



# TEXAS LAW EXCHANGE PROGRAM

2023-2024 Fact Sheet

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Texas Law students become rigorous analytical thinkers and world-changing professionals. They learn from scholars of national and international stature in the classroom and are trained by brilliant and dedicated lawyers in the finest set of clinical programs in the country. Come see why we are ranked among the top 17 national law schools by *U.S. News & World Report*.

## Exchange Semester Timeline

### Fall

**Call for nominations:** Early February

**Application:** Late March

**Orientation:** Mid-August

**Course registration:** Mid-August (at orientation)

**Fee bill:** Created after course registration

**Courses:** Late August-early December

**Final exams:** Early-mid-December

**Earliest departure date:** Mid-December (after finals)

**Transcript release:** Mid-January

### Spring

**Call for nominations:** Mid-July

**Application:** Early September

**Orientation:** Early January

**Course registration:** Early January (at orientation)

**Fee bill:** Created after course registration

**Courses:** Early January-late April

**Final Exams:** Late April-early May

**Earliest departure date:** Early (after finals)

**Transcript release:** Mid-June

## **Nomination and Application Procedure**

Students must be nominated online by their home university: [https://utexas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_4GDhRijXca1X7zo](https://utexas.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_4GDhRijXca1X7zo). Exchange partners must upload the following documents: (1) 1-page statement of purpose, (2) most recent law school transcript (3.0/4.0 (B) minimum GPA), (3) TOEFL IBT (98 minimum) or IELTS Academic (7 minimum) score report, (4) signed acknowledgement affirming the student will not leave Austin until after final exams. Fall deadlines: March 1 (nomination) and March 31 (steps 1 and 2 of the general application process).



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**Academic advisors:** Advise exchange students on course content and guide them in building a course schedule.

**Academic calendar:** <https://law.utexas.edu/student-affairs/academic-services/academic-calendars/>

**Application:** Incoming exchange students must be law students at one of our partner institutions. Non-law exchange students at UT Austin are not permitted to take classes at the Law School. Exchange students cannot complete the online application until they have been admitted to the Law School. <https://global.utexas.edu/iss/academic-services/student-exchange/apply>

**Class attendance:** Regular and punctual attendance is required in all courses, and faculty members may adopt more specific attendance policies. Listening at a later time to a recorded class session is not a substitute for attendance. Because attendance is required, registration for courses that meet at the same time or at overlapping times is not permitted. <https://law.utexas.edu/student-affairs/academic-services/policies-and-procedures/attendance/#:~:text=Regular%20and%20punctual%20attendance%20is,not%20a%20substitute%20for%20attendance.>

**Class schedule:** Exchange students will be sent a list of approved courses before orientation. They are not permitted to take 1L-only required courses or courses with prerequisites. Also, if your home university requires you to take certain courses while studying abroad, you may want to reconsider the Exchange Program at Texas Law because we **cannot** guarantee courses, except those developed specifically for foreign-trained lawyers. <https://law.utexas.edu/courses/>

**Clinics:** Exchange students are permitted to take the following clinics: Actual Innocence, Capital Punishment (prerequisite: Capital Punishment course must be taken concurrently or have been taken previously), Civil Rights, Disability Rights, Entrepreneurship & Community Development, Environmental, Human Rights, Immigration, Law & Religion, and Transnational Worker Rights. All clinics require an application. Exchange students will be sent an email when the application opens.

**Contact:** Dr. Mauricio Pajon, Ph.D., Director of Graduate & International Admissions, The University of Texas School of Law, [IncomingExchange@law.utexas.edu](mailto:IncomingExchange@law.utexas.edu)

**Cost of attendance:** 1 semester: \$10,000. 1 academic year: \$20,000. <https://global.utexas.edu/iss/immigration/f-1/financial-information>

**Course load:** 10 credit hours (minimum). 16 credit hours (maximum).

**Covid-19:** On this site, you will find information on vaccines, getting tested, and healthy behaviors you can practice to keep yourself and others healthy. <https://protect.utexas.edu/>

**Disability accommodations:** Texas Law is committed to the full inclusion of students with disabilities in the Law School community. In partnership with The University of Texas at Austin Services for Students with Disabilities Office, the Student Affairs Office coordinates all disability accommodations at the law school. <https://law.utexas.edu/student-affairs/student-services/services-for-students-with-disabilities/>

**English requirements:** Exchange students whose first law degree is not being taught entirely in English must submit a TOEFL iBT or TOEFL iBT Home Edition (98 minimum) or IELTS Academic or IELTS Indicator (7 minimum) score report.

**Fee bill:** Created after course registration at orientation. Includes the following fees: (1) Mandatory UT Student Health Insurance Plan (<https://global.utexas.edu/iss/advising-services/insurance/costs>), (2) \$125 International Student and Scholar Services fee, and (3) \$10 UT Student ID card fee. Must be paid by the 4th class day or classes will be dropped.

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**Grading:** The following letter grades are assigned in the School of Law: A+, A, A-; B+, B, B-; C+, C; D; and F. An explanation of the grading policy appears on the student's transcript. A student must receive a final grade of at least D in a course to receive credit for that course. All non-JD students (LLM, Exchange, non-Law) will be excluded from the mean grade calculation for the purpose of these rules. <https://law.utexas.edu/student-affairs/academic-services/grading-policies/#:~:text=Grading%20System,appears%20on%20the%20student's%20transcript.&text=A%20student%20must%20receive%20a,receive%20credit%20for%20that%20course>.

**Health Insurance:** The University of Texas Board of Regents requires that all international students enrolled at UT in a visa status of F or J have health insurance (including those applying for F or J status). For this reason, enrollment in the AcademicBlue UT Student Health Insurance Plan is automatic at the time of registration, and the cost of the policy is included in the student's fee bill. <https://global.utexas.edu/issv/advising-services/insurance>

**Housing:** Exchange students are responsible for making their own housing arrangements. The UT International Office provides suggestions to help you in your search. <https://global.utexas.edu/english-language-center/resources/pre-arrival/housing>

**Incoming Exchange Student website:** <https://law.utexas.edu/academics/academics-degree-programs-landing-page/international-study-abroad/incoming-exchange-students/#:~:text=Incoming%20exchange%20students%20must%20be,880%20J.D.%20and%2050%20LL>.

**Language of instruction:** English

**Law School website:** <https://law.utexas.edu/>

**Orientation:** Orientation is mandatory. Exchange students must be here for orientation, or they will not be allowed to enroll. Orientation sessions will cover logistics and programming, classroom skills, curriculum and course selection, group advising, Intro to U.S. Law, Law School tour, Intro to Legal Research, Tarlton Library Tour, Pro Bono, Intro to U.S. Legal Writing, Intro to Common Law Principles, journals and student orgs presentations, etc.

**Required course:** All exchange students are required to take a 3-credit course as an introduction to the U.S. common law system (U.S. Constitutional Law in fall or Contracts for Foreign Lawyers in spring).

**Statement of purpose:** Tell us about yourself, including why you want to study abroad at Texas Law and how this connects to past achievements and future plans. This statement could discuss your interest in the American legal system, specific classes you want to take (link to Class Schedule above), and your motivation for wanting to live in the City of Austin. The statement of purpose should be limited to 1 double-spaced page.

**Transcript:** A PDF of the unofficial transcript is emailed to the partner school and to the student.

**Virtual tour:** <https://youtu.be/rzxnUytV4Xg>