



Information Sheet Loyola University New Orleans 2026/2027

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Web Address	www.loyno.edu Specific information for exchange students is available at https://cie.loyno.edu/exchange-students.		
Accreditation	Loyola University New Orleans is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. The College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB).		
Courses and Student Registration	Loyola's Center for International Education (CIE) registers exchange students for classes based on the course preferences submitted in their application. Exchange students are not permitted to add or drop courses independently. Online course registration begins in April for the Fall semester and in November for the Spring semester. Courses can be viewed on the Loyola course schedule website: https://courses.loyno.edu. Please be sure to select the correct term when searching for courses. Students must complete the Course Preference Form by logging into https://studyabroad.loyno.edu/. The submission deadlines are: • April 1 for Fall semester • November 1 for Spring semester Students should submit the most accurate and carefully considered list of preferred courses possible and limit changes after submission. When selecting courses, students are not required to have the exact listed prerequisite courses, but they should possess the academic background and knowledge necessary to succeed in the class.		

	Every effort will be made to accommodate students' course preferences; however, flexibility is essential. Students should identify several additional pre-approved backup courses in case enrollment in preferred courses is not possible. Course restrictions: • Undergraduates cannot take graduate classes (course numbers above 499) • Exchange students cannot take first year seminars – xxxx-T121-xxx • Students should be careful to select courses with times that do not overlap • Students should select courses offered on the main campus. (Exchange students cannot take courses for online students only – xxxx-xxxx-Yxx.) • Students should select courses that are OPEN (seats available). You may be able to register for courses that are listed as closed but we will need to get special permission from the instructor. • Students must receive special permission from the Honors Program Director to take honors courses. • All students wishing to take courses in Art, Design or Music must submit a portfolio/audition. Only music majors at their home institution will be allowed to take private music instruction. You can take courses available to non-music majors.
Nomination	Home Coordinator sends an email to cic@loyno.edu with the following information for selected students: ◦ Last name(s) (exactly as on passport) ◦ First name(s) (exactly as on passport) ◦ Date of birth ◦ Email ◦ Gender ◦ Term of study (e.g., Fall, Spring, Year) ◦ Major ◦ Level of study (undergraduate or graduate) ◦ English Language Test Score (waived for students whose native language is English, students completing their full degree in English, or students who have successfully studied at a post-secondary institution where English is the primary language of instruction) Nominations are due February 15 for the Fall and September 15 for the Spring. Late nominations will be considered. The exchange program starts with mandatory orientation and students need to plan to stay at Loyola until the end of final exams. Thank you for taking this into consideration when nominating students.
Application Deadlines	March 15 for Fall; October 15 for Spring. Late applications will be considered, however late applicants may find some courses no longer available.
Required Documents for Application	CIE will set up an online application available at http://studyabroad.loyno.edu. Students must complete/submit the following documents and will then be sent a DS-2019 to be used to obtain a visa: ◦ On-line Application ◦ Semester or Year Affidavit of Support ◦ On-line Residence Hall Contract ◦ Copy of Identity Page in Passport ◦ Transcript ◦ Immunization Form Additional information will be requested after acceptance.

	Please note: - Students applying for Art, Design or Music courses in the College of Music and Media may need to submit an audition or portfolio. Requirements can be found at: https://www.loyno.edu/admissions/how-apply/college-music-media-applicants. - Graduate (Master's/MBA) applicants must provide a CV or résumé and English proficiency test scores (TOEFL, IELTS, or Duolingo). GRE or GMAT scores are optional.
Faculties/Colleges	- College of Arts and Sciences - College of Business - College of Law (graduate programs are not available for most exchanges) - College of Nursing and Health (not available for most exchanges) - College of Music and Media (Students applying for College of Music and Media may need to submit an audition or portfolio. Requirements can be found at: https://www.loyno.edu/admissions/how-apply/college-music-media-applicants. Only students studying music performance will be allowed to take private lessons.)
Language of Instruction	English
Language Requirement	Exchange partner verifies English language proficiency. Loyola makes the following recommendations for language: For full admission to exchange program (4-6 academic courses): TOEFL: 79 on the IBT, 213 on the CBT, or 550 on the PBT IELTS: 6.5 Duolingo: 115 For Pilot Program (2 language courses for credit and 2-3 academic courses): TOEFL: 61 on the IBT, 173 on the CBT or 500 on the PBT IELTS: 5.5 Duolingo: 100 The language requirement is waived for students whose native language is English, for those completing their entire degree in English, and for students who have successfully studied at a post-secondary institution where English is the primary language of instruction.
English Language Courses	Loyola offers English courses for exchange students that want to improve their English language skills through the Pilot Program. Pilot language classes are at the 200 level and are awarded academic credit. The two courses that LIEP Pilot students will take are: LIEP-G204-001 Grammar/Composition I and LIEP-G207-001 Reading I. More information can be found at https://cie.loyno.edu/pilot-program. Tuition is waived for exchange students. A separate LIEP application is not required.
Full-time Course load	A typical undergraduate course load is 15–18 credit hours, usually 5–6 courses. Undergraduate exchange students must enroll in at least 12 credit hours to maintain J-1 visa status. Only one online course (or a maximum of 3 credit hours) may count toward the minimum course load. CIE registers students for classes based on course preferences listed in the application. Exchange students are not permitted to add or drop courses by themselves. All add/drop requests must be submitted to cie@loyno.edu.

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Exams	Exams are mostly written, but are sometimes conducted orally, or may be take-home assignments. Projects may also be required.																																															

Term Dates for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

	Fall Term (subject to change)	Spring Term (subject to change)
Term Dates	August 11 – December 11	January 14 – May 14
Nominations Due	February 15	September 15
Applications Open for Global Perspectives Themed Living Community	March 1	N/A
Online Applications Due	March 15	October 15
Course Preference Form Due	April 1	November 1
Priority Deadline for On-Campus Housing	April 1	December 1
Deadline for Global Perspectives Themed Living Community	May 7	N/A
Health Insurance Waiver Deadline (only if	July 31	November 30

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Payment Deadline (Housing, Meal Plans, Insurance, Course Fees)	August 1 Students who do not meet this deadline will be withdrawn from classes and may lose housing.	January 5 Students who do not meet these deadlines will be withdrawn from classes and may lose housing.
Students Arrive On or Before	August 11	January 14
Mandatory International Student Orientation	August 12	January 15
Classes Begin	August 17	January 19
Holidays	September 7 – Labor Day October 12-13 – Fall Break November 25-27 – Thanksgiving	January 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. February 8-12 – Mardi Gras March 25-29 – Easter
Last Day of Classes	December 4	May 7
Exams	December 7-11	May 10-14

Link to Academic Calendar: <https://academicaffairs.loyno.edu/registrars-office/academic-calendars>.

Estimated Living Expenses* *Based on current expenses. Subject to change.	Estimated semester expenses for students:	
	Housing (shared) and Meals	\$8,241
	Books and Supplies	\$650
	Student Insurance	\$920
	Additional Living Expenses	\$1250
	Total	\$11,060
Scholarships	Limited scholarships may be available to incoming exchange students, usually through external organizations. For more information on available opportunities, see https://cie.loyno.edu/international-students/current-students/financial-aidscholarships .	
On-Campus Employment	On-campus employment can provide international students with valuable work experience, spending money, and the opportunity to get a social security number. J-1 students must get approval from CIE before beginning work on-campus. For more information, visit https://cie.loyno.edu/campus-employment .	
Internships	Open to exchange students under certain conditions and with the permission of CIE. For more information, visit https://cie.loyno.edu/international-students/current-students/employment-internships and http://success.loyno.edu/careers/job-internship-search .	
Academic Expenses	Tuition fees are waived for students from partner institutions. Students may be charged specific course fees for some classes that need course materials or supplies. Course fees are the responsibility of the student and are not included in exchange benefits.	

Health Insurance	Loyola University requires that all exchange students have health insurance. They will be charged an insurance fee and covered under a policy obtained by Loyola on their behalf, unless they submit proof of comparable personal coverage. A representative of their insurance company must complete a health insurance waiver form and the coverage must include all of the following benefits in order to be accepted. If it does not meet these requirements, then they must purchase the policy made available by the university. More information can be found at: https://cie.loyno.edu/international-students/current-students/health-insurance.
Visa	International exchange students are required to apply for a J-1 Exchange Visitor Visa. They can consult the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate in their home country to obtain details regarding requirements. Typically, students must submit: ◦ A current passport valid for at least six months after proposed date of entry into the U.S.; ◦ A valid SEVIS form DS-2019; ◦ Evidence of financial support for the period of time and the amount indicated on the DS-2019 form; ◦ An online visa application Form DS-160 (most consulates now use the online form, but students should check with the specific embassy or consulate at which they are applying). The visa forms are available on the State Department website (https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study.html); ◦ Proof of SEVIS fee payment (https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/); ◦ One 2x2 photograph. See the required photo format explained on the State Department website (https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/photos.html) The U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your home country will issue a visa for the length of the semester or year-long program. Exchange students can enter 30 days before the program start date (welcome orientation date) and leave the U.S. 30 days after the program end date (based on the last date of exams). More information can be found at: https://cie.loyno.edu/international-students/new-exchange-students/visa-process.
Facilities	Students have access to the library, computer rooms, writing laboratories, health services, dining services, shuttle services, counseling center, recreational facilities, student groups and campus programming.
Housing	Students live on-campus in one of six residence halls. Costs vary slightly depending on which hall students are in and whether they have a roommate (please note it is very difficult to get a single room). Students may not always get their first preference for housing, but they have a better chance if they turn in their housing contracts to us early. For more information about housing, students can visit the following website http://studentaffairs.loyno.edu/residential-life/residence-halls. Starting in Fall 2026, rooms will be available in the new Global Perspectives Themed Living Community on the 8th floor of Buddig Hall. This community will bring together Loyola's international and internationally-minded students, creating a space to connect with peers who share similar interests, exchange experiences, explore global perspectives, and become more engaged in campus life. Students must apply to be considered. See https://studentaffairs.loyno.edu/res-life/prospective-residents/inclusive-themed-living-options for more information.
Mandatory International Student Orientation	Through icebreakers, small group discussions, tours and lectures, the orientation helps new international students adjust to the university and New Orleans and provides a wonderful opportunity to meet other international students. The orientation includes a tour of campus, information on Loyola and New Orleans, adapting to the U.S., opportunities for getting involved at Loyola, and important immigration information. Orientation is mandatory and should be taken into consideration when applying to the exchange program at Loyola University New Orleans.

Cultural Connections Program	Exchange students can join the Cultural Connections Program to meet locals and explore the city. Cultural Connections sponsors events throughout the year and gives students an opportunity to experience New Orleans and the local culture. Examples of Cultural Connections events include Swamp Tours, Mardi Gras and St. Patrick's Day parades as well as planned group dinners and barbecues. For more information and to apply online, go to https://cie.loyno.edu/get-involved/cultural-connections .
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