

BELMONT UNIVERSITY Exchange Program Fact Sheet 2024 - 2025



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ABOUT BELMONT UNIVERSITY

Consistently recognized as a “Most Innovative” university, Belmont University draws more than 8,900 students who represent every state and more than 30 countries. The campus sits on 84 picturesque acres that are located just two miles from downtown Nashville, Tennessee, a dynamic and vibrant hub for government, healthcare, music, tourism and more. A private, four-year university, Belmont brings together the best of liberal arts and professional education in a Christian community of learning and service. The University’s purpose is to help students explore their passions and develop their talents to meet the world’s needs.

ABOUT NASHVILLE, TN

Known as Music City, and one of the nation’s fastest-growing cities (metropolitan population of 2.1 million), Nashville continues its emergence as a cultural, artistic and entertainment-rich destination, filled with more than 150+ unique music and event venues, a myriad of art galleries, plus parks and greenways.

Rated one of the top 10 tourist destinations in the world, according to Lonely Planet, Nashville has a host of unique attractions, including the Country Music Hall of Fame® and Museum, The Frist Center for the Visual Arts, the Grand Ole Opry, Cheekwood Estate and Gardens, Schermerhorn Symphony Center, Ryman Auditorium, and more. Sports fans are also covered with the NFL’s Tennessee Titans, the NHL Stanley Cup finalist Nashville Predators and Minor League Baseball Nashville Sounds all playing home games within four miles of campus.

Nashville typically experiences a mild climate, with only a few days a year having extremely hot or cold conditions. Rainfall occurs most often in the spring months, but it is not unusual for a shower throughout the year. In the fall, days are warm, but evenings may require a sweater or light jacket. Winter temperatures range from cool to cold, with snowfall occurring most frequently in January or February.



8,910
Students

undergrad students **7,384**
graduate students **1,526**

Nashville, TN

POPULATION: 1,750,000

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STUDENT-TO-FACULTY-RATIO

students hail from
EVERY STATE
and more than
30 COUNTRIES

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Semester One/Fall	Important Dates
Fall 2024 Semester	August-December
Move-In Date	August 12, 2024
International Student Orientation	
Orientation	August 13-16, 2024
Welcome Week	August 16-20, 2024
Classes Begin	August 21, 2024
Exams/Semester End	December 6-12, 2024
Semester Two/Spring	Important Dates
Spring 2025 Semester	January - May
Move-In Date	January 5, 2025
Spring 2025 Orientation	January 6-7, 2025
Classes Begin	January 8, 2025
Exams/Semester End	April 25-May 1, 2025

Detailed semester dates such as add/drop, holidays, etc. can be found at <https://www.belmont.edu/academics/calendar/>

NOMINATIONS & APPLICATIONS

Exchange students will only be considered for admittance to Belmont University with a nomination by their home university. Students must be in good standing with a minimum of a 2.5 GPA. Partner universities may nominate students up to the yearly allotment via Jotform:

<https://belmont.jotform.com/213474331130039>

Nomination Deadlines	For Partners
Fall 2024	March 15, 2024
Spring 2025	October 15, 2024

Items Required For Application

- 1 Application Form** (you will be emailed access to the online exchange application form once nominated by your home university.)
- 2 Official Transcripts** from all universities attended. Must be in English and **include GPA on a 4.0 scale** computed by home institution.
- 3 Demonstrated proof of English language ability.** Exchange students will need to send official scores with a minimum score of 550 (TOEFL), 80 (IBT TOEFL), or 6.5 (IELTS). We also accept the CAE, IB, PTE, E3, and Duolingo. A full list of English Proficiency tests and minimum scores accepted can be found [online here](#).
- 4 Financial Documents** need to be submitted to verify that the student has sufficient funds to cover living expenses while studying at Belmont. Official bank statements in English will be needed, along with an affidavit of support if the student is not self-sponsored.

VISA PROCESS

Once you have been accepted as an exchange student at Belmont University, we will issue you a DS-2019 form. You will use the DS-2019 to apply for a J-1 (exchange visitor) visa at an American embassy. There are two fees required to obtain a J-1 visa: 1) the SEVIS fee \$350 (I-901) and 2) the non-immigrant visa fee \$160 (DS-160). For details, see: www.fmjfee.com.

- With a J-1 visa, you are allowed to arrive up to 30 days prior to your visa start date and are required to depart the United States no later than 30 days after your visa ending date.

TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES

We arrange an early check-in date for our international students to allow them time to acclimate to the US and attend mandatory International Student Orientation. Please wait to book your travel until you have heard from ISSS on when your check-in time and date will be. Upon entry into the US, students are required to

show their DS-2019 form, SEVIS receipt, financial documents, visa, and passport to US Customs and Border Protection. Please make sure to have these items in your carry-on luggage.

LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION

Undergraduate and Graduate: English

COURSE OFFERINGS

Belmont University offers a wide selection of course offerings in more than 90 different majors within nine different undergraduate schools. Course descriptions can be found on the Belmont Catalog at <http://catalog.belmont.edu/>

COURSE REGISTRATION PROCESS

Once you are accepted to Belmont, the Inbound Coordinator will send you directions for selecting classes before registration begins. You will work with the Inbound Coordinator and the academic plan from your home university to select your classes. You will be allowed to register early for Belmont classes in order to get you your ideal course schedule.

Type of Student	Required Credit Hours/Semester
Undergraduate	Minimum of 12 credit hours/ 4 classes

COURSE RESTRICTIONS

If a Belmont class has a required prerequisite, you must demonstrate through previous coursework on your transcript that you have met the required coursework. Many 2000, 3000 and 4000 level classes will have pre-requisites that must be met before registering for the course.

Belmont reserves the right to restrict enrollment in certain courses. Motion Pictures courses (MOT) are not open to exchange students at this time. Graduate courses are not open to exchange students.

TRANSCRIPTS

You will need to fill out a Transcript Request Form before you leave Belmont so that you can receive a transcript from your time here. You can request the address to be your home university or your home mailing address. If you need to order additional transcripts, you [may request a transcript them on the Registrar's website](#).

BOOKS

Belmont University uses a textbook service called Bruin Books. Once you are admitted to Belmont, you will receive an email from Bruin Books asking you to OPT IN or OPT OUT of purchasing books directly from Belmont. You have a choice and may either use the Bruin Books service or purchase your textbooks on your own through outside partners. Make sure to check your Belmont email address, as that is the one that will be used for all official Belmont communication.

If You Opt In	If You Opt Out
You will automatically receive your books.	You are telling Belmont you will purchase your books on your own.
Books will be charged to your student account	

Books are expensive in the United States and average costs are \$500.00 - \$700.00 per semester.

How To Contact Bruin Books:

(844) 602.9864 or [chat online here](#)

HOUSING

All exchange students **are required** to live on campus and most will be housed in Thraikill or Russell Hall in a double (2 person) room. [Learn more about these Residence Halls here.](#)

*If you prefer a private room, please contact the Inbound Coordinator to make this request. Please note that requests are not guaranteed and there will be an upcharge to stay in a single room.

You are also required to purchase a meal plan and there are varying plans/costs ranging from 7- unlimited number meals/week.

<http://www.belmont.edu/sfs/cost/index.html>

Want to Purchase Linens?

Order them through our partnership with [DormCo](#) and they will be available upon your arrival. Please keep in mind that your room does not include sheets, blankets or towels.



STUDENT SERVICES AND STUDENT LIFE

International Student and Scholar Services

The Office of International Students and Scholars provides advising, cultural programming, and services to international students and research scholars from more than 36 countries. Belmont provides visa administration, information and services; advising/counseling, and international student programs. There is an International Student Orientation at the start of each semester for international students, where Belmont provides a welcome luncheon, as well as information about academics, campus resources, and US American Culture. Students will have the opportunity to participate in a number of programs sponsored by our office throughout the semester.

Computer Services

Every student will be assigned a *myBelmont* username and password before arrival, which will give you full access to the school's online systems. You will also have access to all computer labs and wireless internet on campus.

Student Life

From 200+ student organizations to the 17 NCAA Division 1 Athletic Teams, Belmont offers countless opportunities to connect with those around you. Our Fitness and Recreation department offers daily group fitness classes, personal training options, a recreational gym, workout room, racquetball courts and an on-campus climbing wall. There are intramural sports, faith development organizations, sports clubs, service groups... you name it! For more information, [visit our Student Life website.](#)

INSURANCE

The Department of State in charge issuing of J-1 (exchange visitor) visas requires that each student purchase mandatory health insurance coverage in the following amounts:

Medical benefits of at least \$100,000.00 per illness
Evacuation \$ 50,000.00
Repatriation of remains \$25,000.00
Deductible not to exceed \$500 per illness

Belmont has a dedicated insurance provider for our international students that exceeds the DOS requirements. We will purchase a plan on each exchange student's behalf and then bill their student account for the amount.

COSTS

Belmont University waives the tuition for up to 16 undergraduate credits of all admitted exchange students from partner universities. Exchange students *are required* to pay for housing and meals.

[Housing and meal plan costs can be found here.](#)

Minimum costs for 2024-2025 is \$8,525 per a semester. This includes room, meals, books, and health insurance. ***Subject to change.**

Charges	Required?	2023 – 2024 Estimated Costs
Thraikill/Russell Hall - Semester	Required	\$4,085
Meal Plan based on unlimited meals/week	Required	\$3,420
Health Plan	Required	Around \$500
Books	Varies in cost	Around \$520
Total		\$8,525

PAYMENTS

Payment for anything on the student's account (ex/room, meals, insurance, books) is due before classes begin each semester.

Students may view their bill on their *myBelmont* account. Payment may be made by credit card or wire transfer. For wire transfer instructions email: inbound@belmont.edu

Payment must be made in full by due date or else risk being dropped from their class schedule.



To read Belmont's statement of nondiscrimination, visit BELMONT.EDU/NONDISCRIMINATION