



JOHNSON & WALES
UNIVERSITY

2025-26

INCOMING EXCHANGE

FACT SHEET

READY TO ATTEND

JOHNSON & WALES UNIVERSITY AS AN EXCHANGE STUDENT?

JWU offers one university and two great locations where you'll find a welcoming, close-knit community, unique academic programs and an active student life. Pursue your passions through dozens of student clubs, athletic options, fun events, world-class speakers and more. At Johnson & Wales, we're focused on providing you amazing experiences today to create a more amazing future tomorrow.

Start the process now by reviewing the information on this sheet and applying to become a JWU exchange student.



JWU CAMPUSES IN TWO GREAT CITIES

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Home University Nomination is Due to JWU by

Fall Semester: March 15, 2025
Spring Semester: September 1, 2025
JWU's application process is now electronic. To apply, visit studyabroad.jwu.edu, click on "incoming exchange" and "apply now."

Application Deadlines:

Fall Term: April 1, 2025
Spring Term: September 29, 2025

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFERED AT JWU

To see a list and descriptions all academic programs offered at each JWU campus, visit jwu.edu/majors

English Proficiency

JWU requires a TOEFL, IELTS or Duolingo English Language proficiency test score from within the past two years. If you completed a different exam, please inquire about other acceptable testing. If you are a native speaker of English or are currently enrolled in an academic program conducted in English, you do not need to meet this requirement. For more information, visit jwu.edu/englishproficiency.

Post Acceptance Materials Due

- Letter of invitation from JWU Global
- DS-2019 (document to obtain your visa)
- SEVIS and immigration information and fees
- Health insurance requirements

You will receive instructions about when and how to complete these tasks:

Submit course selection form electronically.
Upload health history form through [jwuLink](#).
Submit travel plans electronically.

Course Selection

To browse our academic programs, visit jwu.edu/majors
The availability of courses cannot be guaranteed until course registration for a specific term of study is open.

Resources

JWU Global: global.jwu.edu
[jwuLink](#): link.jwu.edu
JWU Residential Life: livingoncampus.jwu.edu
JWU exchange students: international.jwu.edu/exchange
JWU academic calendar: academics.jwu.edu/calendar

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

Bustling Charlotte is home to one of the country's fastest-growing business scenes — and JWU is in the heart of it all! From our on-campus baking, culinary, management and retail labs to JWU's 33,000-square-foot Student Center to nearby sports arenas, event venues and public markets, there is plenty to do both on and off campus in this thriving city.



PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Walkable Providence is called the "creative capital" for its arts/music/theatre and is noted for its "foodie" scene, with many restaurants owned or staffed by JWU alums. With nearly 100 student-run organizations, NCAA Division III athletics and fully-equipped residence halls, life at our flagship campus is non-stop.





2025-26 SEMESTER DATES

Fall

August 25–December 12, 2025

Spring

January 5–April 29, 2026

In addition to term dates, there are application deadlines and orientation dates. More information will be provided about these during the advising process based on your desired length of study. View the full academic calendar at academics.jwu.edu/calendar.

Arrival and Orientation Information

Campus arrival is usually one week before the semester/class start date on the Providence Campus only. You will receive your exact arrival date after your acceptance. If you are studying at the Charlotte Campus, you will receive additional instructions specific to that campus.

Although the Exchange Visitor Program visa regulations allow you to enter the United States 30 days before your class start date, JWU residence halls are not available until Move-in Day, which is typically the day before orientation starts at the Providence Campus. This date will be provided to you upon acceptance.

JWU's mandatory Exchange Student Orientation includes immigration paperwork, check-in, a campus tour, student ID cards, academic regulations, financial information, Campus Safety & Security representatives, activity information and shopping trips.

JWU Wildcat Welcome Week Activities

Please check jwu.edu for specific activities related to your enrollment semester.





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the academic calendar?

JWU’s academic calendar is divided into two semesters, fall and spring. As an exchange student you can enroll for one semester or two. Talk with JWU’s exchange advisor to decide which timeline is best for you. You are required to enroll for a full course load of 12 JWU credits each semester.

Do I have to live on campus?

Yes, all exchange students are required to live on campus. During the post-acceptance phase of the application process, you will be given the information to apply for housing and choose the all-access meal plan. In the meantime, please visit livingoncampus.jwu.edu for more information.

Will I have a meal plan?

When you apply for housing, you will choose a meal plan based on your preferences. For more information about dining, visit dining.jwu.edu.

Do I need a visa?

Yes, you do need a visa. You will travel as part of the Exchange Visitor Program on a J-1 visa, which allows you to enter the U.S. 30 days before your class start date. To obtain this visa you will need a DS-2019 form and you must submit all application requirements listed (see Page 2). After you receive your DS-2019 you must pay the SEVIS fee and make an appointment at the nearest U.S. Embassy. You must bring your DS-2019 and SEVIS fee receipt with you to your visa appointment.

Can I participate in an internship?

Yes, you may participate in an internship for credit (academic training) during your studies. Students that want to pursue academic training after completing their academic program at JWU can do so with permission from their home institution. Internship placements are acquired by the student and are NOT guaranteed. Please indicate your internship interest on your application so our JWU Global associate can assist you when you arrive on campus.

What is the estimated international airfare?

International airfare will vary based on your departure city. The cost is estimated at \$1,500.

FINANCIAL PLANNING

Responsibilities of Incoming Exchange Students

The total for tuition paid to your home institution as well as room and board is approximately \$10,250 per semester. Health insurance, if needed, costs approximately \$1,500 and covers one four-month semester (fall or spring), which is paid directly to JWU. Modest living expenses will be approximately \$1,250 per semester for books and items such as laundry, personal meals, etc. Amounts will vary based on selection. Flights and visa fees vary. You may have additional personal expenses for recreation, local transportation, health emergencies, etc. Invoices for the fall semester will be sent out in June 2025 and spring semester will be sent out in November 2025.

BUDGET (BASED ON SEMESTER)

Item	Student Personal Expenses	Paid to JWU
Tuition	Varies based on your home institution	
Housing		\$6,750
Meal Plan (14 per week)		\$3,500
Books & Supplies		\$750
Health Insurance		\$1,500
Estimated Personal Meals	\$500	
GRAND TOTAL:	\$500	\$12,500

If you are entering a JWU exchange visitor program during Fall 2025 through Summer 2026, the total amount listed in U.S. dollars must be: \$12,500 (one semester) or \$25,000 (two semesters) for your DS-2019. This cost is the sum of room, board, insurance, books & supplies and personal meals.



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