

Exchange FAQ

What can I do during my first year to prepare for an exchange?

Attend the special opportunities information session in November and contact returning students about their experiences. You can also research the universities and countries that you would like to visit.

When can I apply for exchange?

Students can apply for exchange during HBA1 or for their final year of a combined degree.

What is the selection criteria for an exchange opportunity?

Students must maintain a minimum 74% grade average in their HBA1 year to be eligible for the exchange program which will be reviewed in January (following the first semester at Ivey) and again in April (following the completion of year 1 at Ivey). In December-January, students will be required to complete an online application, which includes selecting up to 5 potential business schools of interest from the list provided, short answer essay questions and uploading a current CV. When selecting candidates, we look at grades, contact HBA1 faculty for endorsement and consider how the candidate will be an ambassador to Ivey and Canada.

When do Ivey students participate in exchange?

You will go on exchange for the spring term of your graduating year.

Where will I live while on exchange?

Most of our exchange students live in on-campus residences at our partner universities. If the host institution does not own residences, their International Exchange Office helps incoming exchange students find off-campus housing.

How much does an exchange cost?

The overall cost of an exchange will vary significantly depending on your spending habits and the country and city in which you study. The good news is that you will pay your regular tuition to Western and not international fees. Exchange participants are responsible for the cost of airfare, travel documents, applicable vaccinations, supplementary health insurance, accommodation, and other incidental expenses. Participants are required to arrange their own travel/immigration documents, plane tickets, health insurance, and vaccinations.

Can I continue to receive OSAP while on exchange?

Yes, but you must prepare all documentation and apply before your departure.

https://www.registrar.uwo.ca/student_finances/osap_government_loans/osap_oop_for_outgoing_exchange_students.html

What is the process for applying for an exchange?

Students will apply during in December/January followed by a brief interview with our selection committee. We will confirm placements in February. For a further overview of the timeline, please refer to the document in Learn.

Students are required to pay a non-refundable fee at both the application (\$75.00 CDN) and acceptance (\$125.00 CDN) stages of the exchange offering.

How many courses do I have to take while on exchange?

Ivey students are required to take 2.0 Ivey credits while on exchange. Each university has a different grading system so you will need to be aware of the overall number of credits you need to take, rather than the number of courses. Please find credit weightings for each school in the exchange handbook on Learn.

Students must also complete HBA2 core courses in the fall before going on exchange during the spring: GMM, C&S, MAC and IFP.

How will my grades be transferred to my Western official transcript?

Grades from your exchange will be recorded as "Pass/Fail" on your Western University transcript. Please keep in mind that students who later apply to graduate or professional programs will normally be required to provide a transcript from the host university, and their grades from exchange will be assessed at the discretion of the program that they are applying to.

If I am going on exchange, when will I graduate?

If all requirements are met while on exchange, you will graduate in October of your exchange year. You will attend convocation in the fall, no exceptions. Applications to graduate in October (Fall Convocation) will open in July. This allows time for the partner schools to process your transcripts and submit them to process your graduation eligibility.

Where can I find information on the partner institutions?

Please visit the Ivey.ca website for all partner school listings: <https://www.ivey.uwo.ca/hba/program-details/career-and-program-options/hba-international-partner-schools/>

All school fact sheets are listed on the HBA1 and HBA2 communities within the exchange handbook.

Are there any other study trip options while at Ivey?

Yes, students have the options of participating in the following for 0.5 Ivey credits each:

- Africa Service Learning
- Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Economic Growth in Israel
- Leadership under fire

Note: students may not take all of the above as some conflict with each other or exchange.

Other questions? international@ivey.ca or 519-661-2111, Ext. 84266