



# International Guest Student Program

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**Study at an Ivy League university and live on Penn's campus  
for an incredible US college experience**

The International Guest Student Program (IGSP) at the University of Pennsylvania is the gateway for highly qualified international undergraduate students to pursue for-credit coursework at a top-ranked Ivy League university. The IGSP is designed to support your goals, whether you are seeking to enhance your academic record, build your credentials for graduate study, or refine your language and cross-cultural communication skills.

Our skilled advisors help you select appropriate courses based on your language proficiency, academic background, schedule, and interests. At the completion of the program, you receive transcripts from the University of Pennsylvania and are awarded credits that can be transferred to your home institution.

## Program Contacts

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### **International Guest Student Program advisor**

The manager of the International Guest Student Program serves as your primary advisor during your Penn experience. Your advisor helps you select

appropriate courses based on your language proficiency, academic background, and schedule. Your advisor also helps you set up your Penn access and get prepared for life at Penn.

### **Associate Director of International Programs**

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To schedule an appointment or check the status of an application, please call (215) 898-3197 or email [lps@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:lps@sas.upenn.edu).

## **Admissions and Eligibility**

As a guest student at Penn, you have access to world-class libraries, computing facilities, academic and language support resources, and accommodations in campus residence halls. In classes and around campus, you interact with a diverse student body of undergraduate and graduate students, providing numerous opportunities for cultural and language exchange.

We look forward to [speaking with you](#) as you explore the opportunities that await you at Penn.

The International Guest Student Program (IGSP) is designed for students currently enrolled in undergraduate programs at institutions outside the US. Students must have completed the first year of their undergraduate studies and maintained the equivalent of a 3.3 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) or higher in prior college-level work.

If your first language is not English, you must demonstrate adequate proficiency in English. If you do not meet the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) requirement, we encourage you to contact Penn's [English Language Program](#) to inquire about the Intensive English Program.

## **Application and deadlines**

The first step toward studying in the International Guest Student Program at Penn is completing the online application.

You may apply to begin your studies during the fall or spring terms. (If you plan to study during the summer term please apply to the [Penn Summer Global Institute](#).) Your application portfolio, including all transcripts, must be received by the following deadlines:

Term of Entry	Deadline
Spring 2023	October 24, 2022
Fall 2023	June 1, 2023

## Curriculum



As an International Guest student, you will enroll in a full-time program of study (4 course units\*) each semester you are enrolled at Penn. You will work closely with an academic advisor to select the courses that will help you accomplish your academic goals.

## Choose your courses

As a student in the International Guest Student Program, you have access to a broad range of undergraduate courses (up to the 599 level). Each semester, the College of Liberal and Professional Studies (LPS) offers courses from more than 50 academic departments at a discounted tuition rate.

- See [tuition rates for LPS courses](#) >
- See the [LPS course catalog](#) >

In addition, students are eligible for courses offered by the College of Arts and Sciences, the Wharton School, and the School of Engineering and Applied

Sciences. As part of the International Guest Student Program, students must enroll in a minimum of 2 course units through LPS or the College of Arts and Sciences.

- See [tuition rates for non-LPS courses](#) >
  - Please note that students who enroll in a full-time program of study of non-LPS courses will be charged one semester at the [flat undergraduate rate](#).
- See the [University course catalog](#) >

## Course load

International Guest students must maintain full-time student status to meet visa requirements. Full-time student status requires a minimum of 4 course units during each semester of study (fall, spring, and/or summer). Typically International Guest students do not carry more than 4 course units during a given semester to ensure strong performance in all coursework. However, it is possible for special permission to be approved to carry up to a maximum of 5.5 course units during a semester after strong performance has been proven through one full semester at the standard level.

## Tuition and Fees

Your tuition at the University of Pennsylvania is calculated at a per [course unit \(c.u.\)](#) rate\* based on the program you choose and the number of course units for which you register unless otherwise indicated. All tuition and fee charges are subject to the approval of the Trustees of the University of Pennsylvania and may change without notice.

Tuition for College of Liberal and Professional Studies (LPS) courses taken by International Guest students are billed at the LPS undergraduate tuition rate. Please see the rates listed in the table below. LPS courses end with a section code between 601 and 606 in the fall and spring. A full listing for each semester can be found in the [course guide](#).

International Guest students in the College of Liberal and Professional Studies who are taking courses outside of LPS (i.e., in other schools of the University such as the College of Arts and Sciences, the Wharton School, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and Penn Nursing) are charged the tuition of that school.

Students who enroll in a full course-load (4 c.u.) outside of the College of Liberal and Professional Studies will be charged the [flat undergraduate rate](#) (please note these rates are for the full academic year) for tuition and fees. Students enrolling in classes offered at other schools of the University should coordinate closely with their academic advisors to fully understand the tuition implications. For complete course taking policies please see the [International Guest Student Handbook \(PDF\)](#).

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### Tuition and Fee Rates for International Guest Student Program Students

Fall 2022 Tuition and Fee Rates				
Course Enrollment	Tuition	General Fee	Tech Fee	Clinical Fee
4 LPS	\$14,696	\$2,838	\$456	\$332
3 LPS and 1 non-LPS	\$18,198	\$2,838	\$456	\$332
2 LPS and 2 non-LPS	\$21,700	\$2,838	\$456	\$332
1 LPS and 3 non-LPS	\$25,202	\$2,838	\$456	\$332
4 non-LPS	\$28,106	\$2,838	\$456	\$332
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## Additional fees

In addition to the tuition and fees listed above, students enrolled in four or more course units will be charged a mandatory clinical fee of \$332 per semester. An orientation fee of \$345\* (subject to change) will apply to students entering the International Guest Student Program in the fall semester.

## Fee definitions

- **General fee:** A general fee is assessed to all undergraduate, graduate, and professional students, and directly funds Penn's non-instructional student support services. The general fee for full-time students provides them with full access to a wide variety of services and resources, including counseling and wellness, multicultural resource centers, student activities, recreation and fitness, career services, learning support, and much more.
- **Technology fee:** This fee assists with the cost of computer labs and technological services.
- **Clinical fee:** This mandatory fee is assessed to all students and supports Penn Wellness services, including Campus Health, Counseling and Psychological Services, the Student Health Service, and the Office of Alcohol and Other Drug Programs.
- **Orientation fee:** The orientation fee covers meals during orientation week and access to orientation activities offered by LPS, Penn Global, and New Student Orientation.