



COE COLLEGE



About the Host Institution

Coe College, 150 years old, is a small but excellent American liberal-arts college located in eastern Iowa. Coe's 1,400 undergraduate students live on a beautiful grassy campus, where a distinctive university culture arises out of close contact with faculty in small classes, enhanced by the myriad educational, cultural, and co-curricular activities that the college provides.

Cedar Rapids is a safe city of about 130,000 inhabitants and happens to be home to the "Mother Mosque," the oldest purpose-built mosque in the United States. Cedar Rapids also has the first exclusively Muslim cemetery in North America. This is a wonderful study abroad destination for politically interested students. Once every four years Iowa is the epicenter of American politics as the first state to caucus for presidential candidates. This means candidates for president spend a lot of time here meeting ordinary people (e.g. Barack Obama spoke at Coe College twice while campaigning).

Location:

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, USA

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 have at least a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above
3. Must be an undergraduate student

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:

Coe is only for CAS majors.

CAAD: No courses offered for CAAD majors.

CAS: This program is best for International Studies and Mass Communication majors. Students are open to a wide range of General Education courses. For more information, visit <https://www.coe.edu/application/files/1415/3817/0092/catalog.pdf>

CEN: No courses offered for CEN majors.

SBA: Coe has business courses, but they are not AACSB-accredited, so SBA majors cannot take business classes there for credit transfer.

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 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. Students sponsored by an organization outside of AUS are responsible for making arrangements with their sponsor.

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.

Housing/Accommodation:

Exchange students are expected to live on campus. Coe's residence halls vary in style, size and personality. Each hall has vending machines, laundry facilities and at least one kitchen. For more information visit www.coe.edu/student-life/campus-life/housing.

Visa:

Students must apply to the US Embassy/Consulate to obtain their F1 Student Visa.

For more information about F1 Visa regulations, visit www.coe.edu/student-life/student-development/international-student-affairs/f-1-visa-information.

Students must make an appointment and follow up with the required documentation, such as the letter of acceptance and bank statement.

See

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/forms/ds-160-online->

[nonimmigrant-visa-application.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/nonimmigrant-visa-application.html) and <https://ceac.state.gov/ceac/>

for complete information on visa application process.

Health Insurance:

All exchange students must have valid health insurance coverage during their stay abroad. In order to ensure that all international students meet health insurance requirements, effective Fall 2019, all international students similar to US students must have health insurance plans with a US carrier who meets minimum coverage requirements to ensure compliance and avoid students facing major financial and health hardships because of inadequate coverage. Students will no longer be able to waive the AU health insurance by having an overseas plan.

Since the passage of the Affordable Care Act in 2010, US-based insurance plans are required to provide coverage for pre-existing medical conditions, provide coverage for essential health benefits (including emergency care, mental and substance abuse treatment, preventative care, and laboratory services), along with banning annual and lifetime coverage caps. However, policies purchased by international students do not always carry these mandates. These international plans frequently exclude routine care, mental health, and substance abuse treatment and only provide coverage for emergency situations. Students from certain countries cannot obtain policies that include mental health and substance abuse treatment since this type of treatment is illegal in their home country. Additionally, some international plans require students to pay out of pocket for healthcare costs and then submit receipts for reimbursement since the carriers do not have a claims mailing address in the United States. Many students also submit waivers with insurance from their home country which does not provide coverage in the US.

Please contact ixo@aus.edu.



Barack Obama at Coe in his first Presidential campaign



Reception for international students at Coe