



Exchange Program Fact Sheet 2025-2026

| The Catholic University of America | |
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| University size: | Undergraduate Students: 3,139 Graduate Students: 2,032 |
| Academic year: | 2025-2026 |
| Address of international office: | The Office of Global Strategies 109 McMahon Hall The Catholic University of America 620 Michigan Ave, NE Washington, D.C. 20064 |
| Telephone: | (+1) 202-319-6010 |
| Key contact person: | Mobility: Maricy Schmitz, International Relations Officer, schmitzm@cua.edu |
| Website | International Exchange Website Application Website *Show Incoming* |

| Exchange Terms and Dates | |
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| Terms (summer, fall, spring, academic year) | Fall, Spring, Academic Year |
| Open to graduates, undergraduates, or both? | Both - Graduate students may have additional admissions requirements |
| Nomination Deadline | Fall: 03/15/2025 Spring: 09/15/2025 |
| Application Deadline | Fall: 04/01/2025 Spring: 10/01/2025 |
| Opening of Classes | Fall: 08/25/2025 Spring: 01/12/2026 |
| Orientation | Fall: 08/20/2025 Spring: 01/09/2026 |
| Final Exam Period | Fall: 12/09-13/2025 Spring: 05/05-09/2026 |
| Academic calendar | Link to Academic Calendars |
| Note: Dates are subject to change. We highly recommend that students contact our office prior to booking flights to confirm final arrival and departure dates. U.S. immigration regulations permit students to arrive up to 30 days prior to the start date on their DS-2019 immigration document and depart up to 30 days after the end date on their DS-2019 immigration document. However, housing and meal services on-campus will not be available prior to the arrival and departure dates listed above, and students are still required to check in with our office within 5 days of their arrival to the U.S.. | |



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| Academics | |
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| Credit system used: (e.g. ECTS) | U.S. Credit System |
| Standard course load: | Undergraduates: 12 credits minimum, 15 credits recommended (4-5 classes) Graduates: 9 credits minimum, 12 credits recommended (3-4 classes) |
| Language of transcript: | English |
| Transcript automatically sent to home university upon completion? | No – Students must request transcripts through their online student accounts. Instructions are available on our website here . |
| Course catalogue web link: | catholic.edu/academics/course-catalog |
| Required courses | None |
| Course or discipline restrictions | <p>Enrollment in any class is based on student transcript and previous academic performance. However, in general:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100-200 level classes do not require completion of prerequisites.• 300-400 level classes are more advanced and require completion of relevant introduction course(s).• 500-level and above are restricted to graduate students only.• When selecting classes, please keep the following in mind:• Class days/times can't overlap.• Students should avoid selecting classes that are offered in the School of Professional Studies as well as classes that are not located on Catholic University's campus (e.g., those with the location listed as "abroad").• Exchange students are eligible for internship classes, but they would need to identify their own internship and be accepted to that internship <u>before</u> submitting a request to enroll in the internship class. Campus officials do not assist with internship search or placement. Internship class requests are submitted to the relevant campus department or school for approval.• Study within our School of Law is restricted to graduate-level students only, and students are subject to additional application requirements. Please consult us if you are interested in graduate law study. |
| Course registration procedure | Catholic University staff will provide class registration instructions for students after acceptance. |
| Syllabi available? | Yes, upon request. |
| Do you offer credit-bearing internships? (Not pass/fail) | No. See note above regarding internship courses. |



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| Cost Estimates | | |
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| Expense | Amount | Paid by students or by Catholic University? |
| Application fee | \$00.00 | N/A |
| Confirmation deposit | \$00.00 | N/A |
| Housing | \$4,835 - \$6,900 per semester (Rates vary according to room assignment, see our website for full list of rates) | Student |
| Meal plan | \$2,235 - \$4,225 per semester (Rates vary between Weekly 7 , 14 , or Unlimited meals) | Student |
| Books Allowance | \$1,000 per semester | Student |
| Local transportation allowance | \$900 per semester | Student |
| Personal expenses | \$2,000 per semester | Student |
| Note: U.S. regulations require that international students demonstrate the ability to cover the costs associated with their education program. The Catholic University application process requires incoming exchange students to demonstrate access to \$9,035 per semester. This rate is subject to change. Please consult the contacts listed above to confirm rates. Additional fees may be required for certain class selections (e.g., foreign language, studio art, music instruction). These will be billed to the student account. | | |

| Student Support | |
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| Pre-departure preparation | In official acceptance packages and via email, students receive important pre-departure information, including visa resources, an arrival guide, and a list of exchange student FAQs. We're also available to offer assistance over email, phone, or Skype as needed. |
| Airport pick-up | No |
| Arrival airport | Baltimore-Washington International (BWI), Ronald Regan Washington National (DCA), or Dulles International (IAD) Directions to CatholicU from the airports can be found on the website . |
| Cultural events & excursions | Students have access to events and activities organized by our staff. Past activities have included tours of the White House, U.S. Capitol, and Library of Congress; annual International Week events; holiday celebrations; and a student discussion series. |



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| Student Support (continued) | |
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| Sports & clubs | Intramural sports can be explored through the IMLeagues website . Student clubs and events: nest.cua.edu |
| Gym/Fitness Center | Students have access to two fitness centers on campus: Kane Fitness Center and the Dufour Center. More information available here: kanecenter.cua.edu |
| Health Center | Students have access to our on-campus Student Health Center open every day of week. Read more here: health.catholic.edu Several hospitals are located nearby. |
| Counseling Center | Students have access to the university's on-campus mental health agency. Both individual, group, and walk-in therapy appointments are available. |
| Department of Public Safety | Campus police officers ensure a safe and secure campus environment Students and can be called for non-emergency support such as escorts on late night walks home or lost personal belongings. |

| Applications | |
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| Eligibility requirements | Enrolled/nominated by host institution, Must be in good academic and disciplinary standing, Must adhere to Catholic University policies and guidelines. |
| English language requirements | Link to English Language Proficiency Requirements *Students taking the TOEFL should have at least 20 out of 30 in each of the TOEFL subcategories.* |
| Insurance policy required | Yes, must meet coverage requirements: studentinsurance.cua.edu Please note: Exchange students are not eligible for Catholic University's health insurance plan and must select a plan through an external provider that meets the insurance requirements listed on the above website. |
| Additional application materials: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official Academic Transcript – to be considered official, transcript must be emailed or mailed by a university official.• Requested Academic Courses• Proof of Finances• Proof of Immunization• Proof of Language Ability• Copy of Passport• Statement of Purpose |
| Website | goabroad.cua.edu |
| Acceptance letter sent to home university or the student? | All immigration documents, including the official Letter of Acceptance, will be sent directly to the student. |



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| Housing | |
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| Is housing guaranteed for exchange students? | It is not guaranteed, but we make every effort to accommodate all international exchange students who wish to live in on-campus housing. Students may rank their housing preferences (e.g., single vs double room, private vs. shared bathroom) but it is <u>not</u> guaranteed that students will receive their preferred housing type. |
| Options (Residence Halls, Homestay, Apartment) | Residence Halls |
| Description | Exchange students will be placed among our housing options on our campus. See our website here for description and photos of our campus residence halls. |
| Includes: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bed with mattress (Size Twin XL) • Desk + Desk chair • Dresser, wardrobe, or closet • Mini-fridge + Microwave • Access to Kitchen and Laundry facilities |
| Do students have roommates? Are roommates local or international? | Most students will have an American or international roommate. Limited single rooms may be available, but <u>cannot</u> be guaranteed. |
| Housing web link | housing.catholic.edu |
| Are students required to live on campus? | No. Students may choose to live off campus, but students are responsible for locating and booking their own housing. Students interested in off-campus housing should consult the university's Off-Campus Housing website , which includes an off-housing and roommate search. |

| D.C. Location | |
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| Metro Access | The Brookland-CatholicU Metro station directly abuts campus, and Capitol Hill, Union Station is just three stops away on the Red Line. |
| Enrichment Opportunities | Washington, D.C., is home to the Smithsonian's 16 free museums, as well as the National Zoo, which is also free. |
| Multicultural Dining | Washington, D.C., has more than 2,000 restaurants featuring cuisines from all over the world. |
| Greenspace in the City | <p>Catholic University has the largest and greenest campus in D.C. at 176 acres.</p> <p>There are approximately 250,000 acres of parkland in the Washington, D.C., area, including Rock Creek Park, which runs through the city.</p> |



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Watch the Catholic University Episode of the Amazon TV show, "The College Tour," [here](#) to learn more!