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Miami University
Ohio



About the Host Institution

Miami University is a university with faculty who are dedicated to knowledge and discovery. A liberal education core provides the foundation for the more specialized studies of the majors. Immersing students in both academic and co-curricular experiences has enabled Miami to achieve a top-tier national ranking among universities that provide the best student outcomes.

Location:

Oxford, Ohio, United States

Requirements/Eligibility:

1. Sophomores encouraged to apply; must have at least 60 credits by program start date; seniors may not go in last semester.
2. Must not go during graduating semester (last semester).
Must not go on graduating year (for engineering students only)
3. Must have at least a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.
4. Minimum TOEFL/IELTS score: 80 iBT or 6.5 IELTS

AUS Placement Availability and Likelihood:

Please be aware that spaces in this program may be limited, and the number of spaces available for AUS placements will vary from semester to semester. That means that sometimes, access to these spaces will be competitive based on your cumulative GPA, Essay, Reference Letters, and other considerations. AUS International Exchange Office (IXO) will try to accommodate your first choice placements wherever possible, but you should always list several programs in your application, in case space is not available in your first choice university.

Length of Stay:

One or two semesters.

Courses

Students typically take between 12-16 credits during each exchange semester. Students can access course descriptions and prerequisite information at the following website (select appropriate year and then 'Courses of Instruction' on the left hand column): <http://miamioh.edu/academics/bulletin/>. Students can search course offerings by term at <http://www.admin.MiamiOH.edu/cfapps/courselist/>.

CAS: Students have a wide range of courses to choose from.

CAAD: Miami University is NAAB-accredited and students may choose courses from the Department of Architecture and Interior Design.

CEN: The following Engineering programs are ABET-accredited. Students may choose from a variety of courses:

Bioengineering
Chemical Engineering
Computer Engineering
Computer Science
Electrical Engineering
Manufacturing Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

SBA: Miami University is AACSB-accredited. Students may choose from a variety of courses: Accounting, Business, Economics, Finance, International Business, Management Information Systems and Marketing. Students are encouraged to take their general education (humanities, etc.), free electives and Business electives (MJR or MIN electives). Students can also take major or required courses during their study abroad semester after getting the approval from SBA at AUS.

- **IMPORTANT NOTE ON BUSINESS COURSES:** Business majors who meet prerequisites for business classes (ACC, BUS, BLS, BTE, ECO, ESP, FIN, ISA, MGT, and MKT) are eligible to take up to three business courses only, no more than two from the same department. Due to high demand for business courses, students are encouraged to be flexible with course selections.

Placement in preferred courses is not guaranteed. A surcharge of \$100 per credit hour is assessed for business courses and is not covered by exchange benefits. Contact Jenni Kim at jenni.kim@miamioh.edu for questions concerning this fee.

AUS Course Approval:

Upon getting the placement from IXO, students should plan on working on their [AUS Course Permission Form](#) and get their classes approved by the department's designated approver for the courses that will be taken abroad. Upon approval, students would be provided with the grades required to transfer credits. Students must achieve the minimum grade as indicated on the form to receive course credit (requirements for credit transfer vary by program). Each study abroad case is subject to approval.

Program Fees and Costs:

Exchange students pay AUS tuition fees for the full course load (12-16 credits) in addition to AUS Student Activities fees. Any additional costs including housing, lab fees, meal plans, books and insurance will be paid directly to the host university.

AUS Financial Grants and Scholarships:

AUS students on grants/scholarships must obtain approval from the Office of Financial Grants and Scholarships before starting a semester abroad at a host university. In cases where the AUS student pays tuition directly to AUS for study abroad, the student will continue to use their AUS grants and AUS-funded scholarships for that semester abroad. These students should speak with the Financial Grants and Scholarship Manager for more information scholarship@aus.edu.

AUS Sponsored Students:

Students sponsored by external organizations that are in partnership with the AUS Sponsorship Liaison Office will be responsible for asking permission with their sponsor. A Letter to the Sponsor is available from the International Exchange Office. Please contact ixo@aus.edu.

Housing/Accommodation:

Exchange students can be housed in on-campus residence halls. Rooms are generally double occupancy. Residence hall options can be found at: <http://www.miamioh.edu/housing>.

On-campus Rate: \$2,704-\$4,982 per semester with a \$330 non-refundable security deposit, paid at the time of confirmation. Rates by room type can be found at the above link. Rates are subject to change.

- **Off-campus Option:** Students who are 21 years or older or have completed two full years of university study have the option of living off-campus. Students choosing to live off campus are responsible for finding their own accommodations. Recommendations for off-campus housing can be found at <https://www.oxfordcommons.com/?cpm=ppcgoogle&clid=EAlaIqobChMI>.

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- **Orientation and Break Housing:** Temporary housing is provided during orientation and prior to the official opening of the residence halls at a fee of \$33/night (as of August). Students will also incur a fee of \$26/night if they stay in dorm rooms during Thanksgiving break, winter break/term or spring break. These periods are not covered by housing contracts. Rates are subject to change.

Visa:

J-1 Visa Requirements: Sponsors are to require that their participants (and any dependents entering the United States as holders of a J-2 visa) have insurance in effect during the period of time they are in the sponsor's program. An insurance policy secured to meet the benefits requirements must be underwritten by an insurance corporation with an A.M. Best rating of "A-" or above, an Insurance Solvency International, Ltd. (ISI) rating of "A-I" or above, a Standard and Poor's Claims Paying Ability rating of "A-" or above, or a Weiss Research, Inc. rating of B+ or above. Alternatively, the sponsor may ascertain that the participant's policy is backed by the full faith and credit of the government of the exchange visitor's home country.

Health Insurance:

All exchange students must have valid health insurance coverage during their stay abroad. They can either purchase from their home country or from MU. Follow instructions given by the host university. A basic student health insurance policy is available through the Student Health Service and costs \$584* for Fall Semester or \$761* for Spring/Summer Semester. The premium for a full year of coverage is \$1341. <http://miamioh.edu/student-life/student-health-service>

The Miami University policy can be waived with proof of an acceptable policy meeting the following minimum requirements:

- Medical benefits of at least \$50,000 per accident or illness
 - Repatriation of remains in the amount of \$7,500
 - Expenses associated with the medical evacuation of the exchange visitor to his or her home country in the amount of \$10,000
 - A deductible not to exceed \$500 per accident or illness.
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Study Abroad Experience

Zakir's Semester at Miami University



Zakir Hussein at Miami University (Far Right)

Zakir Hussein, an accounting student, studied abroad for a semester at Miami University in Spring 2014.

Hussein said, "Even though MU wasn't my first choice, my semester there made me realize it should have been."

While I was there I took two major courses and three electives. Even with my busy schedule I managed to be more active than I thought I would be. I participated in football tournaments and I even managed to go skiing during spring break!"

When asked about Hussein's experience, he said, "Studying abroad was the best decision I ever made whilst in AUS. It was an experience full of happiness and lessons."

Hussein advised, "Studying abroad can do wonders for a student if he/she takes the initiative and acts brave. It helps you to step out of your comfort zone by forcing you to depend on yourself. In addition, you gain a new perspective on life. The greatest benefit I received from this experience was how much I matured. If I could sum up this whole experience into one sentence, I would say make the most of it, because it is the best thing you can ever do in your university years."