

## 2026-2027 Exchange Program Information

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| Name of Institution    | <b>University of Arkansas- Fort Smith (UAFS)</b> |
| Website of Institution | <a href="http://www.uafs.edu">www.uafs.edu</a>   |

### **Contact Information:**

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### **Student Exchange Information:**

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| Beginning and end of Semesters (including examination dates)                                | <u>Fall 2026 Semester</u><br>Starts: <b>August 10, 2026</b><br>Ends: <b>December 11, 2026</b>  | <u>Spring 2027 Semester</u><br>Starts: <b>January 13, 2027</b><br>Ends: <b>May 14, 2027</b> |
| Nomination/ Application Deadlines   | Fall 2026 Semester: <b>May 1, 2026</b><br>Spring 2027 Semester: <b>October 1, 2026</b>   |   |
| Application procedures  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. All applicants are required to apply and upload all application materials <b>ONLINE</b> before application deadline.</li> <li>2. OIR processes the applications and release admission results to applicants via email.</li> <li>3. OIR will mail Acceptance Letter and DS-2019 to admitted students.</li> </ol>  |   |
| Application Website (Save the password for future use)                                      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="https://uafs.edu/admissions/apply/index.php">https://uafs.edu/admissions/apply/index.php</a> Click “Undergraduate Application” – Click “First-time users” and register to create account.</li> <li>2. Choose “International” as the application type.</li> <li>3. Choose “Exchange” as the student type.</li> </ol>   |   |
| Required documents (More info about each document is available on the application website.) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Official academic transcript (To be emailed by home institution)</li> <li>2. English proficiency test score</li> <li>3. Official bank statement (see <b>Fees</b> below)</li> <li>4. Declaration and confirmation of financial resources form</li> <li>5. Copy of passport</li> <li>6. Copy of current US visa (if applicable)</li> <li>7. Proof of 2 shots of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccination</li> </ol> |   |
| Visa Requirements   | J-1 visa for short term study abroad   |   |
| Expected arrival dates  | Fall Semester: <b>August 8 - 9, 2026</b>   | Spring Semester: <b>January 11 - 12, 2026</b>   |
| Orientation Dates   | Fall Semester: <b>August 10 - 11, 2026</b>   | Spring Semester: <b>January 13 - 14, 2026</b>   |



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| Airport Pick Up  | All exchange students are required to arrive at <b>Fort Smith Regional Airport (FSM)</b> . Our staff will meet students at the airport and take them to UAFS campus free of charge. Students are required to fill out the Arrival Information Form (available on application website) and submit it to us after obtaining flight itinerary.<br>For safety, all exchange students must be picked up by OIR staff and return to on-campus housing immediately following arrival. |
| Language   | All courses are conducted in English.  |
| Courses available to exchange students                                   | Almost all courses are available as long as the student meets the prerequisites. List of all courses: <a href="https://catalog.uafs.edu/content.php?catoid=9&amp;navoid=371">https://catalog.uafs.edu/content.php?catoid=9&amp;navoid=371</a><br>Students will receive an email about course selection one to two months before the semester starts.   |
| Restricted courses   | There are some special topics courses not available to exchange students. Many courses have prerequisites. Check with your advisor.  |
| Required number of credits each semester                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Min. 12 credit hours; Max. 13 credit hours</li> <li>Exchange students are not allowed to take more than one full online class.</li> </ul>   |
| Accuplacer Test  | Students are required to take Accuplacer Tests (English Writing, English Reading, and Mathematics). If students do not obtain the required scores, they may be asked to retake the tests or be enrolled in less than 12 credit hours in the first semester to build up their skill sets in order to be successful in classes.  |
| Compulsory language requirements for exchange students (only one needed) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TOEFL (61 IBT, 500 PBT)</li> <li>IELTS (5.5 or above)</li> </ul> <p>We may accept other forms of English proficiency proof. Please check with OIR for more information.</p>   |
| Health insurance requirements  | All exchange students <b>MUST</b> purchase health insurance covering the whole period of study through UAFS.   |

#### **Housing:**

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| On Campus Housing Information | Sebastian Commons (Apartment style) or Lion's Den (Dorm style):<br><a href="https://uafs.edu/student-life/housing/index.php">https://uafs.edu/student-life/housing/index.php</a>   |
| Application                   | <p>On-campus housing will be available for application AFTER students are accepted to UAFS. Students will receive an UAFS login information in order to access to the Housing application: <a href="https://uafs-residence.symplicity.com/index.php/pid128789">https://uafs-residence.symplicity.com/index.php/pid128789</a>?</p> <p>Housing Application Fee: US\$75</p> |

#### **Estimated Cost of Study:**

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| Estimated cost of study<br><b>(per semester, US\$)</b><br><br>* The actual cost will vary depending on student choice of housing and meal plan.<br><br>**All costs subject to change. | Students are required to provide a bank statement showing proof of financial resources for the visa application. For one semester, the amount shown on financial document needs to be at least <b>\$6,180</b> .<br>Tuition: Waived under exchange agreement<br>Fees: Waived under exchange agreement<br>Housing: \$2,500 (Lion's Den, double room) *<br>Meals: \$2,200 (on campus meal plan, unlimited meals) *<br>Books and Supplies: \$700<br>Health Insurance: \$780 |
| Other Fees  | Application Fee: \$50; New Student Orientation Fee: \$75. Please note that other mandatory fees may be applied. For more information, please contact OIR.   |