



Linking UP to the World

**Student Exchange
Program Fact Sheet**
Academic Year 2023-24



About UP

The University of the Philippines (UP) is the national university of the Philippines. It takes pride in being the pioneer and leader in higher education in the Philippines through academic excellence, outstanding research, and public service. UP produces scientific and creative outputs of the highest quality - receiving both national and international recognition.

UP was established on June 18, 1908 and presently has eight constituent universities: **UP Diliman, UP Manila, UP Los Baños, UP Open University, UP Baguio and UP Cebu.**

UP Diliman is the biggest and most comprehensive unit, excelling in various fields. Other campuses are known for specific areas of specialization. UP Manila is the country's center of excellence in the health sciences; UP Los Baños is a distinguished center of academic excellence in agriculture, forestry and related sciences in Asia; UP Visayas is noted for its program in fisheries which is recognized as one of the best in Asia; UP Baguio is noted for its specialization in the arts and humanities. UP Open University provides education opportunities beyond the boundaries of a conventional university; and the UP Cebu offers courses on information technology and business programs





UP accepts international exchange students from partner universities around the world. These inbound exchange students should be officially nominated by their home university based on their own set criteria for selecting exchange students. Students may choose to enroll to any UP Constituent Universities (CU) as long as the courses which the students will be taking are available in that UP CU.

Eligibility

To be eligible as an inbound exchange student, the applicant:

1. Must be endorsed by the International Relations Office of the Home University;
2. Should have sufficient English Language Proficiency to cope with the requirements of the courses;
3. Preferably with a General Point Average (GPA) of 3.0/4.0

Requirements

1. Nomination Letter from Home University's International Relations Office
2. Accomplished UP Inbound Student Exchange Application Form
3. Transcript of Records (in English)
4. Proof of English Language Proficiency (if available)
5. AUN-ACTS Online Generated Application Form (for AUN-ACTS Applicants)
6. Comprehensive Health and Travel Insurance

Application Procedure

International Relations Office of the Partner University will submit an official letter of nomination, together with the other requirements, to UP OIL via email at oil@up.edu.ph on or before 15 April of the current year for UP's First Semester (Fall) or on or before 15 September of the current year for UP's Second Semester (Spring). UP OIL will evaluate the nomination and will send to the partner university the UP CU's application packet once the nomination is accepted.

The nominated international exchange student must submit the application documents on or before 30 May for UP's First Semester Exchange or on or before 30 October for UP's Second Semester Exchange. Scanned copies of the documents should be sent directly to the UP CU email, copy furnished the UO OIL.



Student Exchange in UP

Academic Schedule

UP's academic calendar varies from one constituent university to another. Following recent adjustments, the First (Fall) Semester starts on September and lasts until January of the following year. For Second (Spring) Semester, the calendar starts from February and ends on June.

Average Course Load

The average course load for regular students ranges from 15 to 18 units or 5 to 6 courses.

Grading System

UP follows a 1.0/5.0 Grading Scale where 1.0 is the highest mark and 5.0 is the failing mark.

Visa Requirement

International students are assisted by UP CU OIL units to process their visa application. Once accepted by UP, the student is given a step-by-step procedure on how he/she can obtain student visa or 47(A)(2) visa

Insurance

Health and travel insurance with COVID-19 Coverage on top of Medical Coverage amounting to Php 1,000,000.00 and Travel Cancellation Cover is required to all inbound international students

Student Housing

UP may provide accommodation to international students. However, reservation is on first come, first served basis. Off-campus accommodation which are privately-operated are also available for a fee.

Estimated Living Cost

The DSA rate for Metro Manila is currently pegged at USD 249

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