

Brochure

Brief Descriptions of the Member Universities of the ELLSNA Network and Their Study Programs

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The Euro League for Life Sciences with five member universities was formed in 2001. In November 2001 a delegation of four representatives from the Euro League for Life Sciences (ELLS) traveled to several universities in North America to explore possibilities and interests in transatlantic collaborating in education. Subsequently, Wageningen University hosted a very successful first Euro League – North America (ELLSNA) conference in October 2002. All parties were strongly interested in continuing to build the relationships between these institutions, leading to the follow up ELLSNA conference in Champaign Urbana in June 2002. For this occasion each institution prepared a handout. These were compiled into this brochure. Also included is a brief statement about ELLS as well as a copy of the ELLSNA Letter of Intent.

Euro League for Life Sciences

The Euro League for Life Sciences (ELLS) is a network of leading universities cooperating in the fields of Natural Resource Management, Agricultural and Forestry Sciences, Life Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Food Sciences, and Environmental Sciences.

Presently the ELLS network includes the following members:

- The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University (KVL), Copenhagen, Denmark
- University of Hohenheim (UHOH), Stuttgart, Germany
- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Uppsala, Sweden
- University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna, Austria
- Wageningen University and Research Centre (WUR), Wageningen, The Netherlands

Objectives of ELLS

The focus of ELLS is on joint teaching and learning, student and staff mobility, and quality assurance. These activities will result in highly qualified graduates, who are prepared for the demands of the European and international market. Furthermore, through the sharing of expertise and resources, this network will enhance the national and international position and potential of all partner universities, as part of the development and implementation of their degree programs.

The objectives of ELLS are:

- to offer students additional values by expanding existing activities and by developing new joint programs in the field of Life Sciences
- to support the high quality of education by the sharing of expertise and facilities
- to provide transparent and easily accessible information about joint ELLS study programs
- to increase student mobility by simplifying the process of student exchange.

Please visit our website: <http://www.euroleague-study.org>



Letter of Intent

Euro League for Life Sciences and North American Universities, ELLSNA

Whereas the following institutions promise to explore the possibilities for strengthening and expanding the transatlantic working relationships between the Euro League for Life Sciences universities and leading universities in the US and Canada to the mutual benefit of all partners.

EURO LEAGUE FOR LIFE SCIENCES UNIVERSITIES

Wageningen University
BOKU University of Natural Resources
and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna
University of Hohenheim
The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Michigan State University
University of California, Davis
Cornell University
University of Wisconsin
Purdue University
University of Illinois
University of Guelph

Areas of cooperation

The ELLSNA institutions will cooperate within the fields of Natural Resource Management, Agricultural and Forestry Sciences, Life Sciences, Veterinary Sciences, Food Sciences and Environmental Sciences.

Types of activities

- Student mobility
 - Exchange of information on study possibilities
 - Facilitating exchanges, student counselling and orientation
- Faculty/staff interaction and mobility
 - Exchange of faculty and administrative staff
- Organizing thematic meetings and conferences
 - Workshops, virtual meetings
- Joint development of teaching materials
 - Cases and textbook projects, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) materials
- Development of transatlantic study programs
 - BSc and MSc courses and programs
 - Intensive summer programs
- Information and Communication Technology projects
 - Exchange of experiences
 - Development of joint programs
- Quality assurance
 - Benchmarking and quality enhancement

Model of cooperation

The cooperation will be based on bilateral agreements between the individual ELLS and North American universities. The bilateral agreements will stipulate the type of cooperative activity, scope and duration. Each university will appoint academic and administrative contact persons to actively disseminate information and promote and support ELLSNA activities within their institution.

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WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY

1. Inbound international students

Any communication should be directed to Martha van Rinssum, internationalization officer Education and Marketing (Martha.vanrinssum@wur.nl). She co-ordinates all the questions/applications and will bring students in contact with relevant staff members.

Applications must come with the approval of the sending institution. English proficiency is recommended on a minimum score of 580 on the paper based TOEFL exam. More information about admissions you can find on www.wau.nl click students click educationnet.

2. List of Study Options

Undergraduate courses:

There are 19 different undergraduate courses (BSc) in the field of life sciences, technology and food, environmental sciences and social sciences. All BSc courses are partly in Dutch, and in year two and three more and more in English. Students start to specialize in their specific field which will be continued in the MSc courses.

Life Sciences

- Animal Sciences
- Organic Agriculture
- Plant Sciences

Food and Technology

- Agricultural and Bioresource Engineering
- Biotechnology
- Food Technology
- Molecular Sciences
- Nutrition and Health

Environmental Sciences

- Biology
- Environmental Sciences
- Forest and Nature Conservation
- International Land and Water Management
- Landscape, Planning and Design
- Soil, Water and Atmosphere

Social Sciences

- Applied Communication Science
- Economics and Governance
- International Development Studies

- Management, Economics and Consumer Studies
- Public Health and Society

Bachelor of science programs are designed to be completed within three years (180 ECTS).

Graduate courses:

There are 25 graduate courses in the same fields and more courses are under development). English is the language of instruction.

Life sciences

- Organic Agriculture
- Plant Biotechnology
- Plant Sciences
- Animal Science and Aquaculture

Food and Technology

- Agriculture & Bio resource Engineering
- Bioinformatics
- Biotechnology
- Food Quality Management
- Food Safety
- Food Technology
- Molecular Sciences

Environmental Sciences

- Earth System Sciences
- Environmental Sciences
- Forest & Nature Conservation
- Geo Information Systems
- Hydrology & Water Quality
- International Land & Water Management
- Leisure & Environment
- Meteorology & Air Quality
- Soil Sciences
- Urban Environmental Management

Social Sciences

- International Development Studies
- Management of Agroecological Knowledge and Social Change
- Management, Economics & Consumer Studies
- Communication Sciences

More information you can find on www.wu.nl/msc. You can ask for the MSc brochure at infodesk.stuvo@wur.nl

Master of Science programs are designed to be completed within two years (120 ECTS).

3. General information:

Average living expenses in the Netherlands are about 680 euro per month. This includes housing, food, books, study materials etc. Insurance (health, liability and world coverage) costs about 45 euro per month. Note: as an exchange student tuition fees will be waived.

Students from the North-American ELLS partner universities wishing to study at Wageningen University should contact Martha.vanrinssum@wur.nl.

BOKU, UNIVERSITY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND APPLIED LIFE SCIENCES, VIENNA

www.boku.ac.at

1. Admission Requirements for International Students

2. List of Study Options

Courses in English

In October 2004 four English Master programs will start at BOKU. BOKU has already finalised the reconstruction of the five diploma study courses into 9 Bachelor courses and 20 Master courses. The university also provides the possibilities to continue with doctoral studies.

- Mountain Forestry. <http://mountainforestry.boku.ac.at>
- Mountain Risk Engineering <http://static.boku.ac.at/mre/>
- Natural Resources Management and Ecological Engineering (NARMEE)
<http://www.boku.ac.at/narmee/>
- Horticultural Sciences
http://www.hortscience.de/gartenbau/aufbau/lehrangebot_masterstudium.html

Courses in German

Bachelor Degrees:

- Forestry (H 225)
- Wood and Fibre Technology (H 226)
- Management of Environment and Bio Resources (H 227)
- Environmental Engineering (H 231)
- Food Science and Biotechnology (H 217)
- Agro Sciences
- Landscape Architecture and Planning
- Viticulture, Oenology and Wine Marketing
- Equine Science

Master Degrees:

- Forest Science (H 425)
- Wood Technology and Management (H 426)
- Management of Environment and Bio Resources (H 427)
- Environmental Engineering (H 431)
- Water Management (H 432)
- Land Management and Civil Engineering (H 433)
- Food Science and Food Technology (H 417)
- Biotechnology (H 418)

- Agricultural and Food Economics (H 57)
- Applied Plant Sciences (H 455)
- Animal Sciences (456)
- Organic Farming (H458)
- Agro Biology (H 459)
- Landscape Architecture and Planning (H 419)
- Phytomedizin (H 422)
- Wildlife Ecology and Wildlife Management (H 423)
- Horticultural Sciences
- Mountain Forestry
- Mountain Risk Engineering
- Natural Resources Management and Ecological Engineering (NARMEE)

3. Summer Courses

Euroleague Summer University: June 29 – July 9, 2004:

Plant – Soil – Microbe Interactions: Fundamentals and Applications

Such courses are also planned for 2005 and 2006.

4. Course selection

The BOKU Lecture Information System offers convenient access to information regarding lectures held at the BOKU.

<http://blis.ud.boku.ac.at/indexe.html>

5. ECTS – General Information

<http://static.boku.ac.at/zib/ensocgui.html#Introduction>

6. Grading system (for B.Sc. and M.Sc. programs)

The Austrian grading system consists of 5 different marks. As far as the grading system is concerned, the Austrian marks are equivalent to the ECTS grades as follows:

Austrian mark	Austrian Grading	ECTS Grading	ECTS Codes
1	Sehr gut	Excellent / Very Good	A , B
2	Gut	Good	C
3	Befriedigend	Satisfactory	D
4	Genügend	Sufficient / Pass	E
5	Nicht Genügend	Fail	F / FX

Due the fact that we do not have an „excellent“ the „B-Grade“ is he highest available Grade according to the Austrian Grading System.

7. Academic Calendar

<http://static.boku.ac.at/zib/ensocgui.html#calendar>

8. Student Services

Service for students at BOKU: <http://www.boku.ac.at/278.html?&&L=1>

Services for International students: <http://static.boku.ac.at/zib/engsrvcs.html>

9. Housing information

ÖAD (Austrian Exchange Service)

Wohnraumverwaltungs GmbH
Alserstraße 4/1/1/3, A-1090 Wien
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Fax: +43 1/4277-28150
e-mail: housing@oead.ac.at
www.housing.oead.ac.at

BOKU-Heim

Studentenheim Bodenkultur
Pötzleinsdorfer Straße 40, A-1180 Wien
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E-Mail: studheim@edv1.boku.ac.at

Akademikerhilfe - Studentenunterstützungsverein

A-1080 Wien, Pfeilgasse 3a
Phone: +43 - 1 - 401 76 / 62 bzw. 61 DW
Fax: +43 - 1 - 401 75 / 38 DW
e-mail: studentservice@akademikerhilfe.at
<http://www.akademikerhilfe.at/>

Wihast

Hirschengasse 23, A-1060 Wien
phone: 01/5970662-33, 34 oder 35
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info@wihast.at
<http://www.wihast.at/>

10. Estimated Cost of Living for a Student per Semester

The cost of living in Vienna as a student can be averaged at about € 600 to € 710 per month. Housing at about € 200 to € 290 will be your major bill. The following table indicates roughly the prices for your budgetary calculations:

ACCOMMODATION (INCL. HEATING)	€200	TO €290
FOOD AND DRINK	€180	TO €220
CLOTHES & HEALTHCARE	€ 60	TO € 80
BOOKS, CULTURE, ENTERTAINMENT	€ 60	TO € 80
TRANSPORTATION		€ 40
TOTAL		€710

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UNIVERSITY OF HOHENHEIM

The University of Hohenheim is situated in the south of Stuttgart, the state capital of the federal state of Baden-Württemberg. It's the oldest university in Stuttgart. Surrounded by experimental farming grounds, the university provides a pleasant study and working atmosphere. Hohenheim is one of the few campus universities in Germany with all facilities within walking distance. The city centre of Stuttgart is only half an hour away by public transport.

The University of Hohenheim is a small but prestigious university with at present around 5200 students. As research and surveys in Germany have shown, it can easily compete with the larger universities. Teaching and research rest on two pillars: Life Sciences and Economics. The concept of "Food Chain" forms the common roof for both scientific areas. Hohenheim offers 21 degree courses in these fields. In order to facilitate student mobility, the university has established a number of Bachelor and Master Degree programs which are equivalent to the Anglo-American degree system. Some of them are taught in English and were especially implemented for international students.

Although Hohenheim is still one of the leading and most well-known agricultural universities in the country, economics and social sciences related subjects have become popular subjects to study at Hohenheim as well.

Whether past, present, or future, Hohenheim has always been and will always be an international institution. At present, around 16% of the students come from almost 100 countries from all parts of the world.

www.uni-hohenheim.de

1. Admission Requirements for International Students

Documents:

An application for admission consists of a completed application form including a financial statement and officially authenticated copies of your senior secondary school leaving certificate and a proof of language proficiency. Documents issued in languages other than German, English or French have to be accompanied by an official translation. The senior secondary school leaving certificate has to be considered equivalent to the German 'Abitur'. For programs taught in German you have to provide proof of language proficiency (e.g. TestDaF, DSH).

Further steps and Deadlines:

EU-citizens send their application for admission to the Students' Office; all other international candidates apply to the International Office. Please note that 1st year students may enter most programs only in the winter semester. Only the degree courses in Agricultural Biology and Agricultural Sciences (B.Sc./M.Sc.) offer a summer semester entry

Application Deadlines:	Winter Semester	15 th of July
	Summer Semester	15 th of January

Our international M.Sc. programs only offer a winter semester entry. Here, the application deadline depends on your nationality:

For EU-citizens 15th of July
For all other nationalities 15th of March

Non-Degree Students

Requirements

International students of all nationalities who wish to do part of their studies at the University of Hohenheim are admitted as non-degree students. They may be accepted as participants of certain exchange programs or as free movers on the following conditions:

- students remain enrolled at their home university
- their stay in Hohenheim may not exceed 2 semesters
- students cannot obtain a degree (B.Sc., M.Sc., Diplom degree), but they can take examinations

Advantages

There are no restrictions on admission for non-degree students. Furthermore, as a non-degree student you do not have to provide proof of language proficiency. As the majority of lectures and seminars is taught in German, it is in your own interest though to have sufficient German knowledge. During your stay in Hohenheim you can also improve your language skills. The Language Centre offers a number of German language classes at different levels each semester.

Usually non-degree students do not have to enroll for lectures, as the number of participants in lectures is not limited. Only with a minority of classes (laboratory work or other exercises) participation depends on the number of free places.

Regulations for degree students are not binding for non-degree students. Thus, non-degree students have a lot of freedom selecting lectures and seminars. They may choose classes from different semesters and even from different degree programs. However, it is up to each student to discuss with the home university which credits are recognized.

Tuition is free of charge for non-degree students. Nevertheless, they also have to come up for their living and have to cover the registration fee of about € 100 per semester.

2. List of Study Options

Courses in English

- **Tropical Agriculture** (Agricultural Sciences, Food Security and Natural Resource Management in the Tropics and Subtropics) (M.Sc. Program)
- **EnviroFood** (Environmental Protection and Agricultural Food Production) (M.Sc. Program)
- **Agricultural Economics** (M.Sc. Program) (from WS 2004/05 on)

Courses in German

- **Agricultural Sciences (B.Sc. and M.Sc.)**

In the Agricultural Sciences, students can obtain B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees. The courses at Hohenheim follow established international structures with a three-year Bachelor's and a two-year Master's degree.

B.Sc. Program:

- Agricultural Sciences with majors in Agricultural Economics, Crop or Animal Sciences, Agricultural Engineering and Soil Sciences.

M.Sc. Programs:

- Agricultural Economics
- Agricultural Engineering
- Animal Sciences
- Crop Sciences
- Soil Sciences
- Agribusiness
- Tropical Agriculture
- EnviroFood

- **Agricultural Biology (Diplom degree)**
- **Biology (Diplom degree)**
- **Nutrition Science (Diplom degree)**
- **Food chemistry (Diplom degree)**
in cooperation with the University of Stuttgart
- **Food Technology (Diplom degree)**
- **Economics and Business Administration (Diplom degree)**
- **Social Economics (Diplom degree)**
- **Business Pedagogics (Diplom degree)**
- **Information Systems Sciences (Diplom degree)**
- **Communication Science (Diplom degree)**

International Ph.D. Program

Exceptionally high qualified students have the opportunity to apply for the University of Hohenheim's *Internationales Promotionsprogramm* (IPP - International Postgraduate Program). Successful students acquire a "Dr. sc. agr." within a period of 3 years. The university guarantees efficient use of academic resources, excellent research facilities, high-level research standards as well as intensive supervision and training. Scientific research at Hohenheim ranges from Agricultural and Natural Sciences to Economics and Social Sciences. Interdisciplinary Centres such as the Centre for Agriculture in the Tropics and Subtropics and the East European Centre coordinate Hohenheim's interdisciplinary research and teaching activities.

Research-based Doctorate

The traditional German system of acquiring a doctoral degree consists of intensive scientific research work. Candidates work in a research project supervised by a professor. They attend classes only to a very limited extent. Once, the supervisor and the Ph.D. candidate have agreed on a research topic and the professor has confirmed

his willingness to accept the candidate as his/her Ph.D. student the candidate submits an application for admission to doctoral studies to the faculty concerned. It is up to the faculty to finally decide upon admission. Funding is not automatically included in the doctoral research. It depends on the research topic, the applicant's initiative and the supervisors contacts to e.g. private companies, foundations etc. If you are interested in applying for this doctoral program, we recommend that you contact a professor of the faculty concerned with your desired field of research in order to submit a research proposal. Make sure that you exactly identify your research aim and address your proposal to a professor who works in this area.

3. Summer Courses

In 2004 the University of Hohenheim offers the following summer courses for B.Sc. and M.Sc. students:

Course	Date	ECTS
ELLS Summer School: Pathogens, Parasites and their Hosts Ecology, molecular interactions and evolution (M)	July 19 - August 6, 2004	6
Crop Protection in Organic Farming B1007*	May 21 – June 11, 2004	6
Site Specific Fertilization B1115	May 21 – June 11, 2004	6
Renewable Energy for Rural Areas M5108*	May 21 – June 11, 2004	6
Precision Farming M6123	June 14 – July 6, 2004	6
Postharvest Technology and Food Quality M5107	June 14 – July 6, 2004	6
Advanced Methods in Milk Production M4120	July 8 – July 30, 2004	6
Precision Livestock Farming B1406	July 8 – July 30, 2004	6
Spatial Data Analysis with GIS B1603	July 8 – July 30, 2004	6
Ecology and Agroecosystems M5102	July 8 – July 30, 2004	6

* B: for BSc and M.Sc. students

M: for M.Sc. students only

For further description of the courses look at

<http://www.uni-hohenheim.de/lehrkartei/inhalt/lehr.php> (Faculty of Agriculture)

4. Course selection

Finding Courses to take at the University of Hohenheim:

http://www.services.uni-hohenheim.de/index_e.html

<http://www.uni-hohenheim.de/lehrkartei/inhalt/lehr.php> (Faculty of Agriculture)

5. ECTS – General Information

The Akademische Auslandsamt (Office of International Relations) of the University of Hohenheim is the central unit for all matters of international university co-operation. In this context the Office of International Relations is the central ECTS Coordinator, too.

The distribution of credit points (“ECTS-Credits”) for individual courses is based on the uniform European scale with **60 credits for the workload of a full-time student during one Academic Year (or 30 credits per semester)**. Information packages giving detailed descriptions of degree programs and courses as a means of support for foreign students and their home universities during the phase of planning a study abroad period are available at

<http://www.uni-hohenheim.de/aaa/ausland/ectsbroshueren.html>

6. University of Hohenheim Grading system (for B.Sc. and M.Sc. programs)

With each completed module the students earn 6 credits for the workload associated with each module. The Bachelor program has a requirement of 180 credits in total, the Master programs have a requirement of 120 credits in total.

Each module is examined upon completion, i.e. before the beginning of the next semester. The examination result is expressed in grade points. The highest score is 4.0. A score of 1.0 is required for passing.

Credits are multiplied with the grade points achieved to derive the number of credit points obtained. In order to obtain the grade point average, the total number of credit points obtained in all modules is divided by the total number of credits collected.

7. Academic Calendar

The University of Hohenheim has a two-semester system. The winter semester usually starts in mid-October and ends in February. The summer semester starts in mid-April and ends in July.

8. Student Services

The Office of International Affairs (*Akademisches Auslandsamt*) is Hohenheim's central unit providing support for all issues concerning international aspects. It advises and supports international students preparing a stay in Germany as well as to home students planning to go abroad. It deals with all questions pertaining a stay in a foreign country i.e. information on courses of study, admission, visa applications, scholarships, health insurance, culture. The Office's responsibility for international students' admissions includes assessment of foreign educational certificates for all levels of study (however, not for EU residents). Lots of information is available at

<http://www.uni-hohenheim.de/aaa>.

9. Housing information

The University of Hohenheim owns five dormitories. They are within walking distance of all administrative and departmental buildings as well as lecture theatres and seminar rooms. More than 800 rooms are available. Communal facilities include television

rooms, washing machines, tumble dryers and pubs. Rent for single rooms ranges from € 150 to € 250.

It is very important that the rooms always must be rented for a period of 6 months (April-September or October- March). The possibility exists to sub-let the room for the time of the "Semesterferien" (breaks or recess). The responsibility for the rent, however, will rest with the individual exchange student who has rented the room in the beginning.

10. Estimated Cost of Living for a Student per Semester

At the moment, most German universities do not charge tuition fees. Once admitted, tuition is covered by the federal state the university is situated in. Thus students only have to pay a comparatively small registration fee (at the moment about € 100 at Hohenheim). However, students are expected to cover their own cost of living. For rent, food, health insurance, public transport, books etc. you need to have about €600 per month at your disposal. The University of Hohenheim is not in a position to offer any financial support to students. Candidates who do not have sufficient funds at their disposal and depend on scholarships are advised to enquire about them well in advance. Generally, it is not easy to succeed and you will only have a chance if you exactly meet the foundations' or other donor organisations' requirements.

11. Inbound students

Students from the North-American ELLS partner universities wishing to study at the University of Hohenheim should contact:

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THE ROYAL VETERINARY AND AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY

The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University (KVL) was founded in 1856. KVL is the only Danish university specializing in the agricultural and veterinary area. Around 3,500 students are enrolled at the university - of which 400 at PhD level.

The main campus is in Frederiksberg – within easy walking distance from downtown Copenhagen. The main campus area covers more than 36 acres and includes, among others, a veterinary clinic, greenhouses, a botanical garden, research laboratories, lecture rooms, offices, the Danish Veterinary and Agricultural Library – not to mention “A-vej” the student bar. Besides this, KVL also has an arboretum and three experimental farms within 20 km from the central campus. All facilities play an important role in linking theoretical studies with practical research.

The mission of the university involves research and education in relation to the entire supply chain leading from primary production to consumption – from farming and land management to (and including) the consumer. Such topics as food quality and safety, animal health and welfare, the effects of farming on the environment and sustainable development all influence how our mission is defined today.

Degree programs at KVL

KVL has a degree structure similar to the Anglo-American providing programs at BSc level (3 years), MSc level (2 years) and PhD level (3 years).

Veterinary Medicine	Food Science
Agricultural Science	Human Nutrition
Agricultural Economics	Environmental Science
Horticultural Science	Agricultural Development
Forestry	Biology - Biotechnology
Landscape Architecture	Parasitology
Landscape Management	Clinical Nutrition

Teaching at KVL Real problems – Real knowledge

At KVL you can expect fewer traditional lectures and more group work based on case studies, often taken from real life scenarios: a hands on approach to tackling the unexpected situations you will likely be confronted with in your later career.

1. Inbound International Students

With approx. 400 international students from more than 35 countries on campus, KVL offers a dynamic international study milieu with well-established integration and support structures.

KVL has established a popular student-to-student program called First Contact (FC). On arrival, a “Buddy” helps the international students settle in, meet other students, and assists with formalities as well as practical matters. The FC group arranges events throughout the semester – meetings, guided trips around Copenhagen, parties etc.

Admission

Upon nomination from the home university, non-degree/exchange students are required to complete a Guest Student Application Form. Admission is based on the individual student’s academic record.

Applications for the fall semester must be received by June 1. For the spring semester the deadline is November 1.

For full-degree programs information on the specific requirements and the application procedures can be found at www.uk.kvl.dk (Prospective students- Degree programs).

2. List of Study Options

International students can choose between complete BSc/MSc programs and semester packages, or put together a tailor-made course program.

Courses in English

KVL offers more than 100 individual courses in English. Students can choose to put together his or her individual program, or to make use of one of the 22 semester packages in English presently on offer. A semester package is a full-time study program (30 ECTS), typically consisting of 2-3 courses plus project work/report. The semester packages have been carefully put together to form a thematically coherent and relevant full-time study.

Full-degree programs in English

KVL offers 1 (3-year) BSc and 5 (2-year) MSc programs taught entirely in English. A large number of programs are presently being developed in particular within Food Sciences.

- BSc/MSc in Horticulture
- MSc in Agricultural Development
- MSc in Parasitology
- MSc in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics
- MSc in Dairy Science

For further information on course content and admission requirements please consult www.uk.kvl.dk (Prospective students - Degree programs).

3. Summer Courses

KVL offers a number of intensive 3-week courses from medio June till medio August. The courses are offered entirely in English and open to international students. A few

examples Summer 2004: Environmental Sciences Field Excursion, Food Culture, Post genomic Plant Biology and Food, Agricultural and Environmental Policy.

4. Course selection

Course levels: BSc
Joint BSc/MSc
MSc

Finding Courses to Take at KVL: www.uk.kvl.dk (International, Courses in English)

This website is the gateway to finding all course related information, including brief course descriptions. International students must maintain full time student status, i.e., be enrolled 30 ECTS credits, equivalent of 12 credit hours.

Our international student counselors can assist you in finding relevant courses – or a supervisor for an individual project. For assistance please contact: international@kvl.dk

5. KVL Credit System

KVL uses the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). A typical course would carry 7.5 ECTS point. The student work load totals 30 ECTS credit point per semester or 60 credits per academic year. This compares with 30-34 UIUC credits per academic year for the average full time student. Thus the appropriate conversion for ECTS to UIUC credits is 2:1.

6. Danish Grading System

The grading system used is a scale of 00 to 13 (maximum) as follows:

- 13 Given for the exceptionally independent and excellent performance (very rare)
- 11 Given for the independent and excellent performance
- 10 Given for excellent, but not particularly independent performance
- 9 Given for the good performance a little above average
- 8 Given for the average performance
- 7 Given for the mediocre performance, slightly below average
- 6 Given for the just acceptable performance
- 05 Given for the hesitant and not satisfactory performance
- 03 Given for the very hesitant, very insufficient and unsatisfactory performance
- 00 Given for the completely unacceptable performance

7. Academic Calendar

Fall semester: September - January
Spring semester: February - July
Summer courses: Mid-June - Mid-August

8. Student Services

The International Secretariat is happy to assist inbound students with academic as well as practical arrangements. A welcome and orientation meeting is arranged at semester start – and all international students will be able to join our FC program.

9. Housing information

KVL assists international students in finding accommodation. A specific housing application form will be forwarded with the general application form. Presently, KVL offers accommodation in rented rooms in private homes as well as in student halls. Approx. monthly cost DKK 2,300 / \$400.

10. Estimated Cost of Living for a Student per Semester

As a general indication, students will need a minimum of DKK 5,000 / \$850 per month to cover expenses like rent, transportation, food, clothing, etc.

11. Contact and further information

ELLSNA students wishing to study at KVL should contact:

**The International Secretariat
Anne-Grethe Routley agr@kvl.dk
Bülowsvej 17
DK 1870-Frederiksberg**

Useful websites

About the university	www.uk.kvl.dk
About Denmark in general	www.denmark.dk
About studying in Denmark	www.ciriusonline.dk/eng
What to do – what to see	www.woco.dk or www.ctw.dk

SWEDISH UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES



SLU's concept is to develop man's understanding and sustainable use of biological natural resources. The university conducts research and offers educational programs in areas related to the use and preservation of biological resources. The activities of the university cover the wide-range fields of agriculture, horticulture, food industry, forestry and veterinary medicine as well as environmental protection, bio-energy, biotechnology, landscape planning, economics and business administration.

Almost one third of all biological research in Sweden is conducted at SLU and a broad spectrum of vocational and general educational programs and single subject courses as well as postgraduate education is offered. There are four campuses that offer education, i.e. Alnarp in the very south, Uppsala close to Stockholm, the capital, Skara in the west and Umeå in the north. 3 300 staff are employed, 5300 undergraduate and 750 PhD-students are enrolled at SLU. The proportion between staff and students shows that the main activity of the university is research. All teaching staff are doing research as well and the students are guaranteed an education in close connection with the latest research findings.

Many of the students today design their own BSc or MSc degree from a **choice of over 400 single subject courses. A growing number of these courses are offered in English.**

SLU has a strong international character with extensive and fruitful exchange of learning in a network spanning the whole world. In the last three years the number of international exchange students has increased by 65 %, one reason being the wide range of courses offered in English.

Research and education concerning developing countries are a long-standing tradition and besides collaboration with European and Transatlantic universities the university has extensive collaboration with Third World countries.

At www.slu.se/eng/education programs and courses at SLU are presented.
Click on Undergraduate studies.

1. Inbound International Students:

Any communication should be directed to **Stina-Lena.Hellgren**, coordinator for incoming students. (Stina-Lena.Hellgren@adm.slu.se)

To be admitted to a course at SLU an exchange student must first be accepted as an exchange student at the home university. Before applying to SLU, the exchange student should consult with his/her academic advisor as to fulfillment of course prerequisites. If the student is going to study in English the home institution must guarantee that the student has knowledge in English enough. If the student is going to study in Swedish

proof of knowledge of Swedish must be produced. Applications for the fall semester must be received by April 15 and for the spring semester by October 15.

2. List of Study Options in English

Undergraduate (level A and B) Graduate (level C and D)

There are 160 courses offered in English each year. They range from 5 credits (a quarter of a semester) up to 10 credits (half a semester). The courses are either full time or half time, which means that the student studies one course (or if it is half time courses two) at a time and can choose a combination of up to maximum 4 courses in one semester. The courses are within all fields of SLU's competences, ie agriculture, horticulture, veterinary medicine, animal science, biology, biotechnology, environmental sciences, landscape planning, food sciences, economics, natural resources etc. A detailed description of each course given in English can be found in the Course guide at www.slu.se/eng/education (Undergraduate studies). The complete offer of the university (degree programs as well as all courses) are found in the Swedish catalogue at www.slu.se.

Graduate level

The Swedish system is flexible in that way that a student can choose between A, B, C and D level courses being either an undergraduate or a graduate student. Each course has a setup of academic prerequisites and the only thing that matters is that the student fulfills these prerequisites.

There are some (but not many) preset master programs in English. Most of the international master students follow an individualized program decided on together with the supervisor. We always require a thesis for a master degree. Some Master programs can be completed within a year, others will take at least 2 years. Most exchange students come for courses, not for thesis work, but many of our international students enrolled for a full MSc are former exchange students that decided to stay on or come back!

An application for a MSc degree program has to be handed in to the Admittance office (not to the coordinator for incoming exchange students). The same deadlines as for exchange students apply, see above. All information needed for the application including the forms are enclosed in the Course Guide on the web.

3. Summer Courses

SLU offers a few summer courses in English. For more information, look under Search for courses in English at the www.slu.se/eng/education. There are also some summer schools within the ELLs consortia. See www.euroleague-study.org/ Click on Study programs. Finally there is a summer course in cooperation between SLU, Purdue and North Carolina State University on Sustainable use of Natural Resources. The summer course alternates between Europe and North America.

4. Course selection

Course levels:

- A Lower level undergraduate courses
- B Intermediate level undergraduate courses
- C Upper level undergraduate and graduate courses
- D Graduate courses

Finding Courses to Take at SLU: www.slu.se/eng/education

This website is the gateway to finding all course related information, including brief course descriptions. There is also a "Schedule" where students can find out what courses are offered in a given period and at a given campus.

The coordinator for incoming exchange students assists the students and their academic advisor at the home university with choice of courses, contact with course organizers, registration etc

5. SLU Credit System and ECTS

Credits reflect the workload associated with a course, which is not necessarily linked to the contact hours. The semester is 20 weeks long (i e 20 credits). Courses vary from 5 to 20 credits. 1 credit =1 week. The number of credits assigned to a course is given in the course catalogue (see web site above). The catalogue also gives information on the amount of hours of lectures, exercises, fieldwork, project work etc in each course.

As pointed out earlier SLU (as all Swedish universities) has a very flexible system. Swedish students can enroll for anything from a part time course of 5 credits up to a full program of 5.5 years (220 credits, i e veterinary medicine). Most exchange students enroll for a semester or a year and the workload is decided in cooperation with the home university. Nonexchange international students mostly enroll for one semester or one year fulltime. ECTS postulates 60 credits per academic year for the average full time student. This compares with 40 SLU credits per academic year for the average full time student. Thus the appropriate conversion for ECTS to SLU credits is 1.5:1.

6. SLU Grading System

SLU's grading system has only two levels Pass or Fail. International students can get grades in accordance with the ECTS grading scale if requested.

ECTS grading scale grades students in relation to the group: A Excellent 10 %, B Very Good 25 %, C Good 30 %, D Satisfactory 25 %, E Sufficient 10 %, FX Some more work required before credit can be awarded, F Fail Considerable further work is required.

7. Academic Calendar

Fall semester: 1 September – 18 January

Spring semester: 19 January – 3 June

8. Student Services

The Student Affairs Office takes good care of our incoming exchange students. Lots of information is available in the Guide for Visiting Students. www.slu.se/eng/education. Click on Undergraduate studies.

Our student unions cooperate with the office. There is an International Committee at each union, working especially with taking care of international students, e.g. via a “buddy-system”. They also organize special introductions, parties etc for incoming students. And of course all their activities are open for international students – sports, games, hunting, music, theatre, pubs, libraries etc.

9. Housing information

SLU arranges accommodation for exchange students, other visiting students have to organize their own accommodation. The coordinator for incoming students (See under II above) need to know well in advance the wishes of a particular exchange student. At several of the SLU locations student housing is available on campus; otherwise accommodation is found within the student housing system for Swedish students nearby.

10. Estimated Cost of Living for a Student per Semester

Proof of funds in the order of at least SEK 6500/month (for a ten months period) is required in order to get a visa. A minimum needed for housing (2.800), food (2 600), books (500) and personal expenses.

North American Universities

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

The University of California, Davis, is set between the Coast Range to the west and the towering Sierra Nevada to the east in the heart of the Central Valley. UC Davis is close to California's thriving state capital and the San Francisco Bay Area but cherishes its small-town culture and security. Our students come from at least 57 California counties, 46 states and 118 foreign countries, creating a diverse cultural and intellectual community that enriches us all.

The campus's reputation has attracted a distinguished faculty of scholars and scientists in all fields. UC Davis faculty rank 16th in quality among comprehensive public universities nationwide, according to a multi-year study of U.S. doctoral programs reported in 1995 by the National Research Council. Creative teaching and academic innovation are encouraged by several programs, including the \$30,000 Prize for Teaching and Scholarly Achievement, believed to be the largest award of its kind in the country. And UC Davis undergraduate students persist and graduate at among the highest rates of all UC campuses.

The Davis campus has undergraduate colleges of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, Engineering, and Letters and Science. Undergraduate enrollment is more than 21,230 students. Graduate Studies administers graduate study and research in all schools and colleges. Professional studies are carried out in the schools of Law, Management, Medicine and Veterinary Medicine; more than 5,900 students are engaged in graduate or professional study. Located off-campus are numerous laboratories, extension centers and facilities, including the UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, the Lake Tahoe Center for Environmental Research, the Veterinary Medicine Teaching and Research Center in Tulare, Bodega Marine Laboratory at Bodega Bay, the College of Engineering's applied science department at Livermore and the UC Davis Washington Center in Washington, D.C.

The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences (CA&ES), one of is actively engaged in outreach to farmers, families, children and communities in California. Much of this effort takes place through the University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE). Other programs focus on working with international students and scholars, publicizing the benefits of CA&ES research, and strengthening relationships with industry. CA&ES is dedicated to working with California's citizens and communities to address important societal needs, provide leadership in developing science-based solutions and assure a prosperous, sustainable future.

For further information, please view our Web site at www.ucdavis.edu. Additional information may be obtained through this document by "clicking" on the highlighted, underlined names.

1. Inbound International Students:

International students having an interest in applying to the University of California, Davis, should contact Dr. Patrick Brown (phbrown@ucdavis.edu), Director and Professor, International Programs Office, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, University of California, Davis.

2. List of Study Options

CA&ES offers a broad range of [majors](#) in agricultural, environmental and human sciences. Wherever your interests lie, CA&ES has a program that will foster your professional goals and personal development. Our world-class [departments](#) ensure that students receive a comprehensive and competitive education.

Undergraduates

UC Davis welcomes undergraduate students from around the world. Learn about special [application procedures for international students](#) and get information specific to your home country (<http://why.ucdavis.edu/admissions/international.cfm>). Get the essential facts on [when, where and how to apply](#) to the University of California. And learn more about applying on-line via our secure Web-based application (<http://why.ucdavis.edu/admissions/appBasics.cfm>).

Agricultural Sciences Departments

- [Agronomy and Range Science](#)
- [Animal Science](#)
- [Biological and Agricultural Engineering](#)
- [Entomology](#)
- [Environmental Horticulture](#)
- [Nematology](#)
- [Plant Pathology](#)
- [Pomology](#)
- [Vegetable Crops](#)
- [Viticulture and Enology](#)

Environmental Sciences Departments

- [Environmental Science and Policy](#)
- [Environmental Toxicology](#)
- [Landscape Architecture](#)
- [Land, Air and Water Resources](#)
- [Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology](#)

Human Sciences Departments

- [Agricultural and Resource Economics](#)
- [Environmental Design](#)
- [Food Science and Technology](#)
- [Human and Community Development](#)
- [Nutrition](#)
- [Textiles and Clothing](#)

Graduates

The University of California, Davis, welcomes applications from students with strong academic credentials. Students with US bachelor's degrees or equivalent degrees from institutions of recognized standing in other countries might apply for admission to Graduate Studies. Assessment of a foreign degree is based on the characteristics of the national system of education, the type of institution attended, and the level of studies completed. Guidelines indicating the level of study expected of applicants prior to graduate enrollment at UC Davis can be found on the Office of Graduate Studies [International Applicants](http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/prospective/internat.htm) web site (<http://gradstudies.ucdavis.edu/prospective/internat.htm>).

The Graduate Programs at UC Davis with area emphasis in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences are as follows. Click on the highlighted, underlined program name below for access to information on each program.

- [Agricultural and Resource Economics](#)
- Agronomy SEE [Horticulture and Agronomy](#)
- [Animal Science](#)
- [Atmospheric Science](#)
- [Avian Sciences](#)
- [Biological Systems Engineering](#)
- [Child Development](#)
- [Community Development](#)
- [Ecology](#)
- [Economics](#)
- Enology SEE [Viticulture & Enology](#)
- [Entomology](#)
- [Food Science](#)
- [Horticulture and Agronomy](#)
- [Human Development](#)
- [Hydrologic Sciences](#)
- [Integrated Pest Management](#)
- [International Agricultural Development](#)
- [Nutrition](#)
- Oenology SEE [Viticulture & Enology](#)
- [Plant Biology](#)

- [Plant Pathology](#)
- Plant Protection and Pest Management SEE [Integrated Pest Management](#)
- [Soil Science](#)
- Toxicology SEE [Pharmacology and Toxicology](#)
- Vegetable Crops SEE [Horticulture and Agronomy](#)
- [Viticulture & Enology](#)

Application for admission to graduate study at UC Davis includes a completed Application for Admission for International Students, a \$60.00 application fee, transcripts of all college work, and a Statement of Purpose. Application materials must be sent **directly to the graduate major program office**. Some programs have additional requirements such as Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores, examples of written work, or letters of recommendation. Some programs have earlier deadlines than that of Graduate Studies. In these cases, your application must be received no later than the date specified by the program concerned. Consult the listing of graduate degree programs above for information about specific deadlines and requirements, and the program office where your materials must be sent.

The Graduate Studies deadline for international applicants is **MARCH 1 FOR FALL QUARTER**. Admissions are open for **FALL QUARTER ONLY**.

The UC Davis [General Catalog](#) is an excellent resource for course information and is available online (<http://registrar.ucdavis.edu/UCDWebCatalog/>).

English Language Requirement for Undergraduate and Graduate Study

At the University of California, English is the language of instruction and communication. Your success at UC Davis will depend on daily class work, written papers, frequent short examinations, and a few major examinations. If you are not well prepared in English, you must become proficient before beginning your studies here. **There is no "conditional admission."** Information on English language institutes can be obtained at the US Consulate or US Information Services Offices.

Undergraduate and Graduate applicants are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if your native language is not English or your instruction has not been in English. The minimum score required for admission to graduate study at UC Davis is 550.

3. Summer Sessions Courses

Admission to Summer Sessions is a separate procedure from admission as a degree candidate and does not guarantee or imply admission to the fall, winter, or spring quarters at UC Davis. Students planning to offer work taken in Summer Sessions to satisfy requirements for admission to other terms on the UC Davis campus should contact the [Undergraduate Admissions Office](#). To establish graduate status, a student

must apply for admission to an advanced degree program through the [Dean of Graduate Studies](#).

For information about the dates and courses offered during Summer Session, “click” on the respective items below.

[Summer Session Calendar](#)

[Summer Session Courses](#)

4. Course selection

Lower Division Courses: These courses, numbered 1-99, are open to all students for lower division credit, but are designated primarily for freshman and sophomores.

Upper Division Courses: These courses, numbered 100-199, are open to all students who have met the necessary prerequisites as indicated in the catalog course description.

Graduate Courses: Courses numbered 200-299 are open to graduate students and to undergraduates who have completed 18 units of upper division work basic to the subject matter of the course. Admission is subject to the approval of the instructor in charge of the course.

Variable-Unit Courses: Subject to approval, an instructor may arrange to give a special study course to interested students. 90X-190X Seminar; 92/192 Internship; 97T/197T Tutoring; 97TC/197TC Tutoring in the Community; 98/198 Directed Group Study; 99 Special Study for Undergraduates; 194H Special Study for Honors Students; 199 Special Study for Advanced Undergraduates.

Finding Courses to Take at UC Davis

The [Class Schedule and General Catalog](#) is the gateway to all course related information, including course descriptions (www.registrar.ucdavis.edu/UCDWebCatalog). Provided in the catalog under each program listing of courses will be the course number, course title, and the number of course units (in parentheses). The course instruction format (i.e., lecture, seminar, or laboratory) is followed by the prerequisite course(s), grading for the course if other than letter grading, and the quarter offered.

Quarters are identified as follows:

- I. Fall quarter (September to December)
- II. Winter quarter (January to March)
- III. Spring quarter (April to June)

Undergraduate and graduate international students with an F1 student visa are required to enroll in 12 units per quarter.

5. UC Davis' Quarter Credit System

Normal Progress. Students are expected to graduate in 12 quarters (four years). To do this, students should plan to complete an average of 15 units per quarter (15 units per quarter for 12 quarters totals 180 units). It is understood that for various reasons students will occasionally need to take fewer than 15 units per quarter. However, students must meet the minimum progress requirements of the campus.

Minimum Progress Requirements. Minimum progress is defined as a total of 39 units (including workload units) passed, calculated at the end of every quarter for the preceding three quarters of enrollment. Undergraduate students falling below this requirement will be subject to academic disqualification. Under minimum progress, a student will earn the 180-unit minimum degree requirement within 14 quarters of enrollment. Normal progress would achieve 180 units in 12 quarters (four years).

Minimum progress requirements do not apply to students who have been granted part-time status or to students who have their dean's approval to carry less than the minimum progress load because of medical disability, employment, a serious personal problem, a recent death in the immediate family, the primary responsibility for the care of a family, or a serious accident involving the student.

6. UC Davis' Grading System

Every instructor is required to assign a grade for each student enrolled in a course. The following grades are used to report the quality of a student's work at UC Davis:

- A Excellent
- B Good
- C Fair
- D barely passing
- F not passing (work so poor that it must be repeated to receive recognition)
- P passed (grade C– or better)
- NP not passed
- S Satisfactory
- U Unsatisfactory
- I incomplete (work is satisfactory but incomplete for a good cause)
- IP in progress

The grades A, B, C and D may be modified by a plus (+) or minus (-). Grade points are assigned each letter grade as follows:

A+ = 4.0	B- = 2.7	D = 1.0
A = 4.0	C+ = 2.3	D- = 0.7
A- = 3.7	C = 2.0	F = 0.0
B+ = 3.3	C- = 1.7	P/NP = n/a
B = 3.0	D+ = 1.3	S/U = n/a

7. Academic Calendar

Fall Quarter	last week in September (includes international student orientation week) through the third week of December
Winter Quarter:	first week of January (includes international student orientation week) through the third week of March
Spring Quarter:	last week of March (includes international student orientation week) through third week of June

For specific quarterly start and end dates, please visit the UC Davis [Academic Calendar](#) Web page.

8. Student Services

Services for Students and Scholars (SISS) serves over 1,600 UC Davis international students from all over the world. One of the most important roles for SISS is to assist international students in obtaining and maintaining the appropriate legal status and employment authorization. SISS also provides students an orientation to the University system, the campus, and to the community.

Students should know that there are several other departments within the [Office of Student Affairs](#) (<http://studentaffairs.ucdavis.edu/>) that are here to help all students have a successful academic experience. SISS also works closely with [International House](#) to address the needs of international students and their families while they are at UC Davis.

9. Housing information

Included with the letter of admission to UC Davis is a Housing Request Form to reserve on-campus housing for single or married students. If a student wants to arrange on-campus housing, they should complete and return the application immediately. Space is limited and assigned in the order that applications are received. If a student plans to live in OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING, they should plan to arrive early in Davis in order to have plenty of time to find a suitable place to live. Temporary accommodations upon arrival will be somewhat expensive, so

they should plan ahead for this extra expense. They should also, be prepared to pay expenses such as first and last months' rent, a security deposit, telephone installation costs and a utility deposit.

Additional [housing information](http://siss.ucdavis.edu/pi_housing.htm) can be found on the Services for International Students and Scholars Web site (http://siss.ucdavis.edu/pi_housing.htm).

10. Estimated Cost of Living for a Student per Semester

International students must document the source and amount of financial support they will have while in the United States. In addition to the cost of course fees and administrative fees, the required minimum support for living expenses is \$1,500 per month, plus \$375 per month for an accompanying spouse, and \$200 per month for each accompanying child. This does not cover estimated costs for health insurance and childcare expenses. Required minimum health insurance coverage costs approximately \$163 to \$328 per month for a spouse and \$75 to \$225 per month for one or more children. Full-time childcare costs can exceed \$800 per month.

Additional [financial information](http://siss.ucdavis.edu/student_financial_info.htm) can be found on the Services for International Students and Scholars web site (http://siss.ucdavis.edu/student_financial_info.htm).

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Welcome to Cornell University, one of the top ten universities in the US. If you decide to study at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CAL)S), as an exchange student, you will find that you have many options.

With more than three thousand students, the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is the second largest undergraduate college at Cornell and the third largest college of its kind in the United States. In national surveys we rank as the best college of agriculture and related sciences in the country. Our faculty, staff, teaching and research facilities are among the finest available anywhere.

Originally, the college focused on improving farming practice, with the formation before 1900 of the departments of entomology, agronomy, horticulture, dairy industry, and animal industry. Over the years, CAL)S departments and programs have established world-recognized teaching, research, and extension programs in agriculture; community, human, and rural development; environment and natural resources; food and nutrition; international programs; and life sciences. We are committed to achieving and maintaining excellence, relevance, and impact in each of these programmatic areas.

Studying at Cornell can be a challenge, but if you put effort into your studies, you will find yourself enriched with new knowledge and experiences. For more information please visit the college web site at <http://www.cals.cornell.edu>.

1. Inbound International Students

Students interested in attending CAL)S as an exchange student should contact the exchange coordinator in their international office, and visit the web site at http://cals.netsville.com/CALS_Preview/Study_Abroad_Exchange_Index.cfm.

The exchange program is for undergraduate students only. Students will be admitted into a specific department and assigned a faculty advisor. Although students may take courses in one of the other colleges at Cornell University, it is expected that their major course of study will be in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

2. List of Study Options

- **Animal Science** - animal biology, genetics, nutrition, physiology, and growth; dairy, livestock, and poultry production systems and management
- **Applied Economics and Management** - Management (AACSB accredited) -, business, food industry management; Economics - applied and agricultural, environmental and resource; Agricultural Management – agribusiness, farm business management and finance
- **Atmospheric science** - Study of weather and climate; Forecasting and analysis of atmospheric behavior
- **Biological and Environmental Engineering** - Biological engineering; Environmental engineering; Agricultural engineering (accredited joint program with

the College of Engineering); Environmental systems technology; Biological systems technology

- **Biological Sciences** - Animal physiology; Biochemistry; Computational Biology; Molecular and cell biology; Ecology and Evolutionary Biology; General Biology; Genetics and Development; Microbiology; Neurobiology and Behavior; Nutrition; Plant Biology (botany and plant biotechnology); Systematics, and Biotic Diversity
- **Biometry and Statistics** - Statistics; Mathematical Modeling; Data Analysis; Statistical Computing; Applications in biological, agricultural, environmental, physical, and social sciences and business
- **Communication** - Environmental, health, and science communication; Communication Planning and Evaluation; Communication systems and technology; Communication theory and research
- **Crop and Soil Science** - Agronomy; Crop science; Soil science
- **Education** – Cornell Teacher Education in Agriculture, Mathematics, and Science (TEAMS); Adult and Extension Education Educational programs
- **Entomology** - Insect biology; Pest management; Toxicology; Systematics; Ecology and Genetics; Pathology
- **Food Science** - Food engineering; Food processing; Food operations and management; Food Biotechnology; Basic food science, Enology
- **Information Sciences** - Human-centered Systems, Information Systems, Social Systems
- **Landscape Architecture** - Accredited professional degree; Landscape design; Community design; Historic preservation; Urban design and planning; Site construction; Ecological design; Cultural landscapes
- **Natural Resources** - Environmental studies; Environmental science; Biodiversity conservation; Ecology, Policy and Management of Aquatic, Fishery, Forest, Wetland and Wildlife systems
- **Nutrition, Food, and Agriculture** - Integrated study of human nutrition, food, agriculture, biology (including Genomics), and the social sciences to promote a high-quality food supply and a healthy population
- **Plant Sciences** - General Plant Science; Crop Science and Agronomy; Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture; Fruit Science; Plant Biology; Plant Genetics and Breeding; Plant Pathology; Plant Protection; Vegetable Science
- **Development Sociology** - Rural people and communities; population and development; environment and social change; social data and policy analysis
- **Science of Earth Systems** - Environmental Science; Climate Dynamics; Ocean Sciences; Biogeochemistry; Hydrological science; Environmental Biophysics

3. Course levels

100-level - introductory course, no prerequisites, open to all qualified students

200-level - lower division course, open to first and second year students, may have prerequisites

300-level - upper division course, open to third and fourth year students, prerequisites
400-level - upper division course, open to 4th year and graduate students, 200- and
300-level course prerequisites or equivalent
500-level - professional level (e.g., management, law veterinary medicine)
600-level - graduate level course, open to upper-division students
700-level - graduate level course
800-level - master's level, thesis research
900-level - doctoral thesis, thesis research

4. Courses at Cornell University

To find courses at Cornell, search www.cuinfo.cornell.edu/Academic/Class.html. This website is the gateway to finding all course related information. The Cornell University Courses of Study will give short descriptions of every course being offered at Cornell University. The Roster is where students find out which courses are being offered in a given semester. International exchange students must select the majority of their courses in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and maintain full time status, i.e., be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours in any given semester.

5. Cornell University Credit System and ECTS

Credit hours reflect the work load associated with a course, which in turn is closely linked to the contact hours. A rule of thumb is 3 credit hours = 3 hours of classes per week (plus lots of assignments). The semester is 14 weeks long. Most courses at Cornell University have 3 credit hours, but there are some with more, some with fewer. The number of credits assigned to a course is given in the course catalogue and in the schedule (see web site above).

Cornell University is a full time enrollment institution, i.e., unless a special exception is made for an individual, all students have to be full time. That means they must be enrolled in at least 12 credits per semester. A normal course load is 15 credits.

ECTS postulates 60 credits per academic year for the average full time student. This compares with 30-34 Cornell University credits per academic year for the average full time student. Thus the appropriate conversion for ECTS to Cornell credits is 2:1.

6. Cornell University Grading System

Cornell University uses the letter grades A, B, C, D, F, with A being the highest grade. Letter grades are associated with grade points (A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0). Grade point averages (GPAs) are calculated based on credits multiplied by the grade point earned for each course and then divided by the total number of credits earned. Both semester and cumulative GPAs are calculated at the end of each term.

7. Academic Calendar

Fall semester: late-August to late-December
Spring semester: late-January to late-May

8. Student Services

The Counseling and Advising office (<http://www.cals.cornell.edu/oap/advising>), takes good care of our incoming exchange students, as does the International Students and Scholars Office (<http://www.isso.cornell.edu>). The ISSO offers a pre-orientation program for international students coming to Cornell in the fall semester. For more information visit the PREPARE web site at <http://www.isso.cornell.edu/students/prepare.html>.

9. Housing Information

Double rooms (singles are very rare!) can be reserved for exchange students wishing to stay in the Holland International Living Center. Students should let the CALS exchange coordinator know if they would like this option. If students wish to live elsewhere on campus, they apply to the Housing Office. Room assignments are made based on lifestyle preferences and availability so first choices may not be honored. More information on housing options can be found on the Housing web site – <http://housing.cornell.edu>.

10. Estimated Cost of Living for a Student per Semester

U.S. law requires that Cornell have written documentation of financial support for all international students attending the university. This documentation is necessary before the I-20, which is needed to apply for a student visa, can be issued and must be certified by a bank official. The amount to be certified is based on the estimated expenses for spending a semester or academic year at Cornell. The form must be completed accurately, with all appropriate signatures, or the I-20 can not be issued

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

The University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW) is one of the world's leading **research** universities, perennially ranking among the top three U.S. universities in research expenditures and PhDs granted. **Life sciences** are particularly strong, from such basic fields as microbiology, biochemistry, and ecology to such applied fields as production agriculture and forestry. UW is also one of the most **cosmopolitan and international** universities, with an international student enrollment typically around 4,000, and a large International Institute with 11 specialized centers studying every region of the world, including five for Europe.

The university is located in the city of **Madison** (population 200,000), which has been ranked by Money Magazine as **The Number One Best Place to Live in America** and by Forbes Magazine as The Number One Best Place for Jobs and Careers in America. The campus is generally regarded as one of the most beautiful in the country, lying alongside a large lake that offers lovely views and a variety of water sports (students can rent sailboats and canoes at the student union). The **scenic beauty** of the campus and city are supplemented by many miles of bike paths, a lively city center adjacent to campus, a new cultural arts center, the UW Arboretum, and easy access to Chicago 130 miles away.

The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) has 22 departments encompassing basic biological sciences, production agriculture, natural resources, social sciences, and agribusiness. Most CALS **classes are small** and taught by faculty (not graduate student assistants). CALS shares in the university's strong research record as seen, for example, by having awarded more PhDs in agricultural and related sciences than any other U.S. agricultural college. CALS faculty and students come from all over the world and go all over the world for their research and studies. Exchange students get **personal attention** from the College's Office of International Agricultural Programs, which has been caring for international students for over 40 years.

1. Inbound International Students

All communication should be directed to John Ferrick (jferrick@cals.wisc.edu) or Sharon Baumgartner (sbaumgartner@cals.wisc.edu) in the CALS Study Abroad Office.

Applications should be submitted by an official from the sending institution and should include the following documentation: 1) completed CALS University Special Student Application form, 2) official TOEFL score (a minimum of 550 (paper test) or 213 (computer test), 3) official university transcripts (with English translations); 4) detailed plan of study, 4) statement of full financial support indicating the period of support and the amount of support (may be an award letter from sponsor, an official bank statement, notarized or certified letter from parents indicating amount of guaranteed support accompanied by official bank statement/letter).

Application Deadlines:

For fall and academic year: February 1 (if applying for on campus housing)

For fall and academic year: May 1 (if not applying for on campus housing)
For spring semester: August 1

Note: Exchange students may come to the University of Wisconsin-Madison for a semester or for an academic year. Selection for or participation in an exchange program does not confer the right to pursue a degree at the hosting institution.

2. Courses

ELLS exchange students may **select from most courses offered across the entire campus**. As is true for all students, access is dependent on space available. (Some professional options like Law and Medicine are more restrictive, and space constraints are often severe in many Business classes.)

Students may start their search for courses at the UW web home page:
<http://www.wisc.edu> and proceed to:

“Fields of Study” at <http://www.wisc.edu/wiscinfo/academics/fields.html>

Of special interest are:

The **College of Agricultural and Life Sciences**: <http://www.cals.wisc.edu/> and.

The **College of Letters and Science**: <http://www.ls.wisc.edu/departments.htm>.

Most course descriptions can be found in department web sites. Students can find department sites through the above college sites or by entering the department name into the search engine at the bottom of the UW home page.

Courses in **the following groups of departments may be particularly relevant** for ELLS students (departments in *italics* are in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences and departments in standard typeface are in the College of Letters and Science):

Basic biological science courses are offered in *Biochemistry, Genetics, Bacteriology (microbiology), Nutritional Sciences, Botany, Zoology*, and others.

Applied life science and agriculture courses are offered in *Agronomy, Horticulture, Soil Science, Plant Pathology, Entomology, Animal Sciences, Dairy Science, Biological Systems Engineering, Food Science*, and others.

Natural resources, ecology, and environment courses are offered in *Forestry, Wildlife Ecology, Soil Science, Agricultural and Applied Economics, Rural Sociology, Geography, Zoology, Botany*, and others.

Social science courses are offered in *Agricultural and Applied Economics, Rural Sociology, Life Science Communication, Sociology, Economics, Political Science*, and others.

The **Institute for Environmental Studies**, <http://www.ies.wisc.edu/courses/>, also offers courses of interest.

To find when courses are offered, students should refer to the **Timetable** available on the web at <http://registrar.wisc.edu/timetable/>.

Courses numbered 100 – 499 are most appropriate for undergraduates. Courses numbered 500-599 are often appropriate for advanced undergraduates and masters students. Most courses numbered 600-999 are intended primarily for graduate students.

3. Graduate Study

ELLS students wishing to apply for graduate study in CALS who are not coming in as exchange students should contact the academic departments directly to obtain application and deadline information. See the following web sites: <http://whyuwmadison.gradsch.wisc.edu/>; <http://www.wisc.edu/wiscinfo/academics/fields.html>.

Applicants must meet both the Graduate School and departmental minimum standards.

4. UW-Madison Credit System and ECTS

Credit hours reflect the workload associated with a course which, in turn, is closely linked to the contact hours. For example, a three credit course equals three hours of classes per week (plus assignments). The semester is 16 weeks long. The number of credits assigned to a course is given in the Undergraduate and Graduate School Catalogs (<http://www.wisc.edu/pubs/ug/>; <http://www.wisc.edu/grad/catalog/>). All exchange students are expected to be enrolled as full-time students (minimum of 12 credits for undergraduate and 8 credits for graduate students).

ECTS postulates 60 credits per academic year for the average full-time student. This compare with 24-30 UW-Madison credits per academic year for the average full-time student. Thus the approximate conversion for ECTS to UW-Madison credits is 2:1.

5. UW-Madison Grading System

UW-Madison uses the following letter grading system: A (highest); AB, B, BC, C, D, F. Letter grades are associated with grade points as follows: A=4; AB=3.5; B=3; BC=2.5; C=2; D=1; F=0. Grade point averages (GPAs) are calculated based on credits multiplied by the grade point earned for each course and then divided by the total number of credits earned. Both semester and cumulative GPAs are calculated at the end of each term.

6. Academic Calendar

Fall semester: last week in August to mid December

Spring semester: mid-January to mid-May

Summer session: mid-June to first week in August

7. Student Services

The CALS Study Abroad Office within International Agricultural Programs is responsible for CALS in-coming exchange students. In addition, all in-coming international students are provided additional support by the Office of International Student Services.

8. Housing Information

In-coming exchange students may apply for on-campus or off-campus housing. Information on on-campus housing can be found at <http://www.housing.wisc.edu/>. Students seeking off-campus housing will receive assistance from the CALS Study Abroad staff.

9. Estimated Cost of Living for an Exchange Student per Semester at UW-Madison

Currently, all exchange students must demonstrate that they have a minimum of \$7,000/semester as part of the application process to cover lodging, meals, mandatory health insurance, books and other miscellaneous and personal expenses.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Purdue University is a birthplace of ideas. It is a place of great accomplishment, where faculty and students explore knowledge and make significant contributions to virtually every aspect of contemporary life.

Purdue's first international student graduated in 1890. Today, the University has 5,094 international students, with 3,013 at the graduate and professional level. More than 20 percent of the faculty were born outside of the United States.

Purdue is among the elite universities in the United States that provides education and conducts research in agriculture, life and physical sciences, engineering, technology, and business. Baccalaureate degrees may be earned in more than 200 major areas of study, and there are 80 graduate degree specialties in which one may earn master's or doctoral degrees.

Purdue is located at West Lafayette, Indiana, some 125 miles southeast of Chicago, Illinois. More than 30,000 undergraduate students and 7,500 graduate students are enrolled. The greater Lafayette and West Lafayette community has about 140,000 residents. All of the exciting details about Purdue University may be obtained at:

<http://www.purdue.edu/>

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE MAJORS – COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Agribusiness Management
Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Agricultural Communication
Agricultural Economics
Agricultural Education
Agricultural Finance
Agricultural Systems Management
Agronomic Business and Marketing
Animal Agribusiness
Animal Production
Animal Products
Animal Science
Applied Meteorology
Biochemistry
Biological and Food Process Engineering
Crop Protection
Entomology
Environmental Plant Studies

Environmental Soil Science
Farm Management
Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences
Food Industry Marketing and Management
Food Manufacturing Operations
Food Science
Forestry
Horticultural Production and Marketing
Horticultural Science
Interdisciplinary Agriculture
International Agronomy
Landscape Architecture
Landscape Horticulture and Design
Natural Resources
Natural Resources and Environmental Science
Plant Biology
Plant Genetics and Plant Breeding
Public Horticulture
Quantitative Agricultural Economics
Sales and Marketing
Soil and Crop Management
Soil and Crop Science
Turf Science
Urban and Industrial Pest Control
Wildlife
Wood Products Manufacturing Technology

Detailed study plans and contact persons for each of these undergraduate majors are available at:

<http://www2.agriculture.purdue.edu/oap/majorsminors.asp>

Admissions information for International Undergraduate Students is available at:

<http://www.iss.purdue.edu/Admission/UG/AppProcess/index.cfm>

GRADUATE DEGREE MAJORS – COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Agricultural Economics
Agronomy
Animal Sciences
Biochemistry
Botany and Plant Pathology
Entomology
Food Science
Forestry and Natural Resources
Horticulture and Landscape Architecture

Youth Development and Agricultural Education

GRADUATE DEGREE SPECIALTIES – LIFE SCIENCES INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM

Biomolecular Structure and Biophysics
Chemical Biology
Chromatin and Gene Expression
Integrative Neuroscience
Interdisciplinary Life Science
Membrane Biology
Microbes and Their Environment
Microbial Pathogenesis
Molecular Biomechanics
Molecular Signaling and Cancer Biology
Molecular Virology
Phytoremediation
Plant Biology

Program details and contact persons for graduate programs are available at:
<http://www.gradschool.purdue.edu/programs/academic.cfm>

Admissions information for International Graduate Students is available at:
<http://www.iss.purdue.edu/Admission/GRAD/AppProcess/Roles.cfm>

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS IN AGRICULTURE

IPIA at Purdue promotes and facilitates international activities in the School of Agriculture through collaboration with educational institutions, agencies and organizations throughout the world. These educational partnerships are designed to help improve agriculture, natural resources, and food systems in Indiana and participating countries, and for the enrichment of the Purdue University community.

We accomplish this, in part, by:

- * exercising leadership in multidisciplinary teaching, research and outreach,
- * facilitating student and faculty exchanges,
- * offering technical assistance and technology transfer, and
- * providing assistance and information to students, faculty, and the general public.

<http://www.agriculture.purdue.edu/ipia/>

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

National surveys place the University's Urbana-Champaign campus among the top ten institutions in many fields of study, with several colleges and departments ranked among the top five. As a land-grant institution chartered in 1867, it provides undergraduate and graduate education in more than 150 fields of study, conducts both theoretical and applied research, and provides public service to the state and the nation. It is home to the National Center for Supercomputing Applications and the world's largest public university library collection. It has a diverse student body of 27,000 undergraduate and 9,000 graduate students with 10,000 faculty and staff. There is a significant international population: more than 3,000 international students from over 100 countries are enrolled, including a substantial number of exchange program students from many countries, ranking Illinois among the top ten universities in the U.S. in enrollment of international students. Located about 140 miles south of Chicago, the University and its surrounding communities (Champaign and Urbana: combined population of over 100,000) offer many of the social and cultural resource typical of a larger metropolitan area.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, one of five jobs nationally is in agriculture, food, human resources or natural resources. The College of ACES has recognized the need for experts in these fields and designed undergraduate programs to prepare students for a variety of opportunities, both at Illinois and after graduation. Our mission is to facilitate the delivery of quality, integrated educational experiences to students studying the agricultural, consumer and environmental sciences that will guide their personal, academic, social and professional growth and development as they become contributing members of our global society. Each year, more than 100 businesses, agencies and organizations interview ACES students for internships and employment opportunities.

www.aces.uiuc.edu

1. Inbound International Students:

Applications must come with the approval of the sending institution. English proficiency must be documented, best through the TOEFL exam. Although a minimum score of 550 on the paper test (213 on the computer based test) satisfies admission requirements, a score of 610 (253) is required for exemption from the English placement test. Admission will be subject to the qualifications of the applicant and the availability of exchange tuition waivers. Applications for the fall semester or academic year must be received by March 15. For the spring semester, they must be received by September 1.

Any communication should be directed to Andrea Bohn.

Andrea Bohn, Assistant Dean in Academic Programs (abohn@uiuc.edu)

2. List of Study Options

Undergraduate

- **Agribusiness, Farm, and Financial Management** with concentrations in Agri-Accounting, Agri-Finance, Farm Management, Agribusiness Markets and Management
- **International, Resource, and Consumer Economics** with concentrations in Consumer Economics and Finance; Environmental and Natural Resource Management; Policy, International Trade and Development
- **Technical Systems Management**
- **Agricultural and Biological Engineering**
- **Animal Sciences**, with concentrations in in Animal Business Management and Industry; Companion, Recreation and Lab Animal Science; Food Animal Science; Science, Biotech, and Pre-Vet Medicine
- **Crop Sciences**, with concentrations in Agroecology; Plant Protection; Crops; Crop Agribusiness; Plant Biotechnology and Molecular Biology; Biological Sciences
- **Food Science and Human Nutrition** with concentrations in Food Science; Food Industry and Business; Human Nutrition; Dietetics; Hospitality Management
- **Agricultural and Environmental Communications and Education** with concentrations in Agricultural Communications; Environmental Communications and Education; Agricultural Leadership Education; Agricultural Education
- **Human Development and Family Studies** with concentrations in Child and Adolescent Development; Family Studies
- **Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences** with concentrations in Fish and Wildlife Conservation; Forest Science; Human Dimensions; Resource Ecology; Soil and Water Science
- **Horticulture** with concentrations in Horticultural Science; Production and Management

Note that the Bachelor programs are designed to be completed within 4 years. They include general education as well as major and concentration specific courses. Most students will have to add on average one semester's worth of open elective hours to meet the total credit hour requirement for graduation (usually 126 credit hours) ACES students studying abroad can take either of those course categories abroad, but if they are to meet a specific course requirement, the course abroad has to be sufficiently similar in content to count as such.

Graduate

ELLS students wishing to apply for graduate study in the College of ACES, i.e., who are not coming in as exchange students, should contact academic departments directly to obtain application and deadline information. Use:

<http://www.oar.uiuc.edu/prospective/grad/depts.asp>.

- **Agricultural and Consumer Economics**
- **Agricultural and Biological Engineering**

- **Animal Science**
- **Crop Science**
- **Food Science and Human Nutrition**
- **Human and Community Development**
- **Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences**

Applicants must meet both Graduate College and departmental minimum standards. For admission, the Graduate College requires a baccalaureate or equivalent degree comparable to that granted by the University of Illinois and a minimum grade-point average of 3.0 (A = 4.0) and a TOEFL score of 550 on the paper-based or 213 on the computer-based test. Departments may set higher minimum standards or may have other requirements or conditions for admission.

Some Master programs can be completed within a year, others will take at least 2 years. Some require a thesis, some can be completed as a non-thesis option. Currently, there are no support structures nor scholarships for sending graduate students abroad. There are no incentives for faculty to send graduate students abroad or an established mechanism to receive graduate credit from an institution abroad.

3. Summer Courses

While UIUC does offer summer courses from mid-May to early August, the college of ACES as such only offers a few. So far, we have not extended tuition waivers for exchange students wanting to study here during the summer.

4. Course selection

Course levels:

- 100-199 Lower level undergraduate courses
- 200-299 Lower level undergraduate courses
- 300-399 Upper level undergraduate courses
- 400-499 Upper level undergraduate and graduate courses
- 500-599 Graduate courses
- 600-699 Professional courses (law and veterinary medicine)

Finding Courses to Take at UIUC: <http://courses.uiuc.edu/cis/index.html>

This website is the gateway to finding all course related information, including brief course descriptions. The “Schedule” is where students find out what courses are offered in a given semester and whether a course is open or full (closed). Admitted students can register once they know their University of Illinois NetID and password. International students must maintain full time student status, i.e., be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours in any given semester.

5. UIUC Credit System and ECTS

Credit hours reflect the work load associated with a course, which in turn is closely linked to the contact hours. A rule of thumb is 3 credit hours = 3 hours of classes per week (plus lots of assignments). The semester is 14 weeks long. Most courses at UIUC have 3 credit hours, but there are some with more, some with fewer. The number of credits assigned to a course is given in the course catalogue and in the schedule (see web site above).

UIUC is a full time enrollment institution, i.e., unless a special exception is made for an individual, all students have to be full time. That means they have to be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours per semester. Most students are enrolled in 14-17 hours, though. They are expected to complete their bachelor degree within 4 years. Most Bachelor programs require a total of 126 credit hours (some special ones require more, e.g., 130 or 132 credit hours). Thus if you divide 126 by 4, they need to complete about 32 credit hours per year or 16 per semester.

ECTS postulates 60 credits per academic year for the average full time student. This compares with 30-34 UIUC credits per academic year for the average full time student. Thus the appropriate conversion for ECTS to UIUC credits is 2:1.

6. UIUC Grading System

UIUC uses the letter grades A, B, C, D, F, with A being the highest grade. Letter grades are associated with grade points (A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0). Grade point averages (GPAs) are calculated based on credits multiplied by the grade point earned for each course and then divided by the total number of credits earned. Both semester and cumulative GPAs are calculated at the end of each term.

7. Academic Calendar

Fall semester: mid-August to mid-December (incl. internatl. student orientation week)

Spring semester: mid-January to mid-May (incl. internatl. student orientation week)

Summer term: mid-May to first week of August

8. Student Services

The Office of International Student Affairs, OISA, takes good care of our incoming exchange students. Lots of information is available at www2.uiuc.edu/unit/oisa.

9. Housing information

Students may apply for undergraduate or graduate housing in resident halls, choose to stay in certified housing, or rent an apartment on the open market. Students over 21 should not apply for accommodation in undergraduate resident hall.

UIUC Housing Main Page <http://www.housing.uiuc.edu/>

UIUC Housing Grad Hall Rates <http://www.housing.uiuc.edu/options/rates/index.asp>

10. Estimated Cost of Living for a Student per Semester

Proof of availability of funds in the order of at least US\$ 7000/semester is required as part of the application. This money is needed for housing (\$1500-3000), food (\$1200-1600), insurance, and non-waive able fees (\$ 600), books (\$500) and personal expenses. Tuition and service fees are about \$ 9000, but these will be waived for eligible non-degree exchange students.

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Michigan State University was founded in 1855 as the U.S.'s first institution to teach scientific agriculture. Located in East Lansing, three miles east of Lansing, the capital of Michigan, MSU has a 5192 acre-campus with 15,000 acres throughout Michigan used for agriculture, animal and forestry research. Programs of study are offered by 14 degree granting colleges, with approximately 45,000 students, including students from more than 125 countries, enrolled at the East Lansing campus. MSU conducts the largest study abroad program of any university in the U.S. with more than 200 programs and 2610 students participating in 2003-04.

www.msu.edu

1. Admission Requirements for International Students

Applications must come with the approval of the sending institution. Students should check the website at www.osa.msu.edu/exchange for detailed information about requirements, but the following documents are required: J-1 Visa; Lifelong Education form; 550 TOEFL score; and a Residence Hall Application. The application deadline for Fall is March 21 and August 31 for Spring Semester. All communications regarding exchange programs should be directed to Paul Roberts (robertsh@msu.edu), College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, or Kathleen Fairfax (kfairfax@msu.edu), Director of the MSU Office of the Study Abroad.

2. List of Study Options and Course Selection

Exchange students must take at least half of their courses from the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and access is dependent on space available, as is true for all students.

Students may search for courses at the MSU web page: www.msu.edu. This web site contains both Description of Courses and a schedule for each semester. Of particular interest for students is the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources website: www.canr.msu.edu/home/sites.

The following departments are in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources:

Department of Agricultural Economics
Department of Agricultural Engineering
Department of Building Construction Management
Department of Animal Science
Department of Community Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies
Department of Crop and Soil Sciences
Department of Entomology
Department of Fisheries and Wildlife
Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition
Department of Forestry
Department of Horticulture

School of Packaging
Department of Plant Pathology

Students wishing to apply for graduate school and not enrolling as exchange students should contact the above departments directly.

3. MSU Credit System

The semester is 16 weeks long. A full-time course load is generally between 12-15 credits per semester with 120 credits required to graduate.

4. MSU Grading System

A	4.0
A	3.5
B	3.0
B	2.5
C	2.0
D	1.0
Fail	0.0

5. Academic Calendar

The semester is 16 weeks long, with the Fall Semester beginning the last week of August and finishing the first week of December. The Second Semester begins the first week of January and ends the first week of May.

6. Student Services

The MSU Office of Study Abroad in the Division of International Studies and Programs shares joint responsibility for exchange programs with the Office of International Programs in CANR. In addition, all incoming international students are provided additional support by the Office of International Students and Scholars.

7. Housing information

Incoming exchange students will be assisted by the MSU Office of Study Abroad. Information can be found at www.osa.msu.edu/exchange.

8. Estimated Cost of Living for a Student per Semester

Estimated cost of living for a student per semester at Michigan State University is approximately \$7000, not including tuition which students under this exchange do not have to pay. Check under Exchange info/Word Format at www.osa.msu.edu/exchange for detailed information about costs for studying at MSU.