

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 missed the application deadline?

A: Contact the exchange advisor to see if a late application can be considered.

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 scheduling purposes).

Q: How do I collect the required references?

A: Input the email address of your references in the GO Application and submit. At least one reference must be from an OSU academic person. Your reference will then receive an email from the GO system with an electronic recommendation form to complete. Paper references are not accepted. However, if your reference has a written reference, they can attach it to the electronic form.

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: Students may not necessarily be offered their first choice, however, if this happens - most students have been placed with their 2nd or 3rd location preference. 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 and the quality of your application. Going with your boyfriend/girlfriend/bestie/sibling/etc. is not usually a primary concern for us.

Q: What if I'm not a Junior or Senior yet – what are my study abroad options?

A: 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 have junior/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. It is 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: Priority placement is given to students who wish to earn the IB Option. However, choosing not to pursue the IB Option is permissible. Most COB exchange locations will not have equivalent courses to required OSU business classes – so if not pursuing the IB Option, students may only be able to earn elective credits. Australia is a non-IB Option location that offers some equivalent core Business classes, and Singapore has offered an Asian Studies Certificate that can be completed 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 BA348 orientation course 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.