



## A-STATE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Studying abroad at an A-State bilateral partner allows you to exchange your space at A-State with a student from that partner university for a semester or a year. You will take classes in many academic fields with students from all over the world. While many programs offer coursework in English, others offer language immersion programs.

You will be charged A-State tuition and fees. Housing and meals must be paid at the institution you are studying abroad in. You can apply your scholarships and aid toward the cost of your program.

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## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Arkansas State University is a member of the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP), a membership organization of over 300 institutions in the United States and worldwide. ISEP offers both ISEP-Direct, and ISEP-Exchange programs.

### THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS

ISEP offers 2 programs through the schools you are exploring.

**ISEP-Exchange:** Students who choose the ISEP-Exchange option will pay tuition, meals, and housing at Arkansas State University. These expenses will be waived at the host university.

**ISEP-Direct:** Students who choose the ISEP-Direct option will pay the costs as set by ISEP. Often, ISEP-Direct is an alternative to the exchange option when ISEP-Exchange space is limited or not available at the university.

<https://www.isepstudyabroad.org>

## OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)

OPT is Optional Practical Training, which is a benefit students can get if they study in the U.S. on a F-1 visa for at least one year and complete a degree here.

Students who graduate from ASUCQ cannot apply for OPT.

## TRANSFER STUDENT ADMISSION

1. Students who have completed 12 or fewer semester credit hours will be admitted under conditions for new freshmen and must submit high school transcripts and ACT/SAT scores in addition to all college transcripts directly to our international recruit team. These transcripts will be evaluated for the final evaluation of transferable credits.
2. Transfer students who have completed 13 to 23 or more transferable credit hours with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 at a regionally accredited college or university and evidence of ACT/SAT scores taken within the last five years or compliance with the state-mandated remediation requirements will receive unconditional admission.





3. Applicants with 24 or more transferable hours must present final, official transcript from all colleges attended. ACT or SAT scores taken within the last five years will be required for any transfer student who has not successfully completed English I with a C or better and College Algebra.
4. Transfer students with a cumulative GPA of less than 2.00 upon approval of the Undergraduate Admission Committee in ASUJ, may be admitted on academic probation, restricted to 12 hours of enrollment and required to participate in the Restart@state program.
5. College transcripts should be sent to: ASUCQ by email to their recruit team and send the official transcript to the Office of the Registrar in ASUJ, P.O. Box 1570, State University, AR 72467.

**NOTE: Transferable hours include courses in which a grade of F was earned. The courses transfer and will impact G.P.A.**

## STUDENT EXCHANGE (ONE OR TWO SEMESTERS)

### Process to be done with ASU Jonesboro

Once ASUCQ students have been selected for a student exchange program, the Office of the Vice Rector will send the list of selected students to ASU Jonesboro as well as notification to the appropriate authorities in the various departments at ASUJ.

Selected students will meet with their academic advisor to decide on the courses to take in Jonesboro.

The process consists of the following steps:

#### 1) Become a Transient ASUJ student

This requires that you go through a process similar to the admissions process.

- a) Non US-Citizens need to:
  - i) Fill out the International Exchange application:  
[https://asups1.astate.edu:4443/prod/bwskalog.P\\_DispLoginNon](https://asups1.astate.edu:4443/prod/bwskalog.P_DispLoginNon).
  - ii) You will receive an email to upload your documents once you apply. These documents are:
    - (1) Copy of the biographical page of your passport
    - (2) A bank statement in English that is less than 1 year old and has \$5,000.00 USD if you are staying one semester or \$10,000.00 USD if you are a two-semester student, this would cover any living expenses and insurance.
    - (3) You will need to have at least a 2.0/4.0 Overall GPA at ASUCQ. This is a given because to be selected you need to have at least a 3.0/4.0.





- iii) Once admitted:
    - (1) You will receive your DS-2019 form and your acceptance letter either at your home or here in ASUCQ campus in the admissions department.
    - (2) You will be registered in your courses.
  - b) US Citizens need to:
    - i) Fill out the International Exchange application:  
[https://asups1.astate.edu:4443/prod/bwskalog.P\\_DisplLoginNon](https://asups1.astate.edu:4443/prod/bwskalog.P_DisplLoginNon).
    - ii) You will receive an email to upload your documents once you apply. These documents are:
      - (1) Copy of the biographical page of your passport
      - (2) A bank statement in English that is less than 1 year old and has \$5,000.00 USD if you are staying one semester or \$10,000.00 USD if you are a two-semester student, this would cover any living expenses and insurance.
      - (3) You will need to have at least a 2.0/4.0 Overall GPA at ASUCQ. This is a given because to be selected you need to have at least a 3.0/4.0.
      - (4) There will be no DS-2019 since there is no need to get a student visa.
- 2) **Get student Exchange - Visa**
- a) You have to pay your SEVIS fee <https://fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html> and then go to the embassy/consulate to get a **J-1 this is an exchange Visa**
  - b) Make an appointment at the closest US Embassy or Consulate.
  - c) Attend the appointment.
- 3) **Secure Housing and Meals:**
- a) ASUJ has several international students (and exchange students) in the North Park Quads Building 2, which is the Global Engagement Floor. This is a four bedroom (2 domestic, 2 international) with shared common space residential hall. There is no kitchen so students will have to purchase a meal plan.
  - b) Once admitted and with your Visa authorized, you must fill out the housing application online. This application also allows you to select the meal plan.  
  
A step by step guide on how to do this can be found here:  
[https://www.astate.edu/a/residence-life/files/Step+by+Step+Portal+10-14-18.pdf?language\\_id=1](https://www.astate.edu/a/residence-life/files/Step+by+Step+Portal+10-14-18.pdf?language_id=1)
  - c) There is no official deadline to secure a room. A student can wait to arrive to campus and book it then. However, it is always recommended that a student starts applying as soon as they are admitted and have a visa to guarantee availability of housing.
    - i) <https://www.astate.edu/a/residence-life/>
- 4) **Arriving to Jonesboro**
- a) One week before class starts there is a mandatory orientation that all international students (exchange and non-exchange) must go through, which includes hearing



presentations on campus services, hearing their immigration law presentation, health screening, getting ID cards, etc.

- b) If you arrive on the Friday – Sunday before the Monday orientation date, ASUJ will offer free pick-up at the **Memphis airport**. Reserve by July 29<sup>th</sup>. You must sign up here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/983N2HM>

#### **5) About Insurance and Immunization**

- a) Exchange students will be required to take the international insurance. Our rate for the fall is \$438 and it will cover them from August – December.
- b) The USA requires that all international students have the appropriate immunizations. US citizens may not need to present immunizations; however, there is currently an outbreak of measles in the USA, and the requirements may have changed.
- c) If exchange students have their Measles, Mumps, and Rubella shots already, they can bring the necessary form signed with them. If they do not have the MMR shots already, they can take them upon arrival. They will be required to be screened for tuberculosis during arrival as well.

#### **6) Paying Tuition and Fees**

- a) You will pay your tuition in Mexico as you always did, but you have to pay the \$350.00 USD international student fee, and your complete housing fees in Jonesboro.

#### **7) About Getting Help and Assistance**

- a) Admission process: Courtney Sears, [csears@astate.edu](mailto:csears@astate.edu)
- b) Immigration process: Leah Lewert Taylor, [llewerttaylor@astate.edu](mailto:llewerttaylor@astate.edu)
- c) Housing/Meal Plans: Adonis Thompson, [athompson@astate.edu](mailto:athompson@astate.edu)
- d) Sign-up process and insurance covers: Kimberly Winters, [kwinters@astate.edu](mailto:kwinters@astate.edu)
- e) ASUCQ: David Melo, [dmelo@astate.edu.mx](mailto:dmelo@astate.edu.mx)