDAVIT & PROOF OF FINANCES

Reciprocal exchange students should show financial proof of \$9,685 per semester.

Fee-paying non-degree students must show financial proof of \$16,685 per semester.

CLASS SELECTION & REGISTRATION

IUP majors can be found at www.iup.edu/majors. Students must submit a learning plan approved by home university advisor prior to IUP registration. Students must select 10 different courses that are accepted by the home university in case priority courses are not available. Once a student's schedule is built, changes are limited.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Students MUST purchase a J-1 Exchange policy from an American company that meets the requirements set forth by the U.S. Department of State. If your university arranges J1 compliant health insurance for all students, please contact OIE in advance for a waiver. Proof of insurance (in English) must be submitted to OIE prior to travel.

Program participants are required to have medical insurance coverage with the following minimum benefits:

- Medical benefits of **at least** \$100,000 per accident or illness
- Repatriation of remains in the amount of \$25,000
- Expenses associated with the medical evacuation of the exchange visitor to his or her home country in the amount of \$50,000
- A deductible not to exceed \$500 per accident or illness

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

For undergraduate study, IUP requires a minimum score of 61 iBT TOEFL, 500 TOEFL ITP, 5.5 IELTS, 90 Duolingo English Test, 160 Cambridge, 46 Pearson PTE, 1100 GTEC. For graduate study, the minimum requirement is 76 iBT TOEFL, 540 TOEFL ITP, 6.0 IELTS, 110 Duolingo English Test, 179 Cambridge, 53 Pearson PTE, 1280 GTEC. Students with scores below the minimum are welcome to study English at IUP's American Language Institute (ALI) or participate in Bridge study (students enroll in degree coursework and ALI language classes). Learn more about the ALI at www.iup.edu/ali/.

Attached to this email you will find copies of the following:

- International Student Application
- Affidavit of Financial Support

Please distribute to your students as necessary. Please send e-mail inquiries and applications regarding exchange to intl-exchange@iup.edu. If we can provide further information, please contact us.

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