



INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM FACT SHEET 2024 – 2025

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NOMINATION DATES

In order to meet the requirements of the on-line course registration system, nominations must be received by the following dates:

Fall 2024 Semester: March 1, 2024 | **Spring 2025 Semester:** October 1, 2024

Nominations received after these dates may still participate in the exchange program but may not have access to Wharton elective courses on par with other students. No new nominations will be processed four weeks prior to the start of classes.

EXPECTED ARRIVAL DATE

We recommend that students arrive a few days before classes start, in order to finalize accommodation, banking and any other final details. Depending on the semester schedule, the mandatory exchange student orientation is held either the day before classes begin or on the first day of class.

EXCHANGE INFORMATION

The MBA program staff will email information on course registration, email addresses, visas and housing students nominated to attend Wharton. These messages will contain the forms required for your exchange and other important documents.

HOUSING

While Wharton does not arrange housing directly, there are two University offices that assist students, one for on-campus housing and one for off-campus living.

APPROXIMATE LIVING COSTS

- Housing & Meals: Approximately \$10,700 per semester
- Books, Supplies & Misc.: Approximately \$3,100 per semester
- Health Insurance and Fees: Approximately \$1700 per semester

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

- Most students take 4-5 cu (course units) per semester or 2 cu per quarter. Full-semester exchange students are required to take a minimum of 3cu; half-semester students must take 1.5cu. Each full-semester course is equivalent to 1cu; each half-semester course equals 0.5cu. Students may take more than 3 or 1.5cu respectively as long as they

receive credit for those courses toward their home school degree. The maximum number of credits that may be taken is 6cu in a semester or 3cu in a quarter.

- Fluency in the English language is necessary, as all subjects are taught in English.
- Exchange students may only take Wharton MBA elective courses.

COURSE REGISTRATION

Wharton uses a [Course Match](#) for registration of elective courses. Exchange students are issued tokens on par with Wharton students. Course Match is built to maximize student satisfaction. It does so primarily in three ways. First, the system optimizes the allocation of seats, ensuring the best possible class schedule for each student. Second, Course Match eliminates the incentive to strategize and the worry that others can gain an advantage through strategic play – with Course Match your entire focus is on reporting your true preferences. Finally, with a single round per semester, Course Match optimizes the time you spend on the course selection process.

COURSES

Course information is available at: <https://mba-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/mba-curriculum/>

The Wharton MBA Program offers a broad and deep variety of subjects in:

Accounting	Legal Studies & Business Ethics
Business Economics & Public Policy	Management
Business, Energy, Environment and Sustainability	Marketing
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	Operations, Information and Decisions
Entrepreneurship and Innovation	Real Estate
Finance	Statistics and Data Science
Health Care Systems	Business Analytics

CLASS SIZE

Class size typically ranges between 15 and 70 students. The total number of full-time MBA students is approximately 1,800. There are also approximately 2,400 undergraduate and 180 doctoral students enrolled at Wharton.

Occasionally students from these divisions will enroll in MBA courses.

ASSESSMENT

Courses include different forms of assessment, such as exercises, assignments, in-class participation, research papers, quizzes, tests, or examinations. Each student is responsible for individually meeting all course requirements.

GRADES & ACADEMIC POLICIES

Wharton's MBA courses are graded on a traditional letter-grade system of A through F, with + and - distinctions. For MBA classes with an MBA enrollment of 20 or more at the conclusion of the course, the class MBA Grade Point Average (CMGPA) may not exceed 3.50. This upper limit CMGPA is raised by 0.04 for every enrollment count below 20. CMGPA is defined as the average point value of the grades assigned to all MBA students in a class who are governed by this grading system. A complete description of Wharton academic policies is available at <https://mba-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/wharton-mba-academic-policies/>

CAREER MANAGEMENT

Students visiting Wharton during their exchange program will have full access to Wharton's MBA Career Management resources including career-related workshops programming, a job board, on-campus recruiting, and individual career counseling with industry-specific advisors. An orientation for exchange students is conducted by a

member of the career management staff shortly after arrival. For more information, please visit the [MBA Career Management](#) website.

STUDENT SERVICES

- **Counseling:** Academic advising is provided by the MBA Program Office. Personal counseling services are offered on campus by the University's Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) office.
- **Student Clubs:** There are numerous student clubs managed by MBA students under the auspices of the Wharton Graduate Association (WGA). A complete list of clubs can be found on the WGA website: <http://the-wga.com/>
There is a WGA membership, which is normally prorated for exchange students based on the length of their exchange period. Individual clubs may also charge a fee for individual activities.
- **Library:** While there is no Wharton library located in Jon M. Huntsman Hall, Lippincott Library is dedicated to Wharton. Information on library services can be found via the Penn Library website:
- **Athletic Facilities:** The University of Pennsylvania has many facilities on campus including an Olympic-size swimming pool, ice skating rink, tennis courts, sauna, squash courts, dance and martial arts studios, basketball courts, gymnasium, outdoor field space, weight room, golf simulator, Pilates room, and rock-climbing practice wall. The Penn Department of Recreation also provides group exercise programs, personal training, and outdoor adventure excursions. The Pottruck Center is located across the street from Jon M. Huntsman Hall and has state-of-the-art gym equipment. There is a fee for use of this facility

ALUMNI SERVICES

Exchange students are not considered Wharton alumni and therefore are not eligible for alumni services.

Wharton Academic Calendar:

<https://mba-inside.wharton.upenn.edu/calendars/>