Study abroad in the US and beyond with ISEP

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Covid-19

- Studying abroad during the coronavirus pandemic: What you need to know

- USA
  - proof of vaccination status prior to boarding an airplane to the United States, effective November 8, 2021
About ISEP

https://www.isepstudyabroad.org/

• Network of more than 100 unis in the United States (and 300 worldwide)
• Apply for up to 10 universities
  ◦ ISEP (located in Arlington, USA) places you at one of them
Destinations

• United States of America

• a selected number of countries around the world (e.g. Malaysia)
  ◦ discuss with the International Office BEFORE applying
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)
  - No tuition fee
Benefits of ISEP Exchange

• Open to all degree programs (Bachelor and Master)
• No tuition fees
• Study abroad for a semester or an academic year
• In the US, complement studies with an internship
  ◦ Max. same duration
  ◦ Processing fee $100
Program costs and fees

- Similar costs to studying in Linz (accommodation, meals..)
  - 1 semester **2890 EUR**/ 2 semesters **5680 EUR** (2021/22)

- Program fee
  - US $ 495 (=US $ 100 application plus US $ 395 placement fee)

- **Compulsory** ISEP health insurance: US $ 95/ month

- TOEFL fee: ~240 EUR [http://testing.oead.at/](http://testing.oead.at/)

- Visa fees
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 2021/22)

• All other students
  ◦ **JKU study abroad scholarship**
  ◦ EUR 900/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
  ▪ Gym class does not count

• Full Workload ≠ Fulltime enrollment
Finding a host university

- [https://www.isepstudyabroad.org/united-states](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 meal 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 availability. 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’s fun to look at your best fit for you, and our team is happy to help!

Get started and explore programs: www.isep.org

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 colleges with the resources of a major research institution. UVa is located in Burlington, which is a consistently rated one of America’s most exciting small cities. UVa’s setting is a valley on the shores of Lake Champlain, between the Adirondacks and the Green Mountains, nears visitors and residents.

SOUTHERN
Warren Wilson College in Asheville, NORTH CAROLINA

Warren 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 weekly has to spend a week from network maintenance to raising cattle on the collegial farms. Near Asheville, known for its coffee houses, shops, organic markets, festivals, and outdoor adventure activities.

MIDWEST
Truman State University in Kirksville, MISSOURI

A university that is known for high-quality academic programs, Truman has been ranked as the 4th Public University in the Midwest for the last 20 years. With over 250 student 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 all 50 states and over 100 countries. Wyoming hosts two magnificent national parks, Yellowstone and Grand Teton, and the university is less than an hour’s drive from trout streams, glacier lakes, rock climbing and hiking areas.
Application documents

- Europass CV in English
- Photo (passport size)
- Transcript of Records
- Letter of motivation including preliminary course list/focus and list of host institutions
  - incl. chance of placement
- Planned TOEFL test date

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"
Application and deadlines

1 December 2021

Online application

If nominated:

TOEFL
mid-January 2022 at the latest

January 2022

Info session:
ISEP application step two
Contact us

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

• Facebook: „JKU: Austausch 2022/23“
Questions?