Study abroad in the US with ISEP

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About ISEP

https://www.isepstudyabroad.org/

- Network of more than 100 unis in the United States
- Apply for up to 10 universities
  - ISEP (located in Arlington, USA) places you at one of them
ISEP Exchange - ISEP Direct

- **ISEP Exchange**: study abroad without tuition fees
- **ISEP Direct**: study abroad with tuition fees and guaranteed placement
How it works

- **Semester or full year spot** is swapped with student from another ISEP exchange university
  - Accommodation (usually in dorms)
  - Meal plan (min. 10 meals per week or equivalent)
Benefits of ISEP Exchange

• Open to all degree programs (Bachelor and Master)
• No tuition fees
• Study abroad for a **semester** or an academic **year**
• Complement studies with an internship
  ◦ Max. same duration
**Program costs and fees**

- Similar costs to studying in Linz (accommodation, meals..)
  - 1 semester 3130 EUR/ 2 semesters 6260 EUR (2023/24)

- Program fee
  - US $ 525 (=US $ 100 application plus US $ 425 placement fee)

- **Compulsory** ISEP health insurance: US $ 27 per week

- TOEFL fee: $ 280 (for example: [http://testing.oead.at/](http://testing.oead.at/))

- Visa fees

- **There might be course fees for laboratory etc.** (carefully read details on ISEP homepage: up to 155 dollars per course, according to reports)
Scholarships and financial aid

• Students receiving a study grant
  ◦ **Study grant abroad** (Austrian Study Grant Authority)
    ▪ EUR 327 (or EUR 487 „Selbsterhalterstipendium“) per month (USA 2023/24)
  ◦ **Plus** JKU study abroad scholarship: 1575 EUR/semester

• All other students
  ◦ **JKU study abroad scholarship**
    ▪ EUR 1575/semester

• ADDITIONALLY, for students with main residence in Upper Austria
  ◦ **IPS scholarship**
    ▪ max. EUR 100 /month
    ▪ plus travel allowance
Prerequisites at time of application

• Active degree seeking student at the JKU

• First semester Bachelor/Diploma students must not apply
Prerequisites at beginning of stay

• Active degree seeking student at the JKU

• Language skills (language of instruction):
  ◦ English: B2 (usually TOEFL score)
  ◦ All other languages: A2/B1

• On Bachelor’s level: min. 2 semesters, min. 40 ECTS and „StEOP“ successfully completed at JKU

• On Master’s level: min. 1 semester and min. 20 ECTS successfully completed at JKU

• Actively taken exams (at least 16 ECTS completed, „prüfungsaktiv“) in previous two semesters
Workload abroad

• Compulsory in the US
  ◦ Full workload (equivalent of 30 ECTS per semester at JKU)
    ▪ Usually five courses/ semester
    ▪ Not including sports etc.

• Full Workload ≠ Fulltime enrollment
Finding a host university

- https://www.isepstudyabroad.org/united-states
  - Law: search for Criminology, International Relations, Political Science, Public Administration, Peace Studies etc.
- Top four unis on the list of ten are crucial
  - Check “Chance of Placement” (excellent to most competitive)
- Reports

Trimester are only recommended when studying abroad for an academic year
STUDYING IN THE U.S. WITH ISEP EXCHANGE

With ISEP Exchange, you pay your home university tuition, housing, and most costs and rank up to 10 sites across ISEP’s network on your application. We then place you at the best option depending on your academic needs and space available. Certain popular locations may have limited space, and while major cities may offer a lot of famous attractions, it may be easier to feel at home in a medium-size city or smaller town.

The two main types of institutions in the U.S. are public or state universities, and private or independent colleges and universities, which can vary greatly by region or state. It may take time to find your best fit, and our team is happy to help!

Regardless of where you land, all of ISEP’s programs offer excellent services, high-quality academics, opportunities for immersion in your host community, and an unforgettable life-changing experience.

FEATURED ISEP EXCHANGE PROGRAMS BY U.S. REGION

NORTHEAST
University of Vermont in Burlington, VERMONT
The University of Vermont combines faculty-student relationships most commonly found in small liberal arts college with the resources of a major research institution. UVM is located in Burlington, which is a consistently rated one of America’s most exciting small cities. UVM’s setting in a valley on the shores of Lake Champlain, between the Adirondack and the Green Mountains, mirrors visitors and residents.

SOUTH
Warran Wilson College in Asheville, NORTH CAROLINA
Warran Wilson College is a small, nationally recognized, independent liberal arts college in the Blue Ridge Mountains that incorporates experiential learning, community engagement, and sustainable practices. Every student works 10 hours a week from 1 Monday to Friday on campus maintenance or raising cattle on the college farm. Asheville is known for its coffee houses, shops, organic markets, festivals, and extensive outdoor activities.

MIDWEST
Truman State University in Kirksville, MISSOURI
A university that is known for high-quality academic programs, Truman has been ranked as the #1 Public University in the Midwest for the last 20 years. With over 250 vibrant organizations, there is always a lot going on at Truman. The university is best known for offering exceptionally high-quality academic programs and with small class sizes, and students can get to know highly regarded professors in their fields.

WEST
University of Wyoming in Laramie, WYOMING
The University of Wyoming offers a world-class education in the small and safe community of Laramie, Wyoming. Founded in 1887, the university welcomes more than 12,000 students from 50 states and over 90 countries. Wyoming hosts two magnificent national parks, Yellowstone and Grand Teton, and the university is less than an hour’s drive from trout streams, glaciers, lakes, rock climbing, and skiing areas.
Application documents

• Europass CV in English
• Photo (passport size)
• Transcript of Records
• Letter of motivation including planned TOEFL test date
• Preliminary course list/focus and list of host institutions
  ◦ incl. chance of placement!

ISEP is just ONE priority: select up to three
How to find the Chances of placement

- https://www.isepstudyabroad.org/united-states
  - „Find a Program“
  - „Details“
  - „Chance of Placement“

- Most competitive only once and as first choice
- Good chance of placement recommended as one of top four
Application and deadlines

1 December 2023

**step one:**
Online application

If nominated:

TOEFL mid-January 2024 at the latest

January 2024

**Info session:**
ISEP application step two
Contact us

• International office: https://www.jku.at/en/international-office/team/