FACT SHEET 2020-2021

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Deadlines for nominations
Autumn Quarter 2020 – May 1, 2020
Winter Quarter 2021 – August 1, 2020
Spring Quarter 2021 – October 1, 2020

Required Documents
1. Nomination from partner school
2. Online application (distributed via email three months before the exchange quarter)
3. Completed I-20 or DS-2019 Request Form (located in online application)
4. Supporting financial documentation: Proof of student’s ability to fund academic & living expenses during quarter at Chicago Booth. If financially supported by someone else, that person must provide:
   • A letter indicating the precise amount of the financial support.
   • Accompanying the sponsor’s letter must be a bank or financial statement dated within past 6 months showing the sponsor's name, date, the current balance, and type of currency.
5. Copy of ID page of passport
6. JPEG headshot

Study Programs

Exchange students also may register for courses in other areas of the University of Chicago through Academic Services.

Courses
https://intranet.chicagobooth.edu/pub/coursesearch/coursesearch
Language of Instruction  100% taught in English.

Language requirement  English *(Proof of TOEFL or IELTS results currently not required)*

Language courses  Students may also take a language course for credit as part of your program of study at the Chicago Booth.

Academic/Experience Requirements  There are three types of prerequisites which faculty may use in their course descriptions:

**RECOMMENDED:** Faculty members designate these prerequisites for success in their course but do not choose to have the bidding systems enforce them. Students who have not completed the prerequisite(s) at Chicago Booth will receive a warning message when they enter their bid, but they may still save their bid. The majority of prerequisites are this type; thus, **ALL prerequisites are “recommended” unless otherwise noted.**

**STRICT:** Faculty members require these prerequisites for students enrolled in their courses. Booth prevents students from bidding for a course unless the student completed the listed prerequisite(s) at Chicago Booth. In these instances, students will receive an error message and the bidding system will not permit them to save their bid. Students, who plan to bid on a course with a strict prerequisite, **must contact the faculty member via email to request a waiver of that prerequisite.**

To do this, or to request permission to register for a course that is by permission only, students must send an e-mail to the faculty member (e-mail addresses can be found on faculty web pages, accessible via the Chicago Booth Intranet) including the following information:

- Full name
- Course number for which you are bidding
- Reason(s) for requesting the waiver

Reason(s) for requesting the waiver should explain their prior academic and/or professional experience with the content covered in the prerequisite course(s). If the faculty member approves the waiver request, he/she will notify Booth Registrar’s Office via email to override the prerequisite. The override will remain in place for all sections of that faculty member’s course for all rounds of bidding. Once this override is in place, students will receive an e-mail stating that the “prerequisite was overridden”, at which point they may bid on the course.

Full-time Workload  The University of Chicago defines full-time status as registered in **300 units of credit per quarter.** Student may enroll in either 100 unit courses (30 contact hours) or 50 unit courses (15 contact hours) to total 300 units of credit. Each quarter is ten weeks in length, followed by an exam week.

Learning Expectations  Each faculty member defines the class format including class participation and attendance evaluation and how grades are determined. Students should refer to the course syllabus for course structure and grade information.
Grading

The following course grades are used: A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, P(pass), F(fail), I(incomplete), R(registered) and W(withdrawal).

The grades of A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D and P are passing grades used for students who desire course credit. The grade F (Fail) indicates unsatisfactory work and no course credit.

A grade of I (Incomplete) indicates that the student, for reasons acceptable to the instructor, has not submitted all the evidence required for a passing mark but has arranged to complete the work by a specific date and has filed a form with the Academic Services detailing these arrangements. Grades of I not replaced by grades by the date agreed upon may be automatically converted to F.

A grade of R (Registered) is available to students under strictly defined conditions. A grade of R signifies no credit earned and that the student has submitted no evidence for the grading of the work. The student receives a registration notation with no course credit granted.

The grade W (Withdrawal) indicates that the student has withdrawn from the course after the third week of the quarter.

Transcript

Faculty post student grades no sooner than seven business days upon conclusion of a quarter. The exchange partner school receives two official transcripts approximately three to four weeks after final grades post. Chicago Booth cannot expedite this issuance of final grades under any circumstance.

Exams

Midterm exams are typically in weeks five or six of the quarter with final exams in the eleventh week of the quarter. There are no special policies for exchange students. Each faculty member determines the exam type (e.g., take home, paper, in-class, or presentation). It is the expectation of Chicago Booth that students attend all scheduled classes beginning Week 1 of the quarter through scheduled final exams. Student must address any potential conflicts with Academic Services once known, as we do not offer early or remote exams.
Term Dates for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

*The University of Chicago is on the quarter system*

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*Note: Exchange students MUST be present for orientation and first day of classes. We do not accept late arrivals.* | Classes begin: September 21, 2020 (Monday)  
Classes end: December 5, 2020  
Final exams: December 7-12, 2020  
Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes): November 23-28, 2020 |
*Note: Exchange students MUST be present for orientation and first day of classes. We do not accept late arrivals.* | Classes begin: January 4, 2021 (Monday)  
Classes end: March 13, 2021  
Final exams: March 15-20, 2021  
Martin Luther King Day (no classes): January 18, 2021 |
*Note: Exchange students MUST be present for orientation and first day of classes. We do not accept late arrivals.* | Classes begin: March 29, 2021 (Monday)  
Classes end: June 5, 2021  
Final exams: June 7-12, 2021  
Memorial Day Holiday (no classes): May 31, 2021 |
## Housing Options

**Graduate Business Council Welcome Packet** is a document prepared by the exchange student subcommittee of the student run Graduate Business Council. This packet has a wealth of information for incoming exchange students and provides housing information from a student perspective.

### University of Chicago Residential Properties

Some three-month rentals are available through the University of Chicago Residential Properties. These apartments offer more personal space and are located in the Hyde Park (university) neighborhood. Visit [http://rp.uchicago.edu/](http://rp.uchicago.edu/) to explore options. Other housing resources can be found on the University of Chicago GRAD Housing Resources page, [https://grad.uchicago.edu/life-at-uchicago/housing/](https://grad.uchicago.edu/life-at-uchicago/housing/).

### Private Market Housing

Many exchange students have had better luck with options on the private rental market. Many Booth students choose this option and live downtown instead of in Hyde Park. You will find a housing link from the Admitted Student’s web page, [https://www.chicagobooth.edu/programs/ftadmit/getting-started-at-booth/moving-to-chicago/deciding-where-to-live#simple1](https://www.chicagobooth.edu/programs/ftadmit/getting-started-at-booth/moving-to-chicago/deciding-where-to-live#simple1).

## Estimated Living Expenses

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<td>Rent</td>
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## Estimated Academic Expenses

- Books: $228/quarter

## Other Expenses

- Student Services Fee: $416/quarter in 2019-2020 (expect approximately 5% increase)
- Chicago Booth Course Book Fee: $25 per Booth course

## Health Insurance

All University of Chicago students are required to have health insurance; however, exchange students are not required to purchase health insurance from the University of Chicago if they have comparable health insurance. Students must waive out of the University of Chicago’s health insurance upon arrival if covered from a policy in their home country.

- University of Chicago Health Insurance, Basic plan: $1,466 in 2019-2020 (expect approximately 5% increase). If exchange students have comparable coverage, they can waive the University of Chicago student health insurance plan. Students can learn more and compare private insurance plans at [https://wellness.uchicago.edu/student-insurance/u-ship/](https://wellness.uchicago.edu/student-insurance/u-ship/).

## Visa

All students who are not U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents are required to obtain a student visa to enter and stay in the United States while enrolled. The first step in applying for a visa is to obtain a visa eligibility document from the University's Office of
International Affairs (OIA). The eligibility document is required for all foreign students, including Canadians.

To meet eligibility requirements, international students must prove that they have sufficient academic preparation, English fluency, and financial resources to pursue their course of study. Because the Booth admissions process requires documentation of academic history and English proficiency, most students only need to submit the I-20 or DS-2019 Request Form and related documents through the online application.

The Office of International Affairs (OIA) will confirm eligibility in compliance with U.S. immigration laws. Eligible students may request either a Form I-20 (for F-1 student visa) or a Form DS-2019 (for J-1 student visa).

The University of Chicago permits students to apply for either an F-1 or J-1 visa. Click here for detailed eligibility criteria and a comparison of differences between the two. Direct all questions to international-affairs@uchicago.edu.

Facilities

Computing Services: Exchange students have access to Chicago Booth email service, some areas of the website and some system functions (such as Course Evaluations and Registration Bidding) require a unique Chicago Booth user name and password. Only upon receipt and full processing of the application is a password generated and provided to the student. Upon completion of the exchange, exchange students will have their Booth email account for life, but do not have any access to other online system including the student intranet and Booth Community Directory.

Library: Exchange students are full-time students of the University during their term of study here, and therefore have full access to the Library:
http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/index.html

Athletic Facilities: Exchange students are full-time students of the University during their term of study here, and therefore have full access to the University's athletic facilities: http://athletics.uchicago.edu/facilities/facilities.htm

Student Services

Student Life
Student Life is the overall coordinator for the International Business Exchange Program (IBEP). Student Life works with exchange students throughout the nomination and orientation process, and serves as a general resource throughout your time at Chicago Booth. Student Life also manages student-run groups, leadership opportunities, and school-wide events.

Academic Services
Academic Services work with students individually on all matters concerning academic life at Chicago Booth. Advisors are available by appointment or on a walk-in basis during regular business hours. However, we strongly encourage appointments to allow your advisor time to prepare. Please contact them directly at
Student Health and Counseling Services (SCS)
Exchange students have access to the SCS and are required to pay the Student Life Fee at the beginning of their term. For information on these resources: http://studenthealth.uchicago.edu/

Career Services
Exchange students are not permitted to participate in any recruiting-related programming which includes, but is not limited to, recruiting events, conferences, Career Treks, resume reviews, interview prep, and firm-specific lunch and learns offered after the start of first-year recruiting-related corporate events (generally mid-October for the Autumn Quarter).

Exchange students, who would like to pursue opportunities with a specific company, should arrange to meet with a member of the Career Services staff to learn how to apply for those opportunities using the procedures on each job posting as well as to review your strategy and discuss your options. For companies coming to campus, exchange students will need to establish contact with a company representative(s) and request a meeting with them directly at a mutually convenient time/place. Exchange students are not eligible to bid for on-campus interview slots through the computerized bidding system, GTS.

Student Groups: Cultural, Social and Sports-related
Exchange students are welcome to join many of Chicago Booth’s cultural, sports, and social groups. A full list of student groups will be provided at orientation.

Student Groups: Professional
Exchange students can access all “educational” programming offered by Chicago Booth’s Professional Groups, which includes educational presentations offered by professional groups related to function or industry-specific topics, and are not recruiting-focused, along with student group conferences that are open to the entire Booth Community and not limited to the group’s membership. Exchange students are not permitted to participate in any recruiting-related events, including interview-prep, conferences, or Career Treks sponsored by these groups or Career Services.

Mentor Program
Booth has an informal Mentor Program whereby 1st and 2nd year MBA students are matched with an incoming exchange student during the term before the exchange student is due on campus. The Mentor serves as a resource and guide for the exchange student. The Graduate Business Council will reach out to incoming exchange students to coordinate.