

Frequently Asked Questions regarding BUSINESS EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS:

Q: Help – I can't get my application in by the deadline due to: (insert extenuating circumstance here)! I'm freaking out!

A: We may be able to accept late applications. Contact an exchange advisor to see if an exception is possible.

Q: What if I submit it after the deadline?

A: We will review timely applications first, and then extend interview offers accordingly. Please submit an application even if it's late, and it will be reviewed before offers are made.

Q: What if I submitted my location preferences (1st, 2nd, 3rd choice) and then changed my mind about location?

A: You can email [Connie Caddis](#) with a request to change your location preferences.

Q: When are the interviews? I haven't been offered one yet!

A: We will be sending out interview offers as we review and deem applications "complete," (if all items are submitted except both references, applications will be considered "complete" for interview purposes).

Q: I submitted one (or both) recommendations by paper format. I can't see one or both of them in the OSU GO portal. What should I do?

A: We will send out "Your application is complete/missing elements" emails, with full reviews after the deadline date. This should confirm for you that we have a printed copy of a recommendation, if one was received. Please check your email folder for a message from Connie Caddis.

Q: Are references the same as "Recommendations"?

A: Yes. Pretty much. References/Recommendations are provided by two people via your GO application to support your intent to study abroad. You can check your application to see if these have been submitted. You will also receive a "Recommend" status change in your OSU GO application if you are interviewed *and then* offered a placement in the COB exchange.

Q: What if I'm selected but not offered my first choice?

A: You may not necessarily be offered your first choice, but usually you will at least be offered a 2nd option. It is important prior to the interview to consider whether you are truly willing to go someplace other than your #1 choice. All of the exchange locations offer an exceptional study abroad experience.

Q: How should I prepare for the interview?

A: Dress professionally and be prepared to discuss your interests, cultural experiences, challenges you have overcome, etc. You will be asked questions in these areas to help interviewers learn more about your desire and ability to adapt to the differences you may experience studying abroad.

Q: Can I request to go with my boyfriend/girlfriend/bestie/sister-brother/etc.?

A: We will take into consideration the circumstances that made you choose your top 3 locations. Going with your boyfriend/girlfriend/bestie/sister-brother/etc. is not usually a primary concern for us.

Q: What if I'm not in Pro School yet when I apply?

A: Unless you will be senior standing and/or fully into Pro School by the time you apply, you may want to consider Australia (UTS is a COB Exchange location but NOT offered as part of the IB option), a different study abroad opportunity, or postponing your application until you are IN Pro School and nearing senior standing. For extenuating circumstances, see an Advisor.

Q: What if my GPA is not a 2.75?

A: In order to be considered, you need to be compliant with COB progression standards (2.5 GPA), and may be provisionally offered a spot, presuming you can bring your COB GPA up by the end of the term in which you applied for the exchange.

Q: What are my chances of being accepted to Country X?

A: That is a formula that depends upon the number of applicants that apply to that country, the number our exchange partner would like to send us, and the quality of our applicant pool. Like the Pro School application, it's not easy to predict this until we see the final pool of applicants.

Q: Can I go abroad on a COB Exchange and take classes but not go for the International Business Option?

A: In some locations, yes. Australia would allow for you to take Pre or Pro Core classes, and Singapore allows for students to work toward an Asian Studies Certificate, which you can get in one term. Talk with your Advisor about your circumstances. Students earning the IMDD or Business & Entrepreneurship Minor may apply to go on exchange and could potentially take equivalents for some of those required classes abroad. However, placement priority is always given to majors and availability of acceptable equivalent courses could be limited.

Q: Once accepted, do I really have to attend an orientation?

A: YES! The orientation is mandatory. We work hard to maintain professional partnerships with these international institutions and that includes preparing our students well for their experience studying overseas. There are many steps involved from learning about visa requirements, to understanding academic differences, to preparing for emergency situations. The orientation is designed to give you the tools needed to successfully navigate all of the intricacies of spending a term abroad.