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Incoming Student Exchange Program Information Fall 2024



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GENERAL INFORMATION

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GRACE FAST FACTS



"A" Rating: Grace's campus sits on the top of a hill that overlooks the quaint, picturesque village of Winona Lake. And according to [Niche.com](https://www.niche.com), Winona Lake is "one of the best places to live in Indiana."



180-Acre Campus: Our beautiful campus is located in the historic resort town of Winona Lake, Indiana.



20-to-1 Student to Faculty Ratio: At Grace, you're never just filling a seat in class. You are an active participant and your professor will know you by name.



100+ Offered Majors & Minors: Grace College is proud to offer a variety of courses and programs to prepare students to thrive in a rapidly evolving world. Find the program that speaks directly to your passions and interests.



Founded in 1948: Grace College & Theological Seminary weathered the storm of the American cultural change and received joint accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission in 1994.



One God, One Faith: Grace College emphasizes a biblical worldview and teaches our students to own their faith and to recognize Scripture as the inerrant and inspired Word of God.



25+ Student Organizations: Get involved in one of our many student organizations seeking to invite, include, and inspire community on our campus and beyond!



+70 International Students



+30 Countries Represented

APPLICATION/ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Number of students that can accepted in Fall 2024: As specified in inter-institutional exchange agreement

Available Period of Exchange at maximum: 2 semesters

Minimum Qualifications:

- Currently enrolled as a full-time student pursuing an undergraduate degree
- At least 2nd year
- In good academic standing
- Equivalent of a "B" grade point average (2.5 GPA or above)

Language Proficiency Requirements:

TOEFL: - Paper: 500
- Computer 173
- iBT: 61
> Please contact us if your students receive scores that are close to our requirements, but do not meet them, and we will evaluate students on an individual basis.

Duolingo: Minimum score of 90

Application Documents:

- [International Exchange Student Application](#)
- [Good Standing Verification](#)
- [Notarized Declaration of Financial Support](#) and/or bank statements
- Copy of Passport
- Copy of University Transcript

- Visa:**
- Visa process may take up to 3 months. Please plan accordingly.
 - Upon acceptance, student's copy of passport, Declaration of Financial Support and/or bank statements, and application will be used to issue student initial I-20 for F-1 visa. Initial I-20 will be sent via email or mailed to student's home address.
 - Student will need to pay I-901 SEVIS fee (\$350) upon receipt of I-20. This is a mandatory governmental fee. Visit <https://www.fmjfee.com/> for more details.
 - Student will need to complete DS0-160 visa application. It can be completed here: <https://ceac.state.gov/CEAC/>
 - Student will need to visit US Embassy or Consulate in their home country to present required documents to be granted a student F-1 visa. Appointments are normally necessary. Please visit <https://www.usembassy.gov/> to find the list of all US Embassies, Consulates, and Diplomatic Missions.
 - Student will need to travel with I-20, F-1 visa, and passport to the United States.

Nomination Deadline: **April 1, 2024 (can be extended, upon request)**

Application Deadline: **May 1, 2024 (can be extended, upon request)**

Calendar: **Fall 2024 Semester**
August 23 – December 13, 2024
Breaks: Fall Day of Worship – September 26, 2024 (evening classes meet)
Fall Break – October 18-21, 2024
Thanksgiving Break – November 27-29, 2024
Subject to change. Find details at <https://www.grace.edu/calendar/>

Recommended date of arrival: August 23, 2024. *Arrival should be coordinated with the Program Coordinator of Institute for Global Studies in order to arrange transportation from the airport to Grace College's campus.*

Orientation Information: August 23-25 – Welcome Weekend is the time when Grace welcomes new students to campus. This is a free orientation weekend event introducing new students to the Grace campus family. The Campus Store, Business Office, Office of the Registrar, Financial Aid Office, Student Affairs Office, and the Health and Counseling Center, among others, are all open during Welcome Weekend to assist new students. Meetings and other events are scheduled throughout the weekend to help first-year students learn about the Grace campus and community and to become familiar with expectations and the campus environment. An international student meeting will be held for all international students, including exchange students. Students will be given a short introduction to American culture and language and F-1 visa status requirements, meet other international students, and be given an opportunity to ask questions. You will be given a final schedule of Welcome Weekend Events upon arrival.

Course Lists & Registration: Students select courses from the online academic catalog found at <https://www.grace.edu/academics/student-resources/academic-catalog/>, and mark which courses they select on the Exchange Course Registration Form. Availability of classes is limited. Certain classes may not be available. All course schedules can be found at <https://www.grace.edu/admissions/undergraduate/registrar/class-schedules/>. Students may not be able to enroll in first choice of classes. As part of orientation, student can meet with advisor and/or Office of the Registrar to change classes for first session.

Course Structure & Codes: The semester is split into two 8-week sessions: Session A and Session B. There are session classes & full semester classes available. Students can take anywhere between 12-18 credits per semester. Students cannot take more than 4 courses in a session. Course credits are based on the amount of teaching hours. Most courses are 3 credits per course. Normally, 3 credits at Grace is equal to about 6 ECTS. Course codes are referred to as 1000, 2000, 3000 (and so on) level, that is, the numeric part of the course code begins with 1, 2 or 3. Course levels reflect the increasing level of knowledge and skills expected in a course. Courses at higher levels will have assessment tasks that require a demonstration of greater depth of knowledge and greater complexity in skills.

A quick level key:

- 1000** – introductory
- 2000** – mid-level
- 3000** – senior
- 4000** – advanced

FINANCIAL EXPENSES

Housing Information: Grace College's room and board rates for the school year are listed on the website at <https://www.grace.edu/admissions/undergraduate/tuition-costs/>. Grace College will house exchange students with a roommate in Grace College's Encompass Hall (female) or Kent Hall (male) if available and assist them with the logistics of transportation to and from the airport per the agreement between Grace College and sending institution. Grace College will assist students in finding temporary housing when the residence halls close for holidays or other breaks during the semester. Find more information at <https://www.grace.edu/about/campus/campus-facilities/residence-halls/>.

Medical Insurance Policy: Students should provide verification of international health insurance with their application. Students will be contacted by Grace College's Health Services Office after acceptance for verification and assistance in obtaining insurance if student cannot provide it.

Mandatory Fees (if any): There is a comprehensive student fee of \$450 per semester. Students should plan for additional expenses such as books, class materials, personal items, health insurance, utilities, and personal trips. Books and other materials are not included in the room and board rates. There is textbook rental available through Grace College for \$125 per semester. The I-901 Student and Exchange Visitor Information Fee (SEVIS) is required by the US government for all international students. Visit <https://www.fmjfee.com/> for more information.

OTHER IMPORTANT REMARKS

Please see [International Student Exchange Application](#) for more details.

Grace College provides support for international students through the Institute for Global Studies. Please do not hesitate to contact the office at global@grace.edu. For questions about enrollment, housing, ground transportation, or other details about the student exchange program at Grace College, contact Debora Wilhite, Program Coordinator of Institute for Global Studies, at wilhitda@grace.edu.

