Semester Exchange Programmes AY2025/2026 Sem 2





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1. Important Notes on Semester Exchange Programmes

1.1. General Information

There are 2 different levels of exchange programmes:

- University-level programmes are hosted by Global Affairs Office (GAO) and open to all Year 2 or above undergraduate students.
- Unit-level programmes are hosted by faculties or units and the programmes are open to their affiliated students only.

1.2. Eligibility

- 1.2.1. For University-level Programmes
 - a. Year 2 or above undergraduates at the time of application (students who are applying for an exchange for the last semester of their current bachelor programmes are not eligible);
 - b. Academic Standing with a minimum CGPA of 2.8 or above; and
 - c. Language proficiency required by the chosen Exchange University, if any
 - d. Other specific eligibility requirements by Exchange University
- 1.2.2. For Unit-level Programmes, please contact your own faculty/department to check the eligibility.

1.3. Internal Application at UM

1.3.1. Before application, students should:

Rules for Semester-based Outgoing Exchange Programmes



- a. Obtain parental consent in advance;
- b. Read through the "Rules for Semester-based Outgoing Exchange Programmes".
- c. Conduct research online and find out suitable exchange programmes.
- 1.3.2. Students who are interested in applying for Semester Exchange Programmes should make applications via the online Portal "Outbound Exchange and Scholarship Application System" ("SEAS"). Applicants can only create and submit one (1) application form in each application call, with a maximum of 6 Exchange Programmes, i.e. 3 University-level Programmes and 3 Unit-level Programmes.
 - Outbound Exchange and Scholarship Application System: https://isw.um.edu.mo/seas/index.html
- 1.3.3. Students should check whether they are applying for an Exchange Programme or a Study Abroad Programme. An Exchange Application should be created under "Outbound Exchange," while a study abroad application should be created under "Outbound Study Abroad" in the Online Portal.
- 1.3.4. The application form cannot be submitted if any selected Programmes are not within the Application Period.
- 1.3.5. Submitted application forms cannot be removed or edited. Students should check carefully all the information before submission [including the priority of your exchange preference].
- 1.3.6. Students should not contact Exchange Universities at this stage. Queries should be addressed to the Host office at UM.

1.4. Internal Evaluation at UM

- 1.4.1. Evaluation of university-level and unit-level exchange programmes is performed separately according to the host office's selection criteria. Applicants of both programmes may be asked to attend separate interviews organized by GAO and the faculties/ units.
- 1.4.2. Interview for University-level Programmes:
 - a. GAO will arrange interviews for all eligible applicants of university-level programmes according to their first priority (i.e., the first university-level programme out of the six programmes). Normally, interview invitations are sent via email one week after the application is closed. Eligible applicants with no interview invitation should approach GAO.
 - b. Exchange interviews will be conducted in English or Chinese according to the student's priority programmes. Applicants who do not show up for the interview will not be considered.
- 1.4.3. The criteria below will be used to evaluate university-level programmes. Students will be selected based on their final grades, and the one with the highest score will receive the nomination offer.
 - a. Eligibility: Students who do not fulfill the application and language requirements at the time of application will not be considered.
 - b. Priority
 - Students who put the concerned programme as 1st priority will be prioritized
 - Students who never joined semester exchange programmes organized by UM will be prioritized
 - Students who meet the specific eligibility requirements of the exchange university will be prioritized
 - c. Final Grade
 - The following will be considered in calculating the final grade
 - Academic, awards, and disciplinary: academic standing, awards, extra-curricular activities and volunteer contributions, etc.
 - o Interview performance
 - o Personality and skills
 - Applicants with any withdrawal record in their student file will be last considered.
 - d. Additional advantage
 - Outgoing and eager to meet new challenges
 - Ready to be an ambassador of UM
 - Willing to share exchange experiences after the Exchange
- 1.4.4. Students who put the concerned programme as 1st priority will be prioritized. If students are not allocated to their 1st priority program, he/she will be considered for their 2nd priority program) based on availability (after all applicants who have the program as their 1st priority are allocated).
- 1.4.5. In case there are remaining quota(s), students who put the concerned programme as 2nd priority will be considered, and so on.
- 1.4.6. If a student fails to fulfill the requirements of his/her 1st priority university-level programme, he/she will be considered disqualified from that candidate pool. If there are remaining quota (s), he/she will be considered in his/her second university-level programme candidate pool, and so on.
- 1.4.7. If the selected nominees reject the nomination offered by GAO, backup nominees who have the concerned programme as their first priority will be selected according to their final grade. In case all the

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- backup nominees reject the exchange offer, quota(s) will be distributed to applicants who put the concerned programme as their second priority, and students in this pool will be considered according to their final grade.
- 1.4.8. If an applicant is nominated for the 1st university-level programme and the nomination offer is declined, he/ she will not be considered for other university-level programmes in the same call.

1.5. Application Result

- 1.5.1. Application results of university-level and unit-level exchange programmes will be announced separately via the SEAS. Students who receive an offer should indicate on the system whether they "Accept" or "Decline" the nomination offer. In case the acceptance deadline for university-level programmes is earlier than the result release of unit-level programmes, students have to decide whether to confirm or decline the nomination offer and wait for the selection results of unit-level programmes.
- 1.5.2. Before accepting the nomination offer, nominees should:
 - a. seek for parents' consent; and
 - b. consult programme coordinators about the study plan at Exchange University
- 1.5.3. Nomination Offers not accepted within the acceptance period will be rescinded and given to the next deserving candidate on the waiting list.
- 1.5.4. Once the nomination offer is confirmed, <u>no changes are allowed</u>, and all other applied programmes (including the programmes for which the application results have not yet been released) will be changed to "withdraw" or "decline".
- 1.5.5. Students who have accepted the nomination offer <u>are not allowed</u> to withdraw without an ample reason. Withdrawals will only be considered in cases of serious medical conditions or unforeseen family emergencies and documentation is required. Please note that being unable to find courses for credit transfer is not considered a valid reason for withdrawal. All withdrawals will be recorded in the online system and this record will be considered in the evaluation of other activities and scholarships at UM.

1.6. Application to Exchange University

- 1.6.1. After the nomination offer is confirmed, GAO will liaise with students regarding the submission of exchange applications to the Exchange University. Students are responsible for preparing and completing the application by the required deadline.
- 1.6.2. The Host office cannot guarantee admission to Exchange University; the final decision on exchange admission will be at the discretion of the Exchange University. Exchange University reserves the right to cancel the programme and reject nominees based on their selection criteria and consideration. Students who declined by Exchange University will not receive another exchange offer.
- 1.6.3. GAO reserves the right to suspend or cancel the exchange for any reason. In case an Exchange Programme is cancelled or terminated, Exchange Students are still responsible for the costs regarding the exchange and bear their economic losses, if any.

1.7. Responsibility of Exchange Students

Exchange students are fully responsible for all of the following.

- a. Seek advice and approval on the Learning Agreement (course mapping) from relevant academic advisors;
- b. Prepare the application documents for the Exchange University;
- c. Check the visa requirements and apply for the visa;
- d. Attend Pre-departure Briefing (compulsory);
- e. Obtain comprehensive insurance and required vaccines prior to departure;
- f. Read through the "Rules for Semester-based Outgoing Exchange Programmes";
- g. Enroll in at least 9 UM equivalent credits at the host university per semester;
- h. To fully comply with the entry policy, if any;
- i. Submit the exchange report and activities photos which document the global learning experience
 ("not scenery photos") <u>within 1 month</u> after the completion of the exchange. (Course exemption
 application will only be processed for students whose Exchange File is in "Complete" status);
- j. Complete the online survey for exchange programmes (Link can be found on the SEAS);
- k. Apply for credit transfer after exchange;
- I. Join information sessions and share the exchange experience;

2. Work Flow of Exchange Programmes

Step 1	Check the application eligibility and available courses of the targeted Exchange University from the website.		
Step 2	Students apply for University-level and/ or Unit-level exchange programmes via the SEAS.		
Step 3	Eligible applicants will be invited for an interview as part of the application evaluation, if any.		
Step 4	Applicants check the application result via the SEAS. Nominees should indicate on the system whether to "Accept" / "Decline" the nomination offer within the acceptance period. Students who do not take action by the acceptance deadline will be considered to "Decline" the nomination offer. *NO withdrawal after the acceptance of the exchange nomination.		
Step 6	The Host office will liaise with nominees on preparing and submitting the application documents required by Exchange University. *Upload the application documents (the doc. submitted to Exchange University) to the SEAS.		
Step 7	Acceptance result to be announced by Exchange University *Upload the acceptance letter to the SEAS.		
Step 8	 a) Upload the application documents, acceptance letter and learning agreement onto the SEAS. b) Attend Pre-departure Briefing (compulsory) c) Seek approval of the learning agreement from the programme advisor 		
Step 9	Go for exchange!		
Step 10	 a) Submit the transcript, exchange report and activities photos via the SEAS b) Apply for credit transfer at the Registry or the Graduate School with an approved learning agreement and transcript issued by the Exchange University (REG or GRS only proceed with the applications for students whose Exchange Files are in "Complete" Status) 		

3. University-level Exchange Programmes Details (AY2025/2026 Sem 2)

Application Period 28 August – 12 September 2025 (some Programmes close on <u>5 September 2025</u>) **Exchange Duration** One (1) Semester [i.e. AY2025/2026 Sem 2 (Spring 2026)]

Eligibility

- 1) Year 2 or above Undergraduates at the time of application (students who are applying for an exchange for the last semester of their current bachelor programmes are not eligible); and
- 2) Academic Standing with a minimum CGPA of 2.8 or above; or
- 3) Valid Language proficiency / other restrictions set by Exchange University.

 <u>Restrictions for Exchange Programmes in Mainland China</u>
 - 3.1 Local Macau/ Hong Kong students will be prioritized as required by all Exchange Universities in Mainland China; and
 - 3.2 Exchange Universities in List C require applicants to hold a "Mainland Travel Permit for Hong Kong and Macau Residents" (Home Return Permit 回鄉證).

List A - Exchange Programmes in foreign countries

Country/ Region	Exchange Universities	Quot as	Language Proficiency TOEFL Best score is not accepted	Courses not available for Exchange Students	
Application P	Period: 28 Aug – 5 Sep 2025				
Australia	University of Wollongong	1	IELTS 6.0 / TOEFL iBT 79		
Bahamas	University of The Bahamas	1	TOEFL iBT95		
Brunei	University of Brunei Darussalam	2	IELTS 6.0 / TOEFL 550		
Czech	Masaryk University	1	English B2		
Italy	D'Annunzio University	2	B1 Italian / B2 English		
Singapore	Nanyang Technological University	1	IELTS: 6.0/ TOEFL 570		
Sweden	Malmö University	1	English B2		
Application P	Application Period: 28 Aug – 12 Sep 2025				
Australia	Western Sydney University	1	IELTS 6.5 / TOEFL iBT 82		
Belgium	University of Mons	1	English B1		
Brazil	University of Brasília Foundation	2	Portuguese B2 / Spanish C1	Medicine	
Brazil	Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)	2	Portuguese A2		
Brazil	Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio)	2	English B1 and Portuguese		
Germany	Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Universität Hannover	2	English B2 / German B1		
Italy	Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore	1	English B2 / Italian B2		
Poland	University of Warsaw	1	English / Polish B2	Medicine	
Russia	Saint Petersburg State University	2	Russian & English B2		
Spain	University of Barcelona	2	English B2/ Spanish B1	Medicine & Health Sciences, Nursing	

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Spain	University of Granada	1	TOEFL iBT 80 / CEFR B2	
South Korea	Korea University	1	English / Korean	Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Law, Education, Art & Design, and all courses at Sejong Campus
South Korea	Kyung Hee University	1	English IELTS 6.5 / TOEFL iBT 82 Korean TOPIK Level 5	College of Medicine, Korean Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing Science, Music, Fine Arts, School of Dance, Physical Education
South Korea	Myongji University	1	English Programme TOEFL IBT 70 / IELTS 5.5 Korean Programme TOPIK Level 3	
Malaysia	Taylor's University	1	IELTS 5.5 / TOEFL iBT 76	Medicine
Malaysia	Universiti Sains Malaysia	2	IELTS 5.0 / TOEFL iBT 79	Medicine
Malaysia	University of Malaysia, Sarawak	1	IELTS 5.5 / TOEFL iBT 46	
U.K.	Edge Hill University	2	IELTS 5.5 or equivalent	Medical & Health care
Vietnam	Vietnam National University, Hanoi	1	IELTS 5.5 or equivalent	

List B — Exchange Universities in Mainland China that only accept <u>applicants with "Mainland Travel Permit for Hong Kong and Macau Residents"</u> (Home Return Permit 回鄉證).

Exchange Universities (in English)	Exchange Universities (in Chinese)	Quotas				
Application Period: 28 Aug – 5 Sep 2025						
Tsinghua University	清華大學	5				
Application Period: 28 Aug – 12 Sep 2025						
Beijing Institute of Technology	北京理工大學	4				
Beijing Jiaotong University	北京交通大學	4				
Beijing Normal University	北京師範大學	3				
China University of Political Science and Law	中國政法大學	3				
Chongqing University	重慶大學	5				
Dalian University of Technology	大連理工大學	2				
East China Normal University	華東師範大學	5				
Fudan University	復旦大學	5				
Harbin Engineering University	哈爾濱工程大學	3				
Harbin Institute of Technology	哈爾濱工業大學	5				
Huazhong University of Science and Technology	華中科技大學	3				
Jilin University	吉林大學	3				
Lanzhou University	蘭州大學	2				
Nanjing University	南京大學	5				
Nankai University	南開大學	3				
Peking University	北京大學	5				
Renmin University of China	中國人民大學	3				
Shanghai University	上海大學	2				
Shanghai Jiaotong University	上海交通大學	5				

Sichuan University	四川大學	6
Southeast University	東南大學	3
Southern University of Science and Technology	南方科技大學	5
The University of Nottingham Ningbo, China	寧波諾丁漢大學	4
Tianjin University	天津大學	3
Tongji University	同濟大學	5
University of Science and Technology of China	中國科學技術大學	5
Wuhan University	武漢大學	5
Xiamen University	廈門大學	3
Xi'an Jiaotong University	西安交通大學	6
Zhejiang University	浙江大學	5

List C – Universities that accept applications from non-Home Return Permit holders, but students who hold Home Return Permit will be prioritized.

Exchange Universities (in English)	Exchange Universities (in Chinese)	Quotas		
Application Period: 28 Aug – 12 Sep 2025				
Beihang University	北京航空航天大學	5		
Central China Normal University	華中師範大學	5		
Guangdong University of Foreign Studies	廣東外語外貿大學	2		
Huaqiao University	華僑大學	3		
Minzu University of China	中央民族大學	2		
Ningbo University	寧波大學	3		
Northwestern Polytechnical University	西北工業大學	2		
Shandong University	山東大學	2		
Shanghai International Studies University	上海外國語大學	6		
Shanghai University of Finance and Economics	上海財經大學	2		
Shenzhen University	深圳大學	3		
Soochow University	蘇州大學	3		
South China University of Technology	華南理工大學	5		
Sun Yat-sen University	中山大學	5		

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