

International Exchange Program

Kansas City Art Institute maintains partnerships with schools in various countries around the world where our students may apply to spend one semester, or in some cases an entire academic year. When you participate in the International Exchange Program you continue to be considered a full-time KCAI student. Because of the agreements we have with these partner schools you will pay your tuition to KCAI per usual, so you will still receive all of your financial aid and scholarships. You will pay no tuition to the host school and will only be responsible for your transportation to and from your host country, your cost of living, books/supplies, an International Student Identity Card (ISIC-\$22 card which provides travel and medical insurance, as well as discounts, while you are abroad), and any miscellaneous studio fees. Because we are partners with these schools, the credit you earn while studying there counts as KCAI credit (*not* transfer credit); credits from these partner schools qualify as KCAI credit fulfilling the requirement of earning your last 30 credits at KCAI.

In order to apply to participate in the International Exchange Program you must:

- Be a full-time KCAI student the semester prior to and the semester of your exchange
- Have junior studio status the semester of the proposed exchange
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Be a student in good standing

Participation in the International Exchange Program is competitive; *typically*, only one KCAI student may attend each exchange partner school per semester. Candidates for the International Exchange Program whose applications will be forwarded on to the exchange partner school will be selected based on the materials presented in their application, their GPA, the appropriateness of the proposed program, language proficiency for schools with a language requirement, the number of students allowed to participate as dictated by the agreement with the selected school, and personal maturity. The final decision of who may participate in the International Exchange Program lies with the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

In order to apply to participate in the International Exchange Program, you must submit the following application materials to the International Studies Coordinator in the Academic Resource Center **no later** than March 1 for fall semester exchanges and October 1 for spring semester exchanges (incomplete applications will not be considered):

- International Exchange Application (this *must* be signed by your department chair)
- 2 completed and signed Reference Letter Forms; these forms *must* be accompanied by Letters of Recommendation
- Statement of Purpose (1-2 pages) thoughtfully considering your goals and reasons for seeking admission to the exchange partner school as an exchange student. It should discuss how the proposed study at the exchange partner school relates to your education and career goals. *If the language of instruction at the exchange partner school is not English, your statement should be written in the native language of the exchange partner school so they may assess your language proficiency.*
- Portfolio of work (approximately 15 images or comparable footage) uploaded to Flickr or a comparable site (please provide the link to this portfolio in your Statement of Purpose)

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- Official Transcript
- Photocopy of the biographical page of your passport (If you do not currently have a passport, you will need to apply for one as soon as possible and submit a copy of the application form and payment receipt with your exchange application in lieu of the passport copy.)
- Authorization Form
- Liability/Loss Release Form
- Off-Campus Program Agreement
- Disclosure of Special Needs Form
 - Each exchange partner school may have their own unique application requirements that you may need to complete *in addition to* the KCAI application requirements. There is a possibility these additional application requirements may not be requested from you until after submission of your KCAI exchange application to the partner school.

After your KCAI exchange application is approved and accepted by the KCAI International Exchange Program, it will then be forwarded to the exchange partner school for their review. Please note that **the final decision of your acceptance into the International Exchange Program lies with the partner school**; you have not been admitted to the International Exchange Program until you receive verification from the partner school that you have been officially accepted by them as an exchange student.

Your responsibilities after official acceptance by the partner school:

- Meet with the Financial Aid Office to make sure all of your financial aid is applicable to the exchange semester.
- Obtain an International Student Identity Card (ISIC) from the International Studies Office. This \$22.00 card is payable in the Business Office on the 2nd floor of Vanderslice Hall.
- Check with the appropriate embassy/consulate to obtain information on visa requirements and follow any necessary procedures for obtaining your student visa in a timely manner.
- Make your own housing arrangements for your time abroad. The partner school may be able to assist you or provide contacts for nearby student housing; however, obtaining housing is your personal responsibility.
- Make your own transportation arrangements.
- Pay your KCAI tuition prior for your departure for your exchange semester or by the regular tuition deadline (whichever is earliest).
- Pre-register at KCAI for the semester following your exchange semester.
- Meet with KCAI's Academic Advisor to ensure you enroll in courses at the partner school that fulfill your KCAI degree requirements.
- Enroll in a minimum of the equivalent of 12 credit hours at the partner school.

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International Exchange Partner Schools:

- **AUSTRALIA: University of Tasmania, Hobart** (English speaking)
 - www.utas.edu.au/
 - www.international.utas.edu.au/static/StudentMobility/index.php
 - studyinaustralia.gov.au/Sia/en/Help/NorthAmerica/home.htm
- **ECUADOR: Universidad San Francisco de Quito** (Spanish speaking)
 - www.usfq.edu.ec/Paginas/Default.aspx
- **ENGLAND: University of Brighton** (English speaking)
 - www.brighton.ac.uk/index.php
 - www.brighton.ac.uk/international/international/application.php?PageID=10
- **FRANCE: Ecole Parsons a Paris** (English speaking)
 - www.parsons-paris.com/
 - www.parsons-paris.com/pages/detail/640/Areas-of-Study
- **HUNGARY: University of West Hungary, International Ceramics Studio** (Hungarian speaking)
 - www.icshu.org/about.htm
- **IRELAND: The National College of Art and Design** (English speaking)
 - www.ncad.ie/
 - www.educationireland.ie/educationireland-offlinev/Education-Ireland-OFFLINE/FILES/educationireland-offline/educationireland-english.swf
- **ISRAEL: Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design, Jersalem** (English and Hebrew speaking)
 - www.bezalel.ac.il.en/
- **JAPAN: Osaka University of the Arts** (Japanese speaking)
 - www.osaka-geidai.ac.jp/geidai/english/index.html
- **NEW ZEALAND: Otago Polytechnic, Dunedin** (English speaking)
 - www.otagopolytechnic.ac.nz/
- **SPAIN: Universidad de Castilla—La Mancha** (Spanish speaking)
 - www.uclm.es/
 - www.uclm.es/english/
- **TURKEY: Bilkent University, Faculty of Art Design and Architecture** (English speaking)
 - www.art.bilkent.edu.tr/
 - catalog.bilkent.edu.tr/current/faculty/f70.html