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FACT SHEET 2025-26**



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# ***Business is diverse – and so is Michigan Ross.***

We believe that to succeed in business, you must not only build strong relationships founded in intercultural understanding, but experience it.

- 34% of our full-time MBA students are from outside the US.
- 11% of our BBA students are from outside the US.
- Every year we welcome around 200 exchange students from dozens of different countries.



## **Business Courses**

- Ross course descriptions can be found in the [online catalogue](#).
- In general, exchange students are expected to take **elective courses** and must meet all prerequisite requirements. If your student(s) need to enroll into a core course or a specific elective course, please indicate this on the nomination form and we will do our best to accommodate this request.

# Nomination Process

- Home school coordinators should nominate students via the Ross Online Nomination Form
- Once nominated by their home school, incoming students will be provided information about how to complete an application and provide the necessary documentation (listed below).

## Nomination Deadlines\*:

- Fall 2025 Semester (August-December): March 3, 2025
- Winter 2026 Semester (January-April): September 1, 2025

## Required Documents

- Ross International Exchange Application
- Affidavit of Financial Support (FRS)
- Financial Documentation (bank statement or official bank letter)
- Copy of Passport

*\*Nomination deadlines are determined by Ross course registration timelines. Late nominations may be considered, but students must be able to submit required documents very quickly. Additionally, students nominated late may register for courses after the registration has opened and remaining course options may be limited.*

## Language Expectations

- **Language of Instruction:** English
- **Language Requirement:**
  - Students must have demonstrated proficiency in English.
  - Minimum requirements as suggested by the University are:
    - IELTS: 6.5-7.0 range
    - TOEFL (PBT): 600
    - TOEFL (IBT): 100
  - Submission of English proficiency test/certificate is not required
- **Language Courses:**
  - Foreign language courses are offered at the undergraduate level. Exchange students may take these courses if allowed by the home institution.







# Academic Expectations

## ***Academic Requirements:***

- Exchange students should have completed basic core courses before coming on exchange and should note that certain Ross courses have prerequisite course requirements that must be met before enrolling.
- If prerequisite courses are required, a home school transcript may be needed to verify course completion during course registration at Ross.

## ***Full-Time Workload:***

### **Graduate**

- Students are required to register for a minimum of 9 credit hours to be considered a full-time student and fulfill F-1 visa requirements.
- Most MBA students take 12-15 Ross credit hours per semester, the maximum is 18 Ross credit hours.

### **Undergraduate**

- Students are required to register for a minimum of 12 credit hours to be considered a full-time student and fulfill F-1 visa requirements.
- Most BBA students take 12-15 credit hours per semester, the maximum allowed is 18 credit hours.

*Students' home institutions may have different requirements for coursework at Ross. Exchange students should contact their home institution to determine these requirements.*



# Term Dates\*

*\*Dates below are tentative and will be updated once the academic calendar is available. Dates are subject to change per the Ross Registrar's Office*

## **Graduate (MBA)**

*Fall 2025*

Orientation: August 22, 2025

Classes & Exams: August 25- December 18, 2025

*Winter 2026*

Orientation: January 5, 2026

Classes & Exams: January 7 - May 1, 2026

## **Undergraduate (BBA)**

*Fall 2025*

Orientation: August 22, 2025

Classes & Exams: August 25- December 18, 2025

*Winter 2026*

Orientation: January 5, 2026

Classes & Exams: January 7 - May 1, 2026



## Orientation

Incoming Student Orientation is mandatory and will take place a few days before classes begin. Students will be informed of the confirmed date early in the application process. Once students arrive on campus, Global Initiatives will host a welcome event as well.

During the first week of class, there are numerous campus-wide welcome events.

Exchange students are encouraged to take part in these activities to integrate themselves into campus life.



# Grading

## **Graduate (MBA)**

- The Ross School of Business uses a five-level grading scale for MBA students: Excellent, Good, Pass, Low Pass, Fail.

## **Undergraduate (BBA)**

- The Ross School of Business uses a grading scale of 0.0 - 4.0.
- More information can be found on the BBA grading policy website



# Exams & Transcripts

- Exams are traditionally in mid-late October and mid-late December during the Fall term and late February and mid-late April for the Winter term (this can vary by course).
- Note that students must remain on campus to take final exams; alternative exams cannot be arranged.
- Ross Global Initiatives will send an official, electronic transcript to each partner school at the end of the term.
- Students who would like to have hardcopies of the University of Michigan transcript can order them through Wolverine Access.





## **Student Services**

### *Academic Advising:*

- Academic advising is available to all incoming exchange students and each student will receive their designated Academic Advisor information prior to course registration.
- The Academic Advisor can schedule virtual appointments prior to the start of the term as well as serve as a resource during the entire semester.

### *Student Clubs:*

- Visiting exchange students have the opportunity to participate in many of the 1,600+ student clubs at the University of Michigan.

### *Career Development:*

Exchange students have access to some services of the Ross Career Development Office (CDO). The UM Career Center also has numerous resources available to support your students' search and career development as a student at UM.

- Resources include:
  - Ross Resume creator tool in iMpact
  - Ross Recruit - job postings
  - CDO on-demand resources, including functional recruiting prep Canvas sites

# Facilities

- Ross has an extensive and fully-staffed library as well as a large computing services department.
- A cafeteria is located central to all classrooms and is open weekdays (7am-9pm).
- Ross also has its own fitness center on the lower level that students may use for a fee, but students also have access to several free recreation facilities on campus.



# Insurance

Health insurance is required for all exchange students. International student per semester insurance rates for 2024-2025 are below. 2025-26 rates will be published during the summer of 2024.

## Fall & Winter Semester (5 months each)

- Student: \$1,245
- Student + 1 dependent: \$2,465
- Student + 2 dependents: \$3,685

# Costs

Estimated expenses for 2025-26 academic year for one semester:

- Room, Board, Health Insurance, & Personal Expenses: \$11,700
- Books & Supplies: \$1,300\_
- **Total: \$13,000**



# Housing

- Global Initiatives does not provide on-campus housing. However, Global Initiatives will provide the incoming exchange students with resources for finding housing, which can be difficult to secure, especially during the Fall term.
- Note that campus rents vary considerably depending on location and housing type. Plan accordingly!

# Visas

- Students must apply for and obtain an F-1 student visa. This process typically takes 8-10 weeks. Please plan accordingly.



## Hear from other students!

- [See what past exchange students have to say about their experience at Ross](#)
- Why Ross? [Come experience the Michigan Ross community](#)



# Ross Global Initiatives - Meet our Team



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