

International Student Exchange Program

The University of Manitoba is founded more than 140 years ago, and original lands of the Anishinaabeg, Ininiwak, Anisininewuk, Dakota Oyate and Dene, and the National Homeland of the Red River Métis. We are the region's largest and only research intensive-university offering over 100 academic programs, including professional disciplines like medicine, law and engineering. Visit the [University of Manitoba Story](#) or [Inbound Exchange website](#) for more information about our programs, and explore our campus through the [360 Campus Tour](#).

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Exchange Nomination Information

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| Nomination | The partner university's exchange coordinator will receive a link to our nomination form by September. The nomination will be submitted online. Upon submission, the student and the exchange coordinator will be sent application information by email. |
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Exchange Nomination and Application Dates

| | Main intake (recommended) Fall 2026 (September - December) and/or Winter 2027 (January -April) | Secondary intake Winter 2027 only (January - April) | Summer term 2026 (Condensed 8-week courses offered either May -June or July- August) |
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| Nomination deadline | March 15 Global Affairs Canada Scholarships deadline: February 5 | August 1 | March 15* |
| Exchange application deadline | April 15 Global Affairs Canada Scholarships Applicants: February 24 | September 1 | March 31* |
| Online housing application (Opening date) | April 1: Fall start date May 1: Winter start date | Apply as early as possible | Apply as early as possible |

*Early submission is highly recommended for students who wish to begin their studies in May.

Term dates for 2026-2027 (exact dates are not yet determined)

| | Fall term (September - December) | Winter term (January - April) | Summer term 2026 (Condensed four-week courses offered from May - August) |
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| Orientation date | Early September | Early January | N/A |
| Classes start | Early September | Early – Mid. January | Beginning of May or July, depending on course |
| Classes and exams end | Mid. - Late December | Mid. – Late April | End of June or August, depending on course |

Within the online application portal

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| Application for exchange student admission | Access to our online application portal including the application guide will be provided to the student and the exchange coordinator by email after receiving nomination from the partner university's exchange coordinator. |
| Course information | View UM Courses |
| Level of studies and admission criteria | <p>Undergraduate admission is not competitive in most study areas if students are in good academic standing defined by their home institution and meet the language proficiency requirements. The selection of the inbound applicants is at the discretion of relevant Faculty/office at the University of Manitoba.</p> <p>Graduate-level admission (Master and Ph. D) is competitive. Students may need to meet additional criteria. <i>Completion of a four-year undergraduate program* is required for graduate admission.</i> A minimum GPA of 3.0 (B or equivalent) in the last two full years of study is also required.</p> <p>*Students who completed a three-year undergraduate program are not eligible for our Graduate-level admission. They are eligible to apply for our undergraduate program to take courses at 1000 to 4000 level (highest).</p> |
| Official transcripts of courses and grades/results | This document must be in English or an official translated copy. Upload this document as a pdf file. <i>Description of grading (grading scale) on your university letterhead must also be included.</i> |
| Study plan | A detailed study plan is submitted within the online portal. |
| Personal statement | <p>One- to two-page personal statement of intent, uploaded as a .doc - include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do you want to come to the University of Manitoba on exchange? • What personal, academic, and professional goals do you hope to achieve on exchange at the University of Manitoba? |

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| Proof of English language proficiency | <p>For many students, proof of English proficiency is required, uploaded as a .pdf file.</p> <p>See links below for details and exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduate • Graduate |
| Additional required documents for graduate-level students (Master and PhD) | <p>In Canada, graduate and undergraduate programs are clearly separated. To apply for a graduate program at the University of Manitoba, you must submit proof of your undergraduate transcript/record of grades. Upload as a .pdf file.</p> <p>You must also provide a proof of acceptance to your graduate program. This letter should be on official letterhead, confirming your status as a graduate-level student. This letter should include information about the structure and focus of your program. It can be written by your exchange coordinator or your supervisor at your home university. Upload as a .pdf file.</p> |

Faculties and courses

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| Faculties available for exchange students (open to both undergraduate and graduate level) | <p>Agricultural and Food Sciences (includes Nutrition)</p> <p>School of Art (Fine Arts)</p> <p>Arts (Humanities, Social Sciences, includes Psychology, Sociology, etc.)</p> <p>Environment, Earth, and Resources</p> <p>Kinesiology and Recreation Management</p> <p>Law - <i>Limited</i></p> <p>Music</p> <p>Science</p> <p>Social Work - <i>Limited</i></p> |
| Law program eligibility | <p>The undergraduate-level Juris Doctor program has a professional focus and admission is highly competitive; students often have completed a bachelor's degree prior to entry. Students should be in the upper years of their law program prior to exchange. Students without this background should consult with their home institution's academic advisors before applying for the exchange.</p> |
| Faculties unavailable to exchange students | <p>Education</p> <p>Engineering</p> <p>Health Sciences</p> |
| Courses unavailable to exchange students | <p>Honours courses in Psychology and English</p> <p>Computer Science Courses (1000 – 4000 level)</p> |
| Our exchange program does <u>not</u> include our business school | <p>I.H. Asper School of Business: Accounting and Finance, Actuarial, Business Administration, Entrepreneurship, Leadership, Human Resources, Marketing, Management Information Systems, Supply Chain Management</p> |

Other important information

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| Other fees | While tuition fees are waived, students will be required to pay student organization fees (approximately \$150 per term) and potentially field trip and lab fees, if applicable. Students can expect to pay \$100-200 per course for books and can sell them back at the end of each term to get a portion of the money back. |
| Housing | On-Campus Student Residences are strongly recommended. There are several options for residence, from private rooms with meal plans to a shared suite with private rooms without meal plans. |
| Study permit, visa, E-Travel Authorization | Learn about which immigration document you will need on the Immigration Information for Inbound Exchange Students webpage . Admitted exchange students with questions about their applications will be able to contact UM's International Student Advisors for assistance. |
| Health insurance | Exchange students are required to purchase travel health insurance from their home country. Choice of insurance is at the discretion of students. |
| Health and Wellness | Student's health and mental well-being are very important. Visit our Health and Wellness page for all resources and supports available for all students including exchange students. |
| Cannabis legislation | Cannabis is now legal in Canada for individuals 19 years of age or older. Visit the Health and Wellness page for information on the University of Manitoba policy. |
| Accessibility Services | UM's Student Accessibility Services (SAS) provides support for students with disabilities. Please visit the SAS website for information on registering for their services. |
| Information about Winnipeg and Manitoba | www.tourismwinnipeg.com www.winnipeg.ca www.travelmanitoba.com |

International student program information

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| International exchange student orientation | Students will learn about the University of Manitoba and Winnipeg from staff and a panel of local students. They will also enjoy a meal and make new friends from all over the world! |
| Excursions and special events | IC Exchange Program invites all students to join excursions & social events through their exchange. Previous years' activities include: hockey games, Hallowe'en party, visit to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, football games, ice skating, board game café, tours and more. |
| IC Exchange Buddy Program | We connect inbound exchange students with a buddy, a UM student who has returned from their exchange abroad. Students will have the opportunity to connect with their buddy virtually before arrival and meet in-person after arrival to support inbound exchange student adjustment to UM and Winnipeg. |

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| <u>Intercultural Leaders Program</u> | Open to all students, this dynamic and interactive program runs for eight sessions each fall and winter term. Through a variety of group sessions and workshops, students will enhance cultural awareness and develop intercultural skills. Students will also strengthen leadership, public speaking, conflict resolution, and communication and facilitation skills. Participants will build a stronger sense of self-confidence they can take beyond the classroom to their personal and professional lives. |
| <u>Language Exchange Program</u> | This program matches volunteers with complementary interests in language and culture. Students meet with their conversation partners every week to practice each other's languages and learn about each other's cultures. The sessions are friendly and informal. |

Other opportunities for students

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| Sports and recreation | Our new Active Living Centre is a world-class facility, offering students many options including: recreational sports leagues, climbing wall, swimming pool, hockey, tennis, soccer, rugby, badminton, ultimate frisbee, volleyball, fitness classes, yoga and much more! |
| Student communities & groups | Connect with <u>UM student communities</u> and over 200 student groups representing a diverse range of interests. Popular groups include: Photography, Anime, Amnesty International, Choir, Robotics, cultural groups, Swing Dance, Gaming, Parks Canada Campus, UM Snow (snowboarding), Rainbow Pride Mosaic, Indigenous Students' Association and the Womyn's Centre. |
| Academic support | <u>Academic Learning Centre</u> <u>Student Accessibility Services</u> <u>Academic Integrity</u> |
| Travel | Many students take advantage of Winnipeg's central location to travel north to Churchill to see the famous polar bears, west to the Rocky Mountains, east to Toronto or Montreal or even south to the United States. Near and within Winnipeg, students can explore abundant nature, forests, lakes, beaches, rivers and parks. |

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