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We are pleased to offer Hiroshima University students a variety of study abroad options through USAC. The following pages include details regarding the process for nomination, confirmation, and program placement. Additionally, find details about what to expect for program admission, USAC support, financial details, and programs offered. We look forward to receiving your nominations.

Nomination Process

Each program location has a limited number of spaces available to exchange students. USAC will place all students that you nominate up until any application deadline, however, students may not be placed at their first-choice location. We expect the limited number of exchange spots at our popular locations to fill quickly. Nominations received during the Priority Nomination Period (see dates below) will be placed at one time shortly after the nomination period ends.

At the time of nomination, we will require the following details for your students:

- First/Last name and email address
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be called upon to help resolve issues and/or provide necessary information related to their students' participation in exchange with USAC.

USAC Support

Our **International Student Coordinator** will work with your students from the time of nomination and will remain available to you as well. Students attending USAC Specialty or Partnership Programs will have a range of staff available to assist with admission, program site and cultural preparation, course selection, billing and payments, and health and safety. These individuals and their contact information will appear in the USAC Student Gateway Account. Please note that the USAC staff are working primarily with U.S. based students therefore some of our materials will not be correct for international students and they will need to work with their home university and do individual research for correct information, particularly related to visas.

Students attending USAC English Language Programs will be working directly with their host university staff and the **International Student Coordinator** will remain available to assist as needed.

Financial & Exchange Matters

Anticipated Costs

	Included	Student Responsibility
USAC Exchange students receive a 100% waiver of tuition / program fees. All other costs are the responsibility of the student or home university. Students will be provided a budget sheet to anticipate overall cost to attend the program in order to prepare their personal finances accordingly.	Program Fees / Tuition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Housing (USAC Programs)	<i>Depends on location</i>
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	Health Insurance (USAC Programs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Health Insurance (U.S. Programs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Course, Tour, or Excursion Fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Visa Processing Fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Personal Expenses / Travel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Exchange Equivalents/Counts

Students from your institution will be counted towards the overall exchange balance based on program length as noted below. Many programs that have included housing or a higher overall cost to USAC will be designated with a higher exchange equivalent (Tier 2). Historically these locations had not been available to your students, however, we can allow students on these programs at a higher ratio towards the exchange. Example: a student who attends a Tier 2 Fall or Spring program will be equal to 1.5 rather than 1 student on the exchange count.

Hiroshima Univ Student Count	USAC Student Equivalent
Tier 1 Program Locations	
1 Yearlong student	2 USAC students
1 Semester student	1 USAC student
Tier 2 Program Locations	
1 Yearlong student	3 USAC students
1 Semester student	1.5 USAC student

Cancellation: Notify USAC as soon as possible regarding any student cancellation. Any cancellations received within 30 days of departure will still count towards the exchange. Students who arrive to their program site and later withdraw will still count towards the exchange.

English Language Programs (U.S.)

USAC English Language Programs have locations at four consortium universities in three states across the U.S. Each unique location offers students a high level of support, cultural integration, and excellent English language instruction.

Admissions Process

Students will work to complete their host campus admission process in order to receive the necessary documents to apply for a visa. USAC's International Student Coordinator will be available to assist students during this time as needed.

Students will be required to purchase a health insurance policy from USAC or the host university (if available). More details on this will be provided at the time of nomination.

Exchange Equivalency

All U.S. programs follow the **Tier 1 Exchange Equivalency**: Yearlong = 2; Fall/Spring = 1

Location	Host University & Program	Yearlong	Fall or Spring Semester
Fresno, California	California State University, Fresno American English Institute (AEI)	✓	✓
Boise, Idaho	Boise State University Intensive English Program (IEP)	✓	✓
Moscow, Idaho	University of Idaho American Language and Culture Program (ALCP)	✓	✓
Orono, Maine	University of Maine Intensive English Institute (IEI)	✓	✓

USAC Specialty Programs

Specialty programs are administered by USAC and comprised of students from the U.S. They offer a focused course selection in language and cultural studies. Students are awarded U.S. semester credit via the USAC Grade Report. Daily programming such as orientation, meetings, tours, field trips, etc. are all conducted in English.

Program Admission/Eligibility Requirements

Academic: 2.5 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) | Good standing at university

English: 550 TOEFL (PBT); 80 TOEFL (IBT); or 6.0 IELTS

Additional materials are required during USAC admission process (transcripts, agreements, etc.)

Exchange Equivalency

✓ **Tier 1:** Yearlong = 2 | Semester = 1

★ **Tier 2:** Yearlong = 3 | Semester = 1.5

Country	City	Yearlong	Fall or Spring Semester
Chile	Santiago	✓	✓
China <i>currently suspended</i>	Chengdu	✓	✓
	Shanghai	✓	✓
Costa Rica	Heredia	✓	✓
	San Ramon	✓	✓
Czech Republic	Prague	✓	✓
France	Lyon Pre-req: 1 year college French	★	★
	Pau	✓	✓
Germany	Luneburg	✓	✓
India	Bengaluru	✓	✓
Italy	Reggio Emilia	✓	✓
	Torino	✓	✓
	Verona	✓	✓
	Viterbo	✓	✓
Spain	Bilbao	✓	✓
	Madrid	✓	✓
	San Sebastian	★	★
	Valencia	★	★
Thailand	Chiang Mai	✓	✓
Uruguay	Montevideo	✓	✓

USAC Partnership Programs

Partnership programs are facilitated direct enrollment at host universities. Students have access to a wide range of course offerings and are part of a large international student population on the host campus.

Program Admission & Requirements

Each partnership program has specific academic and English language eligibility requirements. Make sure to check the USAC webpage prior to nomination to make sure your student is eligible prior to nomination. Additional details regarding English language test requirements will be included with this brochure.

Exchange Equivalency

✓	Tier 1: Yearlong = 2 Semester = 1
★	Tier 2: Yearlong = 3 Semester = 1.5
🏠	Housing included in exchange

Country	City	Host University	Yearlong	Semester
Australia	Gold Coast	Griffith University	---	✓
England	Brighton	University of Brighton	✓	✓
	Bristol	University of Bristol	★	★
	London	London Metropolitan University	✓	✓
	Reading	University of Reading	✓	✓
Ireland	Cork	University College Cork	✓	✓
Israel	Haifa	University of Haifa	✓	✓
Korea	Gwangju	Chonnam National University	✓	✓
	Seoul	Korea University	✓	✓
Netherlands	The Hague	The Hague University of Applied Sciences	✓	✓
	Maastricht	Maastricht University	★ 🏠	★ 🏠
Portugal	Lisbon	Universidade Catolica Portuguesa	★ 🏠	★ 🏠
Scotland	St Andrews	University of St Andrews	★	★
	Stirling	University of Stirling	★	★
South Africa	Stellenbosch	Stellenbosch University	✓	✓
Thailand	Khon Kaen	Khon Kaen University	✓	✓

USAC Partnership Eligibility Requirements



Partner University	GPA	Class Standing	English Language Tests Accepted
Australia: Gold Coast	2.5	Freshman	TOEFL, IELTS, Pearson Test of English, & ISLPR
England: Brighton	2.75	Sophomore	TOEFL, IELTS, CPE, PTE Academic, KITE, FCE, CAE, Trinity ISE & IESOL
England: Bristol	3.0	Junior (strong sophomores may be considered)	TOEFL, IELTS, CPE, PTE Academic, CAE, Trinity ISE & IESOL
England: London	2.7	Sophomore	TOEFL, IELTS, CPE, PTE Academic, CAE & IESOL
England: Reading	3.0	Junior (strong sophomores may be considered)	TOEFL, IELTS, CPE & TEEP
Ireland: Cork	3.0	Sophomore	TOEFL, IELTS & Duolingo DET
Israel: Haifa	Summer: 2.5 Semester: 3.0	Sophomore	TOEFL, IELTS, CET 6, CET 4, Erasmus system, & Duolingo English Test
Korea: Gwangju	2.5	Sophomore	TOEFL, IELTS, TEPS, & TOEIC
Netherlands: Maastricht	3.0 (3.3 for some courses)	Junior (strong sophomores may be considered)	TOEFL & IELTS
Netherlands: The Hague	2.7	Sophomore	TOEFL & IELTS
Portugal: Lisbon	2.5	Sophomore	TOEFL & IELTS
Scotland: St Andrews	3.2	Junior (strong sophomores may be considered)	TOEFL, IELTS, CPE, PTE Academic, Trinity ISE & IESOL
Scotland: Stirling	3.0	Junior (strong sophomores may be considered)	TOEFL, IELTS, CPE, PTE Academic, CAE, Trinity ISE & IESOL
South Africa: Stellenbosch	2.8	Sophomore	TOEFL & IELTS
Thailand: Khon Kaen	Summer: 3.0 Semester: 2.5	Sophomore	TOEFL & IELTS

For more detailed information about English tests, click here: [Partnership English Language Requirements 2024-25.pdf](#)

USAC Partnership English Language Requirements



Australia: Gold Coast Griffith University	
TOEFL	Minimum score of 575 Internet Based: 79, no sub score less than 19
IELTS	Minimum Score of 6.5, with no sub score less than 6.0
Pearson Test of English (Academic)	Overall Score of 58 with no score less than 50
ISLPR	No score less than 3+ in each skill
If you have previously studied in English you may be exempt. Your eligibility will be assessed as part of your application.	

England: Brighton University of Brighton	
TOEFL	72 overall, 18 in writing, 10 in reading, 10 in listening, and 17 in speaking
IELTS	6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each component
Cambridge English C2 Proficiency exam (CPE)	180 with no less than 162 in each component
PTE Academic	56 with no less than 51 in each component
LanguageCert International ESOL	33 overall with a minimum score of 33 in each component
Trinity ISE	ISE II with a Pass with Merit in each component
Requirements may be met if previous academic record clearly demonstrates ability to study and be examined in English.	

England: Bristol University of Bristol	
TOEFL	90 overall, minimum 20 in all parts
IELTS	6.5 overall with 6.0 in all skills
Cambridge English C2 Proficiency exam (CPE)	Grade C, or Level C1
PTE Academic	67 average with no skill below 60
LanguageCert International ESOL	B2 Communicator High Pass overall (including Speaking, Reading, Writing and Listening tests)
Trinity ISE	ISE III pass in all skills; ISE IV pass in all skills
Requirements may be met if English is your native language and/or if English is the language you are taught in at your home university.	
Qualifications must be completed no more than 2 years prior to the program start date.	

England: London London Metropolitan University	
TOEFL	72 overall, 17 in writing, 18 in reading, 17 in listening, and 20 in speaking
IELTS	6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each component
Cambridge English C2 Proficiency exam (CPE)	Grade C and above
PTE Academic	No less than 59 in each component
LanguageCert International ESOL	No less than 33 in each component
Requirements may be met if English is your native language and/or if English is the language you are taught in for your degree at your home university.	
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England: Reading University of Reading	
TOEFL	88 overall, with no less than 17 in listening, 17 in writing, 18 in reading, and 20 in speaking
IELTS	6.5 with no less than 6.0 in each component
Cambridge English C2 Proficiency exam (CPE)	Grade C
Test of English for Educational Purposes	6.5
Requirements may be met if you are a national of a country identified by U.K. Visas and Immigration as a majority English-speaking country (see https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/knowledge-of-english).	
Qualifications must be completed no more than 2 years prior to the program start date.	

Ireland: Cork University College Cork	
TOEFL	79-80 overall
IELTS	6.0 with no less than 5.5 in each component
Duolingo DET	Minimum 115

Israel: Haifa University of Haifa	
TOEFL	Minimum score of 89
IELTS	5.5-6
CET 6	435
CET 4	580
Erasmus system (for non-native English speakers/institutions)	B2
Duolingo English Test	110

Korea: Gwangju Chonnam National University	
TOEFL	550 CBT: 210 iBT: 80
IELTS	5.5
TEPS	550
TOEIC	700
According to the regulation of Ministry of Justice, citizens of English-speaking countries are exempted from the English language proficiency requirements (USA, UK, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Ireland, South Africa)	

Netherlands: Maastricht Maastricht University	
TOEFL	90
IELTS	6.5
Requirements may be met if English is your native language, if you hold an International Baccalaureate or European Baccalaureate diploma, if you are an EU national, and/or if you are enrolled as a fulltime student at a university or college in a native-speaking country where English is the language of instruction.	

Netherlands: The Hague The Hague University of Applied Sciences	
TOEFL	80
IELTS	6.0

Portugal: Lisbon Universidade Catolica Portuguesa	
TOEFL	80
IELTS	6.0
Requirements may be met if your home university can provide a letter attesting to your English proficiency.	

Scotland: St Andrews | University of St Andrews

The course or program that you wish to study determines the English language test profile relevant to your application.

Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Divinity (except School of English):

TOEFL	94 overall, 19 in reading, 24 in writing, 20 in listening, 20 in speaking
IELTS	7.0 overall, minimum of 6.5 in each component

School of English

TOEFL	110 overall, 29 in reading, 30 in writing, 28 in listening, 26 in speaking
IELTS	8.0 overall, minimum of 8.0 in each component

Faculty of Science

TOEFL	79 overall, 13 in reading, 21 in writing, 12 in listening, 18 in speaking
IELTS	6.5 overall, minimum of 6.0 in each component

Requirements may be met if you are a national of a country identified by U.K. Visas and Immigration as a majority English-speaking country (see <https://www.gov.uk/student-visa/knowledge-of-english>) and/or if you can provide evidence of obtaining an English-medium secondary/high school leaving qualification.

Qualifications must be completed no more than 2 years prior to the program start date.

South Africa: Stellenbosch Stellenbosch University	
TOEFL	Paper Based: 550 iBT: 79 CBT: 213
IELTS	6.5 overall, minimum 6 in all bands
All tests must have been taken within 2 years of application.	

Thailand: Khon Kaen Khon Kaen University	
TOEFL	iBT: 61 or higher CBT: 173 or higher PBT: 500 or higher
IELTS	Overall 5.0 or higher
Students may submit a language certificate from their home university, or a letter of recommendation from their home university academic advisor instead of English proficiency test results.	