



STUDY ABROAD STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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Academic Calendar

Fall 2023 semester (August to December)	Arrival Dates	Sunday, August 13
	Intl Student Orientation	Monday, August 14 and Tuesday, August 15 (<i>mandatory for all new students</i>)
	Week of Welcome	Thursday, August 17 through Sunday, August 20
	First day of classes	Monday, August 21
	Last day of classes & exams	Friday, December 1 (exams end Friday, December 8)
Spring 2024 semester (January to May)	Arrival Dates	Thursday, January 4 (<i>This is to be determined and is subject to change</i>)
	Orientation	Friday, January 5 and Saturday, January 6 (<i>mandatory for all new students</i>)
	First day of classes	Monday, January 8
	Last day of classes & exams	Friday, April 26 (exams end Friday, May 3)
<i>All other important semester dates</i>		https://www.bw.edu/Assets/registration-records/2023-24-academic-calendar.pdf

Academic Information

Academic Requirements	Minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA or equivalent <i>Note: all full-year exchange students must obtain a 2.0 GPA for their first semester at BW. Should they fall below a 2.0, they will be dismissed from the program and unable to return for the second semester.</i>
Language Requirements	Non-native English speakers are required to have attained an English proficiency level of TOEFL 79 (internet-based), IELTS 6.5 or above, or Duolingo score of 105 or higher.
English as a Second Language (ESL)	All international students for whom English is not a first language will be enrolled in ENG 111 College Composition class (3 credits). While TOEFL or IELTS scores remain a valuable indicator of English language proficiency, students will take an online English Language Exam provided by BW prior to arriving on campus. Students who score an 8 or above on the exam have the option to remove the ENG 111 College Composition class from their schedules. If their score is below an 8, students are required to take the ENG 111 College Composition class, regardless of any credit a student may/may not receive at their home institution for this class.
Full-time Academic Study	Minimum 12 credit hours – in order to remain in status with immigration (approx. 4 courses) Maximum 18 credit hours – based on tuition and exchange agreement (approx. 6 courses)
Transcripts	Due to privacy laws in the US, CGE Staff cannot request transcripts. Students are responsible for requesting their transcripts from BW through Parchment at https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/33495/institution .
Course Schedule Preference (see application)	Students are expected to select BW classes that fulfil requirements as established by their home institution degree or program plan. A copy of the home institution degree or program plan must be submitted along with syllabi or course descriptions to prove a student has met the pre-requisite knowledge needed for selected classes. Students will meet with their academic advisor before arriving to build and review their schedules.

Nomination and Application Process

Spring Semester	Nominations – by Home Institution	By September 15
	Students complete exchange student application	By October 15
Fall Semester	Nominations by home institution	By March 15
	Students complete exchange student application	By April 15
Application Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home university must submit nominations to: https://forms.gle/N6LrM7joiJt4TKt6 Once nominated, students should complete the online application and pay the \$75.00 Application Fee. Link to Application: https://bw.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=43925 	

Supporting Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete international student exchange undergraduate application • Complete course schedule preference form • Submit an original copy of the official transcript in English • Submit copy of signed passport • Provide evidence of the student's financial standing in English, e.g. certified bank statements and savings accounts, scholarship letters, etc. *If someone other than the student is paying (i.e. a parent), a letter of support must be included. Below is more information on the required proof of funding students need to provide. • Provide English language proficiency proof (TOEFL or IELTS), for non-native English speakers
Student Visa Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upon receiving a BW acceptance letter and I-20 form. Students must follow steps on https://www.fmjee.com/ • Apply for and obtain their F-1 visa permit <p><i>Note: All exchange students must apply and obtain an F-1 visa permit to study in the United States.</i></p>

Accommodation and Facilities

University Housing

- All exchange students are required to live on campus.
- Standard rooms are doubles, meaning students will live with a roommate
 - Single rooms – with no roommate – are available, but very limited and cost an additional fee
- Students must complete housing application after acceptance to BW on bw.erezlife.com.
- Included in all individual rooms: Bed, Desk, Dresser, and Rented Linens*
 - BW will purchase bedding for students prior to their arrival and will be charged via their BW student account.
- Included in common area: Kitchenettes, public study spaces

Meal Plan

- Exchange Students on a **tuition only** exchange will be enrolled in the Prime Plan:
 - A set number of meals per week (21) and a set amount of flex dollars to be used on campus.
 - This can be adjusted during the 1st two weeks on campus depending on the student's needs.

Note: During breaks such as winter break, spring break and other holiday weekends where the university is closed, students will need to pay a fee to remain on-campus and meals plan options may be reduced. Students are responsible for paying for the additional fees and meals during this time.

Duration of Stay	Fall Semester Move-In Date	Sunday, August 13
	Fall Semester Move-Out Date	By Friday, December 8
	Spring Semester Move-In Date	Thursday, January 4
	Spring Semester Move-Out Date	By Friday, May 3
Move-in Assistance	Center for Global Exploration staff will assist exchange students moving into campus housing.	

Funding, Insurance and Miscellaneous Fees

Proof of Financial Ability	Students are required to show the minimum amount below to be accepted to BW and issued a Form I-20. As a tuition, room and board exchange, students will need to pay for books, health insurance, and miscellaneous fees.
Health Insurance Requirements	Baldwin Wallace University requires all international students to enroll and purchase health insurance through CISI. Health insurance information will be included on the student's application portal and at orientation. The Center for Global Exploration will enroll students into the health insurance and the cost will be billed to their BW account. The cost of the insurance is approximately \$106 per month.
Miscellaneous Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some classes have additional fees (such as music, art, and science classes, etc.) • Students are required to pay a \$75.00 application fee which helps to pay for application processing, orientation events, and programming that will occur throughout the semester. • For conservatory students, there is additional tuition fee not covered in exchange agreement. • Additional fees will vary based on exchange agreement.

Total Proof of Funds Required		Tuition, Room & Meals	Health Insurance	Living Expenses	Books	<u>Total</u>
	Semester	\$0	\$530	\$500	\$250	\$1,280
	Academic Year	\$0	\$1,060	\$750	\$500	\$2,310

Funding requirements are based on the 2023-2024 Baldwin Wallace tuition and fees and are subject to change.

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To learn more about BW and Berea, please view our newsletter here:
<http://homepages.bw.edu/~kcatrina/ExchangeStudentNewsletter.pdf>