



*OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL LINKAGES*  
**UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES**

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# **STUDENT EXCHANGE FACT SHEET**





# ABOUT UP

The University of the Philippines (UP) is the national university of the Philippines. It takes pride in being the pioneer and leader in higher education in the Philippines through academic excellence, outstanding research, and public service. UP produces scientific and creative outputs of the highest quality – receiving both national and international recognition.

UP was established on June 18, 1908 and presently has eight constituent universities: UP Diliman, UP Manila, UP Los Baños, UP Visayas, UP Mindanao, UP Open University, UP Baguio and UP Cebu.

UP Diliman is the biggest and most comprehensive unit, excelling in various fields. Other campuses are known for specific areas of specialization. UP Manila is the country's center of excellence in the health sciences; UP Los Baños is a distinguished center of academic excellence in agriculture, forestry and related sciences in Asia; UP Visayas is noted for its program in fisheries which is recognized as one of the best in Asia; UP Baguio is noted for its specialization in the arts and humanities. UP Open University provides education opportunities beyond the boundaries of a conventional university (i.e. through distance learning); and the UP Cebu offers courses in information technology and business programs.

# EXCHANGE INFORMATION

## Academic Schedule

First Semester: 1st Week of August - 2nd Week of December

Second Semester: 1st Week of January - 4th Week of May

**Average Course Load:** 15 to 18 units or 5 to 6 courses

## Grading System:

1.0 - 1.25 Excellent

1.5 - 1.75 Very Good

2.0 - 2.25 Good

2.5 - 2.75 Satisfactory

3.0 Pass

4.0 Conditional

5.0 Fail

## Visa Requirement

Foreign students are assisted by the OIL of the UP Constituent University in their visa application. Once accepted by UP, the student is given a step-by-step procedure on how he/she can obtain student visa or 47(A)(2) visa.

## Insurance

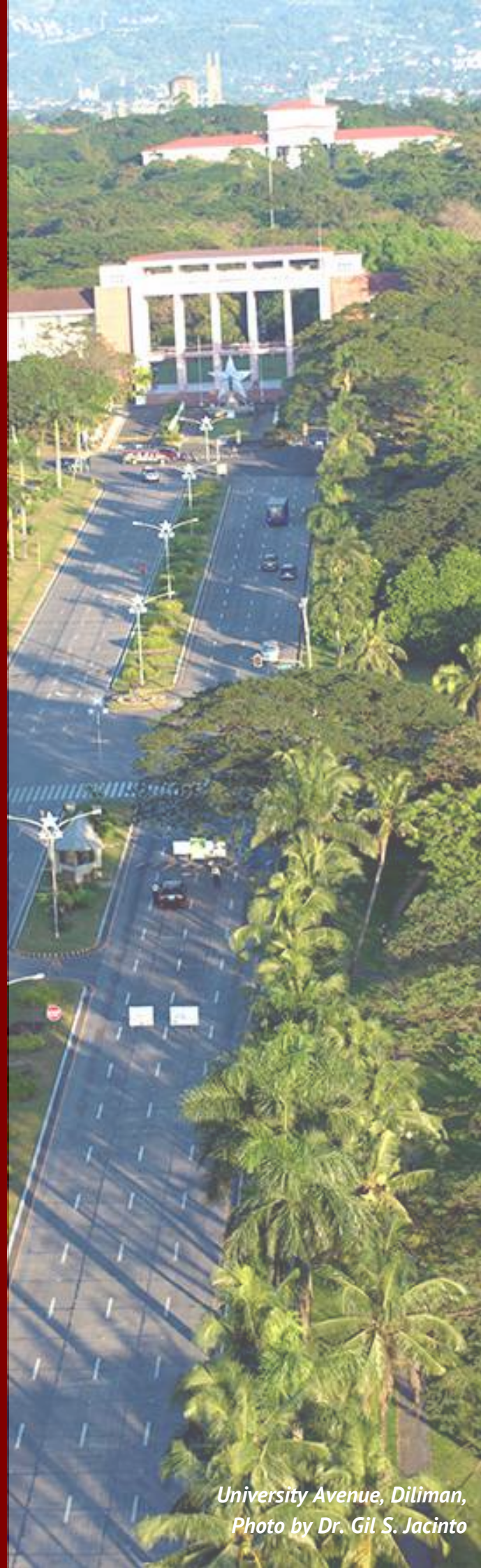
UP does not require a specific insurance, but foreign students are encouraged to get one.

## Accommodation

The University of the Philippines may provide accommodation to international students. However, reservation is on first come first served basis.

## Estimated Living Cost

Php 15,000 – Php 25,000 per month



*University Avenue, Diliman,  
Photo by Dr. Gil S. Jacinto*





*Oblation Plaza, Photo by Jonathan Madrid, UP MPRO*

UP accepts foreign exchange students from partner universities around the world. These inbound students should be officially nominated by their home university based on their own set criteria for selecting exchange students. Students may choose to enroll to any UP Constituent Universities (CU) as long as the courses the students will be taking are available in that UP CU.

### **Eligibility**

To be eligible as an inbound exchange student, the applicant:

- Must be endorsed by the International Relations Office of the Home University;
- Should have sufficient English Language Proficiency to cope with requirements of the courses;
- Preferably with General Point Average of 3.0/4.0.

### **Requirements**

- Nomination Letter from Home University's International Relations Office
- Accomplished UP Inbound Student Exchange Application Form
- Transcript of Records (in English)
- Proof of English Language Proficiency (if available)
- AUN-ACTS Online Generated Application form (for AUN-ACTS Applicants)

### **Application Procedure**

Aspiring inbound students should coordinate first with their International Relations Office for the internal selection process for the Home University's Student Exchange Program. Once selected to participate in the Student Exchange Program as inbound student, the following procedures are to be undertaken:

- International Relations Office will submit an official letter of nomination to the official email of the UP Office of International Linkages (OIL) at [oil@up.edu.ph](mailto:oil@up.edu.ph) on or before 15 April of the current year for UP's 1st semester (August intake) or on or before 15 September of the current year for UP's 2nd semester (January intake).
- UP OIL will evaluate the nomination and will send the partner university with the UP CU's application packet once the nomination is accepted.
- The student will then need to comply with requirements in the application packet on or before 30 May of the current year for UP's 1st semester or on or before 30 October of the current year for UP's 2nd semester. Scanned copy of the documents should be sent directly to UP CU email, copy furnished the UP OIL.



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