

Exchange Research Checklist

Things to consider when researching universities for exchange!

Host University

- The minimum GPA required
- The language requirements
- Term dates (e.g., some partners in Germany and Japan start Winter term exchanges in April)
- Whether the exchange agreement is for a semester or full year

Accommodation

- The location of the residence halls (on/off campus)
- Whether private accommodation is available
- Accommodation costs
- What matters to you (e.g., a furnished room or a meal plan)
- Whether housing is guaranteed

Courses

- What courses the host school offers and when (year/semester) they are available
- Whether you have the required language proficiency to enroll in courses taught in a language other than English
- What is considered a full-time course load at the host school (how many courses do you take)
- What the educational system is like (number of contact hours etc.)

Wellness

- What types of accommodations are available at the host school?
- What supports do I need to arrange to help me be well while I'm abroad?

Country/City/Campus Culture

- The university's location
- The national/city/university culture
- Whether the university is campus-based or not, and the size of the campus
- The general cost of living in the area that host school is located
- What's happening in the country – e.g., what's in the news