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
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

• Complement studies with an internship
  ◦ Max. same duration
  ◦ Processing fee $150
Program costs and fees

• Similar costs to studying in Linz (accommodation, meals..)
  ◦ 1 semester **2890 EUR** / 2 semesters **5680 EUR** (2022/23)

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

• **Compulsory** ISEP health insurance: US $ 100/ month

• TOEFL fee: ~295 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 2022/23)

• 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 can work up to 20 hours per week. Your U.S. university or college transfers your credits to ISEP's network of over 240 academic institutions. 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 far to find the best fit for you, and our team is happy to help!

REGIONS OF THE UNITED STATES

NORTHEAST
Big Cities & New England Charm
Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont
At the birthplace of U.S. politics, the Northeastern U.S. contains some of the oldest states in the nation and is known for its beauty in changing seasons.

SOUTH
The Warm & Expansive American South
Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia
Rural history, music, and cuisine, the South offers a unique culture. Expansive beaches and bayous. Stony to country music, or hike in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains.

MIDWEST
From the Great Lakes to the Great Plains
Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin
Enjoy the spectacular plains, lakes, and cities of the Midwest and its national parks. Known for their friendliness, hospitality, and love for the great outdoors.

WEST
Discover the Relaxing Pacific Coast, the Mystical Southwest & More
Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Oregon, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming
With vast deserts, cities, pristine coastline, and iconic natural wonders, the towns and landscapes of the West are not only its culture and people.

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 a 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 is a valley on the shores of Lake Champlain, between the Adirondack and the Green Mountains, where you will find many outdoor recreations.

SOUTH
Warran Wilson College in Asheville, NORTH CAROLINA

Warran Wilson College is a small, nationally recognized, independent Baccalaureate college in the Blue Ridge Mountains that incorporates experiential learning, community engagement, and sustainable practices. Every student spends 10 to 12 hours a week on community service or research while on campus. Asheville is known for its coffee houses, shops, organic markets, festivals, and extreme outdoor activities.

MIDWEST
Truman State University in Kirksville, MISSOURI

A university that is known for high-quality academic programs. Truman has been ranked in the “Best Public Universities” in the Midwest for the last 70 years. With over 550 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 involved in highly regarded professions 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. Since the university is less than an hour’s drive from trout streams, glaciers, lakes, rock climbing and skiing areas.

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CREATE AN ACCOUNT & START YOUR APPLICATION.
www.isep.org/apply
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“
Application and deadlines

1 December 2022

Online application

If nominated:

TOEFL
mid-January 2023 at the latest

January 2023

Info session:
ISEP application step two
Contact us

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

- Facebook: „JKU: Austausch 2023/24“