



UNIVERSITY OF DENVER (DU)

Visiting Student Applicant Information 2020-21

Main DU Website: du.edu
Website for International Students Attending DU: du.edu/intl/iss/index.html
Website for Incoming Visiting Students: du.edu/abroad/exchange-students.html

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The University of Denver

As a private university located near the Rocky Mountains, we empower students who want to make a difference. Based in south Denver and with over 300 academic programs, we serve about 12,000 graduate and undergraduate students. Our classroom academics, hands-on educational experiences and global learning put students on the path toward lives and careers that will shape the world.

For both our undergraduate and graduate students, we believe in education that combines rigorous class work with the spirit of exploration. With hundreds of options of academic areas, you'll be able to create an academic path that fits your interests needs for your degree and learning about US academic culture.

Outside of the academic experience, DU offers you access to join over 100 student run clubs and organizations, 125 acres of lush campus space, and countless activities and events throughout the academic year. With over 100 student-run clubs, there's no shortage of things to do on campus, Explore the Rockies with the Alpine Club, team up with your friends through club sports, or help improve local communities through our service organizations. Campus lights up with action during the hockey season, and our cultural festivals bring people together to celebrate and express the many experiences of our diverse community.

We've built a campus that serves as a cultural hub for our students and the city we call home. The Newman Center for the Performing Arts hosts concerts, theatrical performances and talks by cultural icons from around the world. At our art gallery and small theaters located on campus, you can contribute your voice to cultural conversations and learn from contemporary artists hailing from Denver and beyond.

Most important, we strive to foster a diverse and inclusive community that respects every perspective and encourages intellectual exploration. As we're non-denominational, we support people of all faiths. Through class work, community projects and on-campus discussion and initiatives, we strive to bring people of all backgrounds into the conversation.

Application Information

We've gone digital! All prospective visiting students should complete the online application. Students should upload required supporting documents to their online application for it to be considered complete by the deadline.

Online Visiting Student Applications available at
du.edu/abroad/exchange-students.html

Deadlines

Winter and/or Spring quarters/semester 2020: October 1, 2019

Fall quarter/semester and Academic Year 2020: March 15, 2020

Winter and/or Spring quarters/semester 2021: September 15, 2020

All application questions can be directed to the DU Visiting & Exchange Coordinator at duxp@du.edu.

Required Supporting Documents

As part of the online application, students must upload the following documents to their application:

- **Insurance Requirement Attestation Form:** Download and complete the form [here](#).
- **Personal Statement:** Statement explaining why student wishes to study at the University of Denver for their exchange term(s) abroad. Students should indicate any specific areas of interest (academic, personal, professional). Maximum 500 words.
- **TOEFL or IELTS scores:** Submit proof of scores for all non-native English speakers (if home university is on the list of [exemptions](#), students do not need to include this in their application). More information on DU language requirements [here](#).

Undergraduate students: TOEFL score of 80 or higher with no subscore below 18 or;

IELTS scores must be at least 6.5, with no less than 5.5 on any individual band scores or; CAE with the minimum grade of C or; Duolingo English Test, contact duxp@du.edu for information on score requirements.

Graduate students: TOEFL and IELTS requirements vary by department at the graduate level and may be higher than those scores required for undergraduates. See [requirements](#) for your program/area of study. Contact duxp@du.edu.

- **Proof of Financial Support:** Students can submit a scanned copy of a bank statement or a bank letter verifying sufficient funds as detailed in the [proof of funding breakdown](#). If the student has a sponsor or is not the sole account holder of the funds, they must also submit a letter from the sponsor certifying willingness to support the student's studies, relationship to the student, complete contact information, and the [Financial Verification form](#). For the estimated amount (in USD) that students must provide as proof of financial support per quarter of study at DU, see the [Proof of Funding breakdown](#).
- **Scanned photocopy of passport information/photo page(s)**
- **Academic Transcript** showing current level of education (translated into English, if applicable)
- **Study Plan:** Students must submit the [DUXP Study Plan](#) to indicate which classes they wish to take during their first term at the University of Denver. This form does not guarantee enrollment, but helps DU better advise students one how to register.
- **Certification of Immunization:** Students must show they have been vaccinated for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) by submitting a completed Certificate of Immunization for College/University Students form or a vaccination record. This form should be submitted via email after acceptance to hcc@du.edu. Certification of Immunization Forms available [here](#).

Academics

Academic Calendar & Orientation

Find the official University of Denver academic year calendar (for all areas of study except law) at: <https://www.du.edu/registrar/calendar/index.html> (select academic year under “official calendar”).

For graduate law exchange students, the Sturm College of Law Calendar can be found here: <https://www.law.du.edu/registrar/academic-calendar>

- Visiting students (all non-law students) are expected to arrive prior to the start of classes in order to attend the International Student Orientation and Visiting Student Orientation. For planning purposes, students can use these general dates below. More specific dates will be provided after acceptance as a visiting student.

Fall Quarter	Late August/Early September Arrival
Winter Quarter	Early January Arrival
Spring Quarter	Mid-March Arrival

- Graduate law exchange students will have the following general arrival dates:

Fall Semester	Early August Arrival
Spring Semester	Early January Arrival

Class Schedules & Options

Below are links to the area of studies and classes (also called courses) offered at the University of Denver:

- Undergraduate: bulletin.du.edu/undergraduate/coursedescriptions/
- Graduate: bulletin.du.edu/graduate/coursedescriptions/

For more detail as to which terms classes are typically offered, the DU online schedule of classes can be found at: du.edu/registrar/course/scheduleofclasses.html (students can look at current academic year for general idea of when classes will offered in the future). The schedule of classes for a given term is typically posted 1-3 months before the beginning of the term.

For assistance with searching for classes and understanding the class schedule, see [DU Visiting Student Registration](#) instructions.

- Courses at University College and the Women’s College are not available as part of the visiting student program.
- Online courses are not available to visiting students.
- Summer term and Interterms are not available as part of the visiting student program.
- We cannot guarantee entrance into any specific course nor can we guarantee that each course will be offered.

Important Course and Admission Information:

- Courses must be taken for a grade; pass/fail and auditing are not options.
- Visiting students categorized as undergraduate students at DU must enroll in at least **12** credit hours per quarter. Students categorized as graduate students must enroll in at least **8** graduate-level credit hours per quarter/semester.
- Admission as a visiting student does not admit a student to any regular University degree or certificate program.
- Graduate students may have additional admission requirements dictated by the school or department in which they wish to study.
- A student is limited to a maximum of one academic year under the visiting student program.
- Limited courses at the ELC (English Language Center) are available if recommended to students based on their English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) results. Students are encouraged, though not required, to follow the advice of the ELC. Students affected should check with their home institution if credit will be accepted for these courses, and such instances are handled on a case-by-case basis. Interested students should contact duxp@du.edu to indicate interest.

Housing & Meals

Visiting students categorized as undergraduate students can choose to stay in either on-campus or off-campus housing. Students categorized as graduate students need to find an off-campus accommodation option.

On-Campus Housing

The University of Denver guarantees a placement in on-campus housing to all undergraduate visiting students under the age of 25 who will begin their studies in the autumn quarter. Due to limited placements, students arriving in the winter or spring quarters will be offered a room upon availability. All visiting students must complete the online housing application on time (typically early May for autumn arrivals and early October for winter arrivals). Instructions on applying for on-campus housing will be sent with acceptance materials.

Visiting students usually are assigned a single bedroom/studio apartment, meaning students live on their own in apartment buildings where domestic DU students are also living. These apartments remain open during university breaks. Students can learn more about [DU's residence halls here](#). See here for [room and board rates](#) (listed by room and building type per quarter). Once again, kindly be aware that on-campus housing is limited, therefore the offer made by the HRE office is likely not changeable.

Before deciding to live on-campus, please take the following information into your decision-making:

- The fees (rent and deposit) associated with living on-campus is the responsibility of the student, unless the exchange agreement between DU and the home university stipulates that housing is included.
- DU's limited on-campus housing mainly houses domestic and international students between ages

of 18 – 21.

- The housing office cannot accommodate on-campus housing for students over age of 25.
- DU on-campus housing is not available for graduate students. Graduate students are expected to live off-campus.
- On-campus apartment housing at DU is gender neutral. If a student has a strong preference for a single-gender apartment, please let it be known at the earliest convenience, so accommodations can be made. While buildings are not single-gender buildings, individual bedrooms and suites are single-gender.

Meal Plans

Meal Plans are prepaid meal options for eating on-campus that are common in the United States. Visiting students may decide if they would like to purchase any of the meal plan options (billed to the student directly) or would like to waive this in favor of cooking for themselves. More information on meal plan options and quarterly rates [can be found here](#).

Off-Campus Housing

DU's Housing and Residential Education department does not provide off-campus housing but may help connect students to resources for living off-campus. [More information can be found here](#) including information on DU's preferred off-campus housing option for interested students.

Insurance & Medical Coverage

DU HEALTH & COUNSELING FEE

Undergraduate visiting students are expected to pay the Health and Counseling Fee (HCF) every quarter they are at DU, as this fee is not covered by exchange agreements and required for every University of Denver student. (Note that the Student Activity Fee and the Technology Fee are covered by the exchange agreements and will not be billed to students coming to DU on an exchange with their university). Undergraduate students do not have the option to waive the HCF Fee. It is separate from medical insurance listed below.

Graduate visiting students have the option to waive the Health and Counseling Fee, if they choose to do so. For more information about what this fee covers and how to waive it once accepted, see here: <https://www.du.edu/health-and-counseling-center/coveragecosts/fees.html>.

See [Estimated Cost of Attendance](#) for information on the Health and Counseling fee amount.

MEDICAL INSURANCE & WAIVER

Students are required to either participate in the DU Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) or provide proof of other adequate health insurance coverage. Students are automatically enrolled in and expected to pay for SHIP unless they waive it. Learn about SHIP coverage and costs at [du.edu/health-and-counseling-center/coveragecosts/index.html](https://www.du.edu/health-and-counseling-center/coveragecosts/index.html). As mentioned, students have the option to waive SHIP coverage if they provide proof of other adequate health insurance coverage. Information on what is required to waive the SHIP insurance can be found here: [du.edu/health-and-counseling-center/coveragecosts/waiver.html](https://www.du.edu/health-and-counseling-center/coveragecosts/waiver.html).

Visa & Immigration

After acceptance to the visiting student program, the University of Denver will issue a certificate of eligibility and post it to the visiting student at the address provided. Once received, the student is encouraged to begin the application process for the student visa. The DU staff of International Student Advisors will answer any questions students may come across in the application process. More details on the immigration process can be found [here](#).

Estimated Expenses

To issue the Certificate of Eligibility for the student visa, students need to provide proof of funding to cover their studies at the University of Denver at the time of application. For expense estimates on the cost of studies at the University of Denver and required amount to show, see [here](#).

Questions?

Please reach out to DUXP@du.edu with any and all questions or concerns. We look forward to welcoming your students to the University of Denver!