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Hiroshima University

Step 1: Nominate your students

You will be provided with a form link to electronically nominate your students

- First and Last name
- Email address
- U.S. Equivalent GPA
- **2-3 program location choices**
- Academic interest/major
- Level of study (undergraduate/graduate)
- Verification of language level (non-native English speakers only)
- Nationality (for visa purposes)
- Passport status
- Date of Birth and Gender

Preferred Nomination Periods

Nominations are accepted until the program application deadline; however, we recommend submitting during these preferred timeframes:

Summer: Jan 1 to Feb 15 / **Fall/Yearlong**: Feb 15 to Apr 1 / **Spring**: Aug 1 to Sep 15

Note: Some programs may fill before application deadlines or these dates.

Step 2: Offer & Acceptance

- Students receive an email confirming their program placement.
- For USAC Programs (not U.S. locations), the email will include a **placement offer** and **cost estimate**.
- Students confirm acceptance by replying to the email.
- For U.S.-based programs, students will be introduced to the host university and receive access to host university program details.

Step 3: Invitation to Apply & Departure Preparation

- Students will receive instructions to begin the application process.
- USAC program students will use the **USAC Student Gateway** to complete required tasks for the application and program predeparture preparation.
- Program locations have different program requirements, costs, etc. USAC will provide guidance to students.
- Students attending U.S. programs will apply directly through their host university admission and visa process.

Study Abroad Guidance (Home Institution Responsibility)

Your office should support students with:

- Visa process
- Financial planning
- Course selection and degree alignment.

USAC Support

- An **International Student Coordinator** will support students from nomination throughout the departure preparation alongside the USAC staff as well as while abroad and after as needed.
- USAC program students have access to support for admissions, academics, finances, and health and safety via the **Student Gateway** Account as well as a dedicated team of USAC Staff members working with students on various different processes.
- The USAC student population is primarily comprised of U.S. students, therefore, many of the materials are specific to U.S. students and irrelevant for Exchange students. They may need additional guidance from your office (especially for visas).
- Students attending U.S. Programs will be working directly with their host university staff and the **International Student Coordinator** will remain available to assist as needed.

Financial Overview

Included:

- Full waiver of **Tuition/Program Fees**
- Health insurance (USAC programs)

Student Responsibilities:

- Housing (if not included in program fees)
- Health insurance (U.S. programs)
- Course, tour or excursion fees
- Visa fees
- Personal expenses and travel

Students will receive a **budget estimate** to help plan finances.

Exchange Equivalents/Counts

Students are counted towards the exchange balance based on semester and categorized "tier". Below is an example of how programs will appear in the program list.

	Yearlong	Semester	1 Summer Session	2 Summer Sessions
Tier 1 Programs (discounted)	1	.5	.5	1
Tier 2 Programs (one to one)	2	1	1	1.5
Tier 3 Programs (premium)	3	1.5-2	1.5-2	2

Housing	Cancellations
Many summer and some semester programs include housing. When included, housing costs are reflected in the exchange equivalent and the student will **not** pay housing costs aside from any required deposits or surcharges.	Notify USAC immediately if a student cancels. Cancellations within **30 days of departure** will still count toward the exchange. Students who withdraw after arrival will also count towards the exchange.

Note: USAC program offerings are subject to change from the time of publication.

Academics & Final Records

- Course availability varies by program.
- USAC provides guidance on enrollment and any related costs.

Final records:

- USAC Specialty Programs: A USAC Grade Report with course titles, levels, and U.S. credits.
- USAC Host University Programs: Official Transcripts in U.S. credit system or equivalency.

USAC Specialty Programs

USAC-organized programs comprised primarily of students from the U.S. Course selection is focused on language and cultural studies. Students receive U.S. credit via the USAC Grade Report. Daily programming such as orientation, meetings, tours, field trips, etc. are all conducted in English.

Program Admission/Eligibility Requirements

Academic: 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) | Good standing at university
English: 550 TOEFL (PBT); 80 TOEFL (IBT); or 6.0 IELTS
Additional materials are required during USAC admission process (transcripts, agreements, etc.)

Available Programs & Exchange Equivalency

Housing included in exchange

Country	City	Yearlong	Fall or Spring Semester
Tier 1 Programs (discount rate)			
Chile	Santiago	1	.5
India	Bengaluru	1	.5
Uruguay	Montevideo	1	.5
Spain	Bilbao	1	.5
Tier 2 Programs (one to one rate)			
Costa Rica	Heredia	2	1
Czech Republic	Prague	2	1
France*	Pau	2	1
Germany	Luneburg	2	1
Spain	Madrid	2	1
Thailand	Chiang Mai	2	1
Tier 3 Programs (premium exchange rate)			
France*	Lyon	3	1.5
Spain	San Sebastian	3	1.5

* Program may have complications with visa materials, students encouraged to have a back up program in mind.

USAC Partnership Programs

Students enroll directly at the host university with access to a wide range of course offerings and are part of a large international student population on the host campus. Daily programming such as orientation, meetings, tours, field trips, etc. are all conducted in English or the language of the host country.

Program Admission & Requirements

Each partnership program has specific academic and English language eligibility requirements. Make sure to check the USAC webpage prior to nomination to make sure your student is eligible prior to nomination. Additional details regarding English language test requirements will be included with this brochure.

Available Programs & Exchange Equivalency

Housing included in exchange

*refers to summer programs that offer two sessions

Country	City	Host University	Yearlong	Semester
Tier 1 Programs (discount rate)				
Korea	Gwangju	Chonnam National University	1	.5
Thailand	Khon Kaen	Khon Kaen University	1	.5
Tier 2 Programs (one to one rate)				
Australia	Gold Coast	Griffith University	---	1
	Melbourne	Deakin University	---	1
England	Brighton	University of Brighton	2	1
	London	London Metropolitan University	2	1
Ireland	Cork	University College Cork	2	1
New Zealand	Auckland, etc.	Massey University	---	1
Netherlands	The Hague	The Hague University of Applied Sciences	2	1
Scotland	Stirling	University of Stirling	2	1
South Africa	Stellenbosch	Stellenbosch University	2	1
Tier 3 Programs (premium exchange rate)				
Korea	Seoul	Korea University	3	1.5
Netherlands	Maastricht	Maastricht University	3	1.5
Scotland	St Andrews	University of St Andrews	3	1.5

U.S. English Language Programs

USAC Consortium University members offer excellent English language instruction in six different cities across the United States, each offering different settings and access to local immersion opportunities. Students will be part of a cohort of students learning English as well as the greater campus community for activities, events, etc.

Program & Admission

Students will work directly with the university to complete admission and receive the necessary documents to apply for a visa. Their office will also assist with housing options, arrival details and purchasing a health insurance policy. USAC's International Student Coordinator is available to assist as needed.

Program Availability & Exchange Equivalency

Location	Host University & Program	Yearlong	Fall or Spring Semester
Tier 1 Programs (discount rate)			
Moscow, **Idaho**	**University of Idaho** American Language and Culture Program (ALCP)	1	.5
Tier 2 Programs (one to one rate)			
Fresno, **California**	**California State University, Fresno** American English Institute (AEI)	2	1
Boise, **Idaho**	**Boise State University** Intensive English Program (IEP)	2	1
Las Vegas, **Nevada**	**University of Nevada, Las Vegas** English Language Center (ELC)	2	1
Columbia, **South Carolina**	**University of South Carolina** English Programs for Internationals (EPI)	2	1

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USAC is happy to offer you the programs below. There are two program models. **Specialty Programs** are administered by USAC and are based on U.S. academic system. Your university will receive a USAC grade report for the courses you take with U.S. grades and credits. **Partnership Programs** are direct enrollment within the host university. You will have access to a wide variety of courses and your transcript will come directly from the host university. Talk with your home university office to better understand the different programs and which is the best fit for you!

Note: USAC offers other programs that you may see on our webpage—only the programs and semesters noted below are available to students from your university.

Country	City	Host University / Credit from:	Yearlong	Semester
Australia	Gold Coast	Griffith University		☑
Australia	Melbourne	Deakin University		☑
Chile	Santiago	USAC Grade Report	☑	☑
Costa Rica	Heredia	USAC Grade Report	☑	☑
Czech Republic	Prague	USAC Grade Report	☑	☑
England	Brighton	University of Brighton	☑	☑
England	Bristol	University of Bristol	☑	☑
England	London	London Metropolitan University	☑	☑
England	Reading	University of Reading	☑	☑
France	Lyon	USAC Grade Report	☑	☑
France	Pau	USAC Grade Report	☑	☑
Germany	Luneburg	USAC Grade Report	☑	☑
India	Bengaluru	USAC Grade Report	☑ 🏠	☑ 🏠
Ireland	Cork	University College Cork	☑	☑
Korea	Gwangju	Chonnam National University	☑	☑
Korea	Seoul	Korea University	☑	☑
Netherlands	Maastricht	Maastricht University	☑	☑
Netherlands	The Hague	The Hague University of Applied Sciences	☑	☑
New Zealand	Auckland, etc.	Massey University		☑
Scotland	St Andrews	University of St Andrews	☑	☑

Country	City	Host University / Credit from:	Yearlong	Semester
Scotland	Stirling	University of Stirling	☑	☑
South Africa	Stellenbosch	Stellenbosch University	☑	☑
Spain	Bilbao	USAC Grade Report	☑	☑
Spain	Madrid	USAC Grade Report	☑	☑
Spain	San Sebastian	USAC Grade Report	☑	☑
Thailand	Chiang Mai	USAC Grade Report	☑	☑
Thailand	Khon Kaen	Khon Kaen University	☑	☑
United States	Fresno, California	California State University, Fresno	☑	☑
United States	Boise, Idaho	Boise State University	☑	☑
United States	Moscow, Idaho	University of Idaho	☑	☑
United States	Las Vegas, Nevada	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	☑	☑
United States	Columbia, South Carolina	University of South Carolina	☑	☑
Uruguay	Montevideo	USAC Grade Report	☑	☑