





## Exchange Program Details for Rhodes College Academic Year 2026-2027

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### Exchange Eligibility

- GPA requirements: 3.0 out of a 4.0 scale
- Good academic & social standing
- Required English Proficiency: TOEFL: 95 or higher
- IBT or IELTS: 7.0 or higher

### Application Deadlines

- March 10 for Fall Term (August -December)
- March 10 for Academic Year (August-May)
- October 1 for Spring Term (January-May)



# THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM



## HOW TO APPLY

1. The Home Institution Exchange Coordinator will supply a nomination email containing the following information:
  - a. Student Name
  - b. Student Email Address
  - c. Student Major Field of Study
  - d. Term of Exchange
  - e. A Statement Concerning the Student's Seriousness of Academic Purpose and Personal Maturity
    - i. This statement may come from an international programs advisor or from a faculty member
    - ii. One paragraph is sufficient
2. The exchange student will complete the [Exchange Application](#)
  - a. Students will need to create a profile and log in or they will not be able to save their progress
  - b. The application will require the student to upload a transcript

## IMMIGRATION & VISA INFORMATION

After exchange students are accepted to study at Rhodes, they will receive :

1. An Admission Letter
2. An Immigration Document "I-20" from the *Rhodes Exchange Advisor*, Katie Searle

**Immediately after receiving these items, students should make an appointment with the nearest United States Consulate to apply for an F-1 Student Visa** to enter the United States. Information about this visa application process may be found on the US International Student Site

## ARRIVAL & ORIENTATION

- Exchange students are expected to arrive on the exact date requested by Rhodes in the acceptance letter.
- Rhodes staff will meet all exchange students at the airport for transportation to Rhodes on the specified date.
  - Students arriving after our requested arrival dates place significant strain on our office and will be charged a \$500 late fee unless the delay is due to a flight delay.
- Students may arrive early, especially if they plan on bringing a relative or a friend as there will be very little time to hang out with anybody once orientation starts.
  - Please note: students arriving early cannot check into campus until the official arrival date and will have to pay for the cost of hotel, transport, and other expenses prior to the arrival date on their own.
- If the hotel an early arrival is staying at is within 30 minutes of Rhodes College, we will offer to pick you up at the hotel on the official check in date and bring you to campus.
- International Student Orientation begins the day after arrival and lasts 2 days in the Fall and 1 day in the Spring.
- Orientation is planned with jet lag and transition stress in mind; it is a relaxed and a fun period to learn about Rhodes, finalize course registration, meet other new international students, become acquainted with the International Student Services staff, and explore various attractions and restaurants in the city of Memphis itself.

# SAMPLE ORIENTATION SCHEDULE

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION



11-13 August  
2025

International Student Orientation offers sessions that will help you learn more about Rhodes college and get to know other international students. **All events are for students only, unless otherwise noted.**

MON AUG 11	ARRIVAL/MOVE-IN	
10am-10pm	<b>International Student Move-in</b> All new international students check-in at Burrow Hall 105 to move into the residence halls. International Peer Advisors and volunteers will assist you. Your family is welcome to campus, but will need to secure their own transportation.	Buckman Center for Global Engagement, Burrow Hall
1-4pm	<b>Help Desk in the Buckman Center</b> IPAs are available to help you set up your phone, connect to wifi, get ID's made, tour campus, submit health forms, and gather necessary items for setting up a bank account.	Buckman Center for Global Engagement, Burrow Hall
5:00-7:00pm	<b>Dinner with IPAs</b> Students will eat dinner in the Catherine Burrow Refectory with International Peer Advisors. Informal tours of campus available from IPAs following dinner.	Catherine Burrow Refectory, "the Rat"
TUES AUG 12	INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION: DAY 1	
8:30am-9:20am	<b>Breakfast</b> Meet your fellow international students, IPA team leaders, & the Buckman Center Staff at Breakfast	The Rat
9:30am-9:55am	<b>International Student Welcome</b> President Jennifer Collins, Dr. Tim Huebner, Dr. Erin Hillis & Lauren Sefton	Hardie Auditorium Southwestern Hall
10:00am-11:00am	<b>Immigration at Rhodes</b> Dr. Erin Hillis will talk about what it means to be an F-1 & J-1 Student & how to maintain your status. <b>Note: this talk is specifically for F-1 &amp; J-1 visa holders.</b>	Hardie Auditorium Southwestern Hall
11:00am-12:00pm	<b>Staying Well: Health Services &amp; Title IX</b> Learn about staying healthy and accessing services our Student Health Center provides. We'll also talk briefly about your student insurance portal & Title IX.	Hardie Auditorium Southwestern Hall
12:00pm-1:25pm	<b>Lunch</b> Eat lunch with your fellow international students & IPA team leaders.	The Rat
1:30pm-2:15pm	<b>Academics at Rhodes</b> Hear from Rhodes Faculty members about various academic requirements and expectations.	Southwestern Hall, second floor
2:30pm-5pm	<b>Action Items</b> Use this time to complete the task list found at the bottom of your schedule. Once you have completed all action items, you can use the free time to rest, swim, or set up your room.	Around Campus
4:00pm-5:00pm	<b>Student Employment</b> Hear from Ms. Kolehmainen about the steps involved in student employment onboarding & applying for a social security number. <b>NOTE: THIS SESSION IS ONLY FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN OFFERED ON-CAMPUS STUDENT EMPLOYMENT FOR THIS SEMESTER.</b>	Hardie Auditorium Southwestern Hall
5:30pm-7:00pm	<b>Welcome Dinner</b> Join your fellow classmates, IPA team leaders & Rhodes Staff for dinner catered by a local restaurant in Hardie Auditorium. Karaoke following dinner!	Hyde Hall The Rat (Hyde is inside the Rat)

WED AUG 13	INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION: DAY 2			
8:30am-9:20am	<b>Breakfast</b> Meet your fellow international students & IPA team leaders, and the Buckman Center Staff at Breakfast			The Rat
9:30am-10:10am	<b>Small Group session: Round 1</b> Blue Group: Room 210 Green Group: Room 208	Orange group: Room 211 Yellow group: Room 207	Red Group: Hardie Auditorium Pink Group: Hardie Auditorium	Southwestern Hall, second floor
10:20am-11:00am	<b>Small Group session: Round 2</b> Blue Group: Hardie Auditorium Green Group: Room 210	Orange group: Hardie Auditorium Yellow group: Room 211	Red Group: Room 208 Pink Group: Room 207	Southwestern Hall, second floor
11:05am-11:20am	<b>Group Photo</b> Meet on the steps outside of the Frazier-Jelke Science Center for our group pic.			FJ Steps
11:20pm-12:20pm	<b>Lunch</b> Eat lunch with your fellow international students & IPA team leaders.			The Rat
12:30pm-1:10pm	<b>Small Group session: Round 3</b> Blue Group: Room 208 Green Group: Hardie Auditorium	Orange group: Room 207 Yellow group: Hardie Auditorium	Red Group: Room 210 Pink Group: Room 211	Southwestern Hall, second floor
1:15pm-5:00pm	<b>Action Items</b> Use this time to complete the task list found at the back of your schedule. Once you have completed all action items, you can use the free time to rest, swim, or set up your room.			Around Campus
4:00pm-5:00pm	<b>Student Employment</b> Hear from Ms. Kolehmainen about student employment at Rhodes. <b>NOTE: THIS SESSION IS FOR ANY STUDENT INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT FUTURE ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT.</b>			Hardie Auditorium Southwestern Hall
5:00-6:00pm	<b>Dinner</b> Eat dinner in the Catherine Burrow Refectory with IPA team leaders.			The Rat
6:00pm-9:30pm	<b>Walmart Shopping Trip</b> Meet at the Bailey Lane Campus Entrance on University St. to board the bus.			Bailey Lane Entrance
<b>CONGRATULATIONS!</b> <b>You have finished your International Student Orientation.</b>				

THURS AUG 14	OPTIONAL THURSDAY MORNING ACTIVITIES			
8:30am-9:30am	<b>Breakfast</b> Join fellow international students & IPAs for breakfast and meet your new Peer Assistants (PA's) who will guide you through the rest of welcome week.			The Rat
9am-11am	<b>Tour of Memphis</b> Students will receive a tour of Memphis that includes visits to the Rock 'n' Soul Museum, Beale Street, and the Bass Pro Shop.			Buckman Center for Global Engagement, Burrow Hall
Next, please follow the Rhodes College <b>Welcome Week Schedule</b>				

# ACADEMIC INFORMATION

<p><b>COURSE LOAD</b></p> <p><b>MIN. COURSE LOAD</b></p> <p><b>MAX. COURSE LOAD</b></p>	<p>16 credit hours <i>(usually four 4-credit courses) across several departments</i></p> <p>12 credit hours</p> <p>20 credit hours-<i>not recommended</i>)</p>
<p><b>COURSE RESTRICTIONS</b></p>	<p>Exchange students will take courses in at least two departments/faculties. Students have access to most departments and courses, however, exchange students should know that certain departments, like those below, and some upper-level courses are extremely difficult to get more than two classes in, due to space limitations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commerce/Business</li> <li>• Economics</li> <li>• Psychology</li> <li>• Computer Science</li> <li>• Neuroscience</li> </ul> <p><i>Some courses in studio art, sciences with labs, and music practice lessons will carry additional fees borne by the exchange student.</i></p>
<p><b>ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS</b></p>	<p>Students will request an academic transcript to be mailed to their home institution following the completion of their course work at Rhodes. Payment for all fees must be made prior to Rhodes releasing the academic transcript to the home institution.</p>
<p><b>TIPS FOR FINDING COURSES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students should carefully review our class schedule with their home institution academic advisor to see which courses will be available and may suit degree requirements at the home institution.</li> <li>• Exchange students will review courses and meet with a Rhodes Academic Advisor online prior to course registration.</li> <li>• Course selections are not guaranteed, though effort is made to accommodate specific course requests.</li> <li>• Examples of past classes will be sent to nominees in their first email.</li> <li>• 2026/2027 course offerings will be updated once they are available.</li> <li>• Here are some examples of past available classes for incoming exchange students: <a href="#">Fall 2025 Course Offerings</a> &amp; <a href="#">Spring 2026 Course Offerings</a>.</li> </ul>



## ACADEMIC CALENDAR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

### FALL TERM (AUG-DEC 2026)

AUG 10 .....	Arrival date for Exchange Students
AUG 11-12 .....	International Student Orientation- <i>Mandatory</i>
AUG 13-18 .....	International students join Welcome Week for all new students
AUG 19 .....	Classes Begin
OCT 7-12 .....	Fall Recess
NOV 21-30 .....	Thanksgiving Recess
DEC 5 .....	Classes End
DEC 8-13 .....	Final Examinations Period
DEC 14 .....	Last day of Exchange Student Housing @ 10:00am

*Academic Year Exchange Students, with pre-approval, may remain on campus over the semester break. However, there is an extra fee involved and students may need to switch dorms to do so.*

### SPRING TERM (JAN-MAY 2027)

JAN 11 .....	Returning Student Move-In
JAN 11 .....	Arrival Date for New Exchange Students
JAN 12 .....	International Student Orientation- <i>Mandatory</i>
JAN 13 .....	Classes Begin
MAR 5-14 .....	Spring Recess
MAR 24-28.....	Easter Recess
APR 29 .....	Classes End
MAY 3-8 .....	Final Examinations Period
MAY 9 .....	Last day of Exchange Student Housing @ 10:00am

## HELPFUL LINKS

- [Rhodes College Academic Calendar](#)
- [Rhodes College Resident Life Website](#)

# LIVING & MONEY MATTERS

<p><b>HOUSING &amp; MEALS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exchange Students live in our on-campus Residence Halls in shared bedrooms.</li> <li>• Shared bedrooms typically contain two students and may share bathrooms with multiple other bedrooms on the hall.</li> <li>• Meal plans are part of the housing bill charges.</li> <li>• There are two dining halls on campus: Catherine Burrow Refectory &amp; The Lair.</li> <li>• This site lists the <a href="#">fees for Room &amp; Board</a> for an academic year at Rhodes. Semester students may just divide the number in half.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"> <a href="#">Resident Life Website</a>      <a href="#">Campus Dining</a> </p>
<p><b>COST OF LIVING</b></p>	<p>In addition to housing, meals, and insurance, exchange students should be prepared to spend up to \$2000 per semester on textbooks, cell phone, dining out, miscellaneous shopping, etc. This figure is an approximate and students should consider their usual spending habits to best prepare themselves.</p>
<p><b>INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY</b></p>	<p>Rhodes requires health insurance throughout the enrollment period and has a standardized, comprehensive policy for international students. Rhodes will enroll exchange students each semester in the health insurance policy and will charge their Rhodes student account. There is no exception to this policy.</p>



**Rhodes College is located in the dynamic city of Memphis, Tennessee**

**Rhodes College** is one of the few liberal arts colleges based in a major metropolitan city and the city of Memphis is unlike any other in the nation.

At Rhodes, a student can become part of the larger community through programs ranging from revitalizing neighborhoods to health equity and social justice initiatives-or, develop a unique project that reflects your own passion. In a city as vibrant and energetic as Memphis, there is no shortage of ways to meet new people and find exciting things to do.