Fact Sheet for Prospective Exchange Students, 2022-23

| Host Institution | Rice University ([http://www.rice.edu/](http://www.rice.edu/))  
| Host Institution | Rice University is a private and independent university dedicated to the "advancement of letters, science, and art." Rice attracts a diverse group of highly talented students with a range of academic studies that includes humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, architecture, music, and business management.  
| Location | Houston, Texas, USA  
| Office handling exchange | Study Abroad Office, MS - 539  
| Office handling exchange | Rice University  
| Office handling exchange | 6100 Main Street  
| Office handling exchange | Houston, TX 77005  
| Office handling exchange | U.S.A.  
| Office handling exchange | Phone: 713-348-5836  
| Office handling exchange | Fax: 713-348-2938  
| Office handling exchange | abroad@rice.edu  
| Office handling exchange | [http://abroad.rice.edu/](http://abroad.rice.edu/)  
| Nomination deadlines | September 15 for the Spring Semester  
| Nomination deadlines | March 1 for the Fall Semester and Academic Year  
| Application deadlines | October 1 for the Spring Semester  
| Application deadlines | March 15 for the Fall Semester and Academic Year  
| Application form and supporting documents | On-line application (link will be provided to nominated students via their home school). No hard copies needed.  
| Eligibility | Undergraduate students regularly enrolled at a partner institution, in good academic (min GPA 3.00) and judicial standing, nominated by their home institution. See language requirement below.  
| Language requirement | If the language of instruction in the student’s country of origin is not English, TOEFL or IELTS scores must be submitted, even if the language of instruction at the partner university is English.  
| Language requirement | • Minimum acceptable TOEFL iBT score: 100  
| Language requirement | • Minimum acceptable IELTS score: 7  
| Language requirement | • COVID accommodations:  
| Language requirement | o Duolingo (min. 120) also accepted  
| Language requirement | o TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition also accepted  
| Mandatory orientation dates | Fall Semester: August 14 – 20, 2022  
| Mandatory orientation dates | Spring Semester: January 4-6, 2023 (tentative)  
| Semester dates | Fall Semester: August 22 - December 13, 2022  
| Semester dates | Spring Semester: January 9 - May 2, 2023  
| Courses | Course catalog (all possible courses): [http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main?p_action=cata](http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main?p_action=cata)  
| Courses | Course Schedule (specific search by semester): [http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main](http://courses.rice.edu/admweb/swkscat.main)
Courses available to exchange students: Provided that pre-requisites for courses are met, all undergraduate courses in the Schools of Engineering, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, and Humanities are open to exchange students. Enrollment in desired courses cannot be guaranteed. Course registration is completed during orientation.

Courses not available to exchange students: Courses in the Shepherd School of Music and the School of Architecture are not available to exchange students unless they are offered specifically to non-major undergraduates.

Course load: Minimum: 12 credits (full-time) Maximum: 15 (-18) credits

Housing: On-campus housing: automatic placement for admitted students (no separate application needed).

Health and vaccination requirements: [https://health.rice.edu/new-students/health-data-form](https://health.rice.edu/new-students/health-data-form)

Medical insurance requirement: [https://oiss.rice.edu/studenthealth](https://oiss.rice.edu/studenthealth)

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<th>Cost Estimates for 2022-23</th>
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<td>Approximate total student expense per semester:</td>
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<td>Tuition - Waived</td>
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Web links of interest:
- Undergraduate Admissions: [http://futureowls.rice.edu/home.aspx](http://futureowls.rice.edu/home.aspx)
- Schools and Departments: [http://dev.pubaffairs.rice.edu/schools-depts-programs.shtml](http://dev.pubaffairs.rice.edu/schools-depts-programs.shtml)
- Majors and Minors: [https://www.rice.edu/majors-programs.shtml](https://www.rice.edu/majors-programs.shtml)
- Study Abroad Office: Incoming students [https://abroad.rice.edu/prospective-students](https://abroad.rice.edu/prospective-students)
- Academic Calendar: [http://registrar.rice.edu/calendars/](http://registrar.rice.edu/calendars/)
- Residential Colleges: [https://dou.rice.edu/residential-colleges](https://dou.rice.edu/residential-colleges)
(1) THE NOMINATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES

All prospective exchange students must apply first at their home institution to be nominated for the exchange program. Only nominated students whose eligibility has been verified may access the on-line application.

Eligibility requirements:

- Undergraduate students
- Good academic and judicial standing
- Minimum GPA 3.00 on 4.00 scale (or equivalent)
- Demonstrated language proficiency
  - Minimum acceptable TOEFL iBT score: **100**
  - Minimum acceptable IELTS score: **7**
  - **COVID accommodations:**
    - Duolingo (min. 120) also accepted
    - TOEFL iBT Special Home Edition also accepted
- Home school nomination

Nominations by the home institution must be submitted, according to guidelines specified in each cycle’s call for nominations, by the following dates:

- **March 1** – for Fall and Academic Year applications
- **September 15** – for Spring applications

The nomination form requires the following information on each candidate:
- Last name
- First name
- Major
- GPA
- Citizenship
- Language proficiency score (see guidelines above)
- Current year of study
- Length of overseas study, specifying semester or academic year
(2) THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES

Only nominated students whose eligibility has been confirmed may access Rice University's on-line exchange application; link will be shared with partner institutions.

Checklist for complete applications:

- **Photo** (upload passport-type photo onto online student profile)
- **Student Information Form** (biographical and contact information)
- **Personal Statement** (500-word essay explaining motivation)
- **Preliminary Course Information** (placement in desired courses is NOT guaranteed)
- **Exchange Program Participation Agreement**, including **Release of Transcript to Home Institution** (online signature document)
- **Release of Information** (online signature document)
- **Official University Transcript** (upload scan of most recent official transcript)
- **TOEFL or IELTS results** (If the language of instruction in the candidate's country of origin is not English, official scores from the past two years **must be submitted**, even if the language of instruction at the candidate's current university is English. – upload scan of official score report)
- **CV or Resume** (all years must be accounted for – no time gaps permitted)
- **Color Copy of Valid Passport Identification Page** (upload scan)
- **Faculty Recommendation** (attesting to applicant's suitability for program: academic and personal match) **Please note:** We cannot accept a letter from a faculty administrator who has not had the candidate in class. Only faculty who has taught the candidate may submit a recommendation letter.
- **Home Institution’s Program Approval** (to be completed by designated exchange official)

**Deadlines for complete applications:**

- **March 15** - for Fall and Academic Year
- **October 1** - for Spring

**Please note:**
- The entire application is online; no hard copies need to be submitted.
- Please follow instructions carefully: scans of **OFFICIAL** documents are required.

*Only complete applications will be reviewed. Late applications cannot be considered.*