

**Information for Exchange Partners**

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Matthew Hirman is the primary contact for Gustavus students who wish to study at one of our exchange partner universities. Jeff Anderson is the primary contact for students from our exchange partner universities who wish to study at Gustavus.

**Gustavus 2019-2020 costs**

	<b>Year</b>	<b>Semester</b>
Room (standard residence hall)	\$6,460	\$3,230
Meal Plan (Option I - minimum option)	\$3,700	\$1,850
Estimated cost of health insurance	\$2,140	\$1,070
Estimated cost of books and personal expenses	\$2,060	\$1,030
Travel	varies	varies

Gustavus tuition is covered by the exchange agreement. Students may choose enhanced on campus housing options or a larger meal plan, and pay the extra cost. Gustavus will bill exchange students directly for their room, meal plan, and health insurance. All exchange students are required to purchase the Gustavus international student health insurance policy. That policy is designed to meet the needs of international students, U.S. immigration requirements, U.S. health care laws, and the obligation of the college to ensure that all students have adequate health insurance coverage. Students are not permitted to waive the Gustavus international student health insurance policy, even if they have their own health insurance from home. We do not yet know the costs for 2020-2021.

**Admission procedure for exchange students coming to Gustavus:** Exchange students must apply through their home university, not directly to Gustavus. Our exchange partner will determine whether the student is qualified to participate in the exchange program. Our exchange partner will notify Gustavus of students selected, and will send a university transcript and proof of English language proficiency. The Gustavus Assistant Director of International Student and Scholars Services will send a link to the online Gustavus International Exchange Student Application, and send documents and information to admitted students about applying for a student visa, housing, course registration, and more.

**Housing, meals and registration:** We expect all exchange students to live in on-campus housing and enroll in a meal plan. Gustavus will assign exchange students to a residence hall and match them with a roommate. Students must register for at least three full courses per semester, and will do so prior to arrival by

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corresponding with the Assistant Director of International Student and Scholar Services. Students will meet with an academic advisor during International Student Orientation and can make changes to their course schedule then or during the first two weeks of the semester.

**Credit:** Each full course is one credit. Course descriptions are found in the Gustavus Adolphus College [Academic Catalog](#).

**Services:** Upon first arrival, we provide transportation from Minneapolis/St. Paul airport to Gustavus. International Student Orientation includes sessions on academics in the U.S., cultural transitions, and immigration. Students will meet many of the faculty and staff who serve as resources for them. Our International Friendship Family Program matches each student with a local family who will often invite the student to their home for meals or to events. We have a first-year mentor program called G'Local and an Intercultural Partners program to help students make the most of their experience here. Our Assistant Director of International Student and Scholar Services and our Multilingual and Intercultural Program Coordinator are full-time advisors and advocates for international students. The college also provides health care service, professional psychologists, use of all athletic facilities, library, career counseling, a diversity center and many student activities at no extra cost.

### **Gustavus Adolphus College Calendar 2020-2021**

#### **2020 Fall Semester**

August 30-31: new international student arrival  
September 1-4: international orientation  
September 4-7: all student orientation  
September 8: first day of classes  
October 6-7: [Nobel Conference](#)  
October 24-27: fall break  
November 25-29: Thanksgiving break  
December 19: last day of final exams

#### **2021 Spring Semester**

February 1-2: new international student arrival  
February 2-5: international orientation  
February 8: first day of classes  
March 27 - April 5: spring break  
March 27 – April 5: Easter break  
April 28: MAYDAY! Peace Conference  
May 25: last day of final exams  
May 29: Commencement

#### **2021 Interim Experience**

January 4: first day of classes  
January 29: last day of classes

Exchange students who are at Gustavus for a full academic year may take a January Interim Experience course at no extra cost. The full [Gustavus academic calendar](#) is online.