



UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
Office of International Linkages

University of the Philippines Inbound Student Exchange

FACT SHEET

AY 2026-2027

About UP

The University of the Philippines (UP) is the national university and the premier institution of higher learning in the country. Since its establishment in 1908, UP has been recognized as the pioneer and leader in Philippine higher education, upholding the pillars of academic excellence, outstanding research, and public service.

UP was established on June 18, 1908 and presently has nine constituent universities: UP Diliman, UP Los Baños, UP Manila, UP Visayas, UP Open University, UP Mindanao, UP Baguio, UP Cebu, and UP Tacloban.



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1 SYSTEM 9 CONSTITUENT UNIVERSITIES (CUs)



UP Diliman
Quezon City
Flagship
Campus



UP Manila
Manila
Health Sciences
and Medicine



UP Los Baños
Laguna
Agriculture,
Engineering,
Biotechnology
and Natural resources



UP Baguio
Baguio
Indigenous
Cultures in the
Cordilleras



UP Visayas
Miag-ao, Iloilo
Fisheries and
Ocean Sciences



UP Tacloban
College
Tacloban
Accountancy,
Biology, Computer
Science,
Management, and
Psychology
(AUTONOMOUS)



UP Mindanao
Davao
Indigenous
Cultures in
Mindanao and
Management



UP Cebu
Cebu City
IT, Creative and
Product Design



UP Open
University
*Quezon City,
Laguna*
Open Distance
Education





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About UP SYSTEM OIL

The UP System Office of International Linkages is a unit under the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. It is mandated to identify and explore areas of cooperation and linkages with institutions abroad.

The office promotes international academic and research collaboration with partner universities through student and faculty exchange, joint research, network participation, sharing of educational resources, and other international academic and research activities. It is engaged in the initiation, planning, implementation, and monitoring of linkage activities.

The office also participates in the implementation of student exchange programs with partner universities. It facilitates the application and endorsement of UP students who wish to participate in the international exchange program. Also, it provides assistance to international exchange students such as tuition waiver through agreements between their home university and the UP System.





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ACADEMIC INFORMATION

1. Academic Calendar*
 - a. First/Fall Semester: August – December 2026
 - b. Second/Spring Semester: January – May 2027
2. Language of Instruction: English
3. Grading System: UP follows a 1.0/5.0 grading scale where the highest mark is 1.0 and failing mark is 5.0.
4. Levels Accepted:
 - a. Undergraduate students
 - b. For graduate students, this is subject to the student exchange agreement between UP and the home university as well as UP CU policy and availability.
5. Course Load: The average course load for students ranges from 15-18 units or 5-6 courses.

**subject to change*

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible as an inbound exchange student, the applicant must:

1. Must be endorsed by the International Relations Office of the Home University
2. Be a full-time enrolled undergraduate student at a UP partner institution
3. Meet UP's academic requirements and any specific criteria set by your chosen UP Constituent University (CU)
4. Have sufficient English language proficiency to cope with the requirements of the courses
5. GPA: preferably 3.0 and above



APPLICATION

The student's home university's International Relations Office (IRO) must send the documents to UP System OIL using the Nomination Portal.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR NOMINATION:

- Signed Certification and Data Privacy Consent Form
- Nomination letter from the Home University addressed to:

GINO ANGELO M. VELASCO, Dr.rer.nat

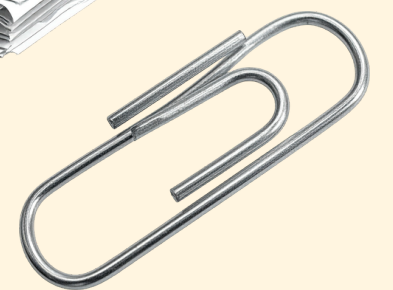
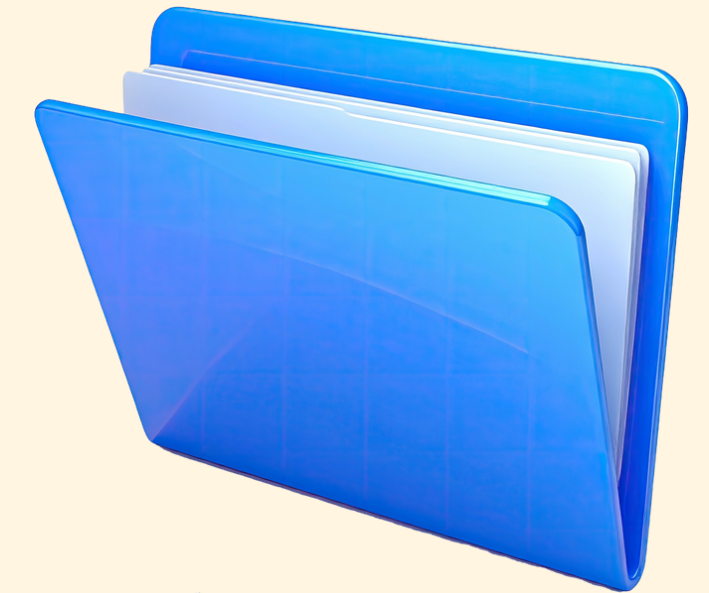
Officer-in-Charge & Deputy Director

Office of International Linkages, University of the Philippines

- Official Transcript of Records with GPA computation (in English)
- Accomplished UP Inbound Student Exchange Application Form
- Proof of English language proficiency (if available)
- AUN-ACTS online generated Application Form (for AUN-ACTS applicants)
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Nominations must be received on or before the following dates:

- 15 April – for UP's First Semester (Fall) of the current year
- 15 September – for UP's Second Semester (Spring) of the current year





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APPLICATION

After receiving the nomination, UP System OIL will:

- Conduct an initial evaluation of the documents
- Forward the nomination to the preferred UP Campus / Constituent University (CU) for review
- Send the UP CU's Application Packet to the partner university once the nomination is approved

Submission of Application Documents by the Nominated Student

Once accepted by the host UP CU, the nominated international exchange student must submit the complete application documents directly to the UP CU on or before the following dates:

- 30 May – for UP's First Semester (Fall)*
- 30 October – for UP's Second Semester (Spring)*

Students must submit the application documents to the UP CU email address indicated in the packet. Scanned copies of the documents should also be copy furnished to UP System OIL (UP OIL) for monitoring.

**This is subject to change depending on the UP CU's deadline.*



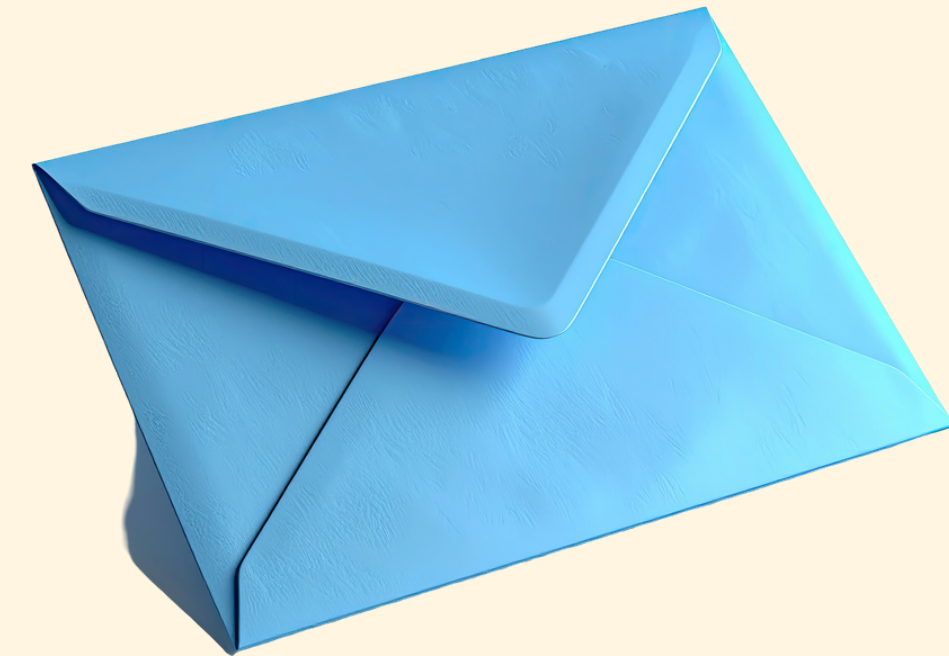


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APPLICATION

After the UP CU receives, reviews, and approves the student's application:

- The UP CU will issue an official acceptance letter (if approved) and provide the next steps (visa, enrollment, housing, arrival, etc.)
- The student may then proceed with preparing the required documents for arrival and enrollment at UP.





DEADLINES

Semestral	Nomination Deadline	Application Deadline
1st Semester (Fall) <i>August - December*</i>	Apr 15, 2026	May 30, 2026
2nd Semester (Spring) <i>January - May*</i>	Sep 15, 2026	Oct 30, 2026

LIST OF AVAILABLE COURSES

Courses are subject to availability and satisfaction of prerequisites. Students may refer to the following for an overview of the courses:

- UP Diliman (Restrictions: College of Law)
- UP Manila
- UP Los Baños
- UP Mindanao
- UP Baguio
- UP Cebu
- UP Visayas
- UP Tacloban



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LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

To ensure that MOVE-UP participants are able to meet the academic demands of their host universities abroad, all applicants must meet the required level of English proficiency as indicated below. Requirements may vary depending on the partner university, but the minimum standards below serve as the baseline for eligibility.

Applicants are required to submit proof of English proficiency if any of the following applies:

- English is not the applicant's first language, and
- English was not the primary medium of instruction in secondary school or undergraduate studies, and/or

The UP CU of choice requires standardized English test results regardless of the applicant's background. The MOVE-UP Program recognizes the following standardized tests. Host university requirements may be higher, and applicants must meet whichever score is stricter.



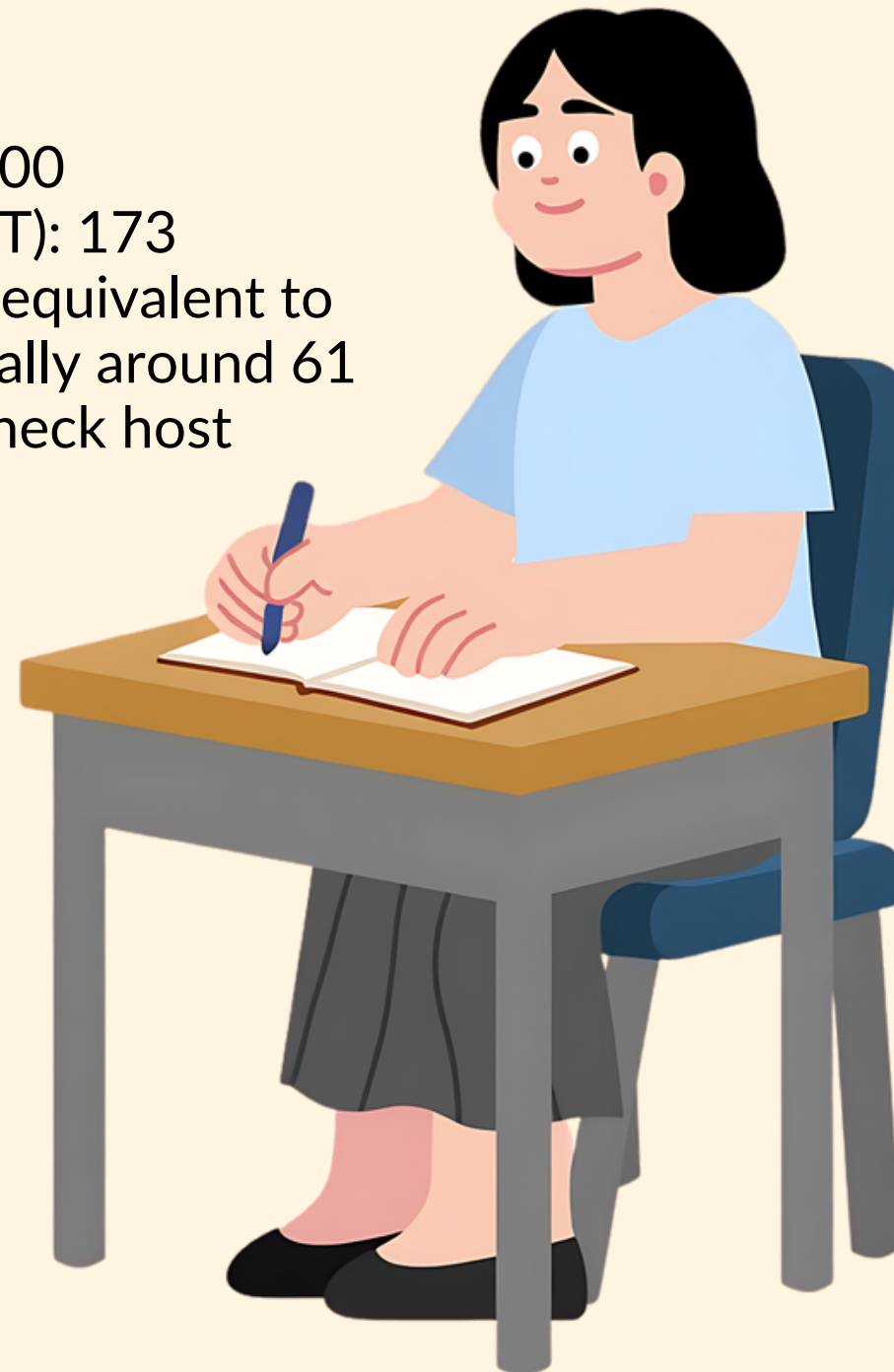


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LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

TOEFL

- Paper-Based Test (PBT): 500
- Computer-Based Test (CBT): 173
- Internet-Based Test (iBT): equivalent to PBT/CBT minimum (Typically around 61 iBT, but applicants must check host requirements)



International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

Minimum acceptable scores:

- Overall Band Score: 5.5
- Recommended: No sub-band lower than 5.0



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VISA, HEALTH & INSURANCE

Student Visa

Inbound international students are assisted by the UP Constituent University (CU) Office of International Linkages (OIL) in processing their visa application. Once accepted by UP, students will receive step-by-step guidance on how to secure the appropriate visa, typically the 9(F) Student Visa or 47(A)(2) visa (for government-to-government exchange agreements).



Insurance

All inbound exchange students are required to obtain health and travel insurance with the following minimum coverage:

- Medical Coverage: at least PHP 1,000,000.00
- COVID-19 Coverage
- Travel Cancellation/Interruption Coverage

Insurance must be valid for the entire duration of the student's stay in the Philippines.





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Student Housing

UP may provide on-campus housing for international students; however, availability is limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. Rates and availability vary per UP Campus.

Students may also opt for off-campus accommodation, which is privately operated and available for a fee. UP OIL can provide general guidance but does not manage off-campus housing. Please refer to the specific campus OIL office for more information.

Estimated Living Costs

The estimated monthly costs in Metro Manila is USD 607 excluding accommodation. Actual living expenses will vary depending on lifestyle, accommodation choice, and campus location.





ARRIVAL, ORIENTATION & Support

Expected Arrival Window

- Partner universities and students are given official arrival dates during which the UP CU expects inbound exchange students to land in the Philippines.

Arrival Coordination

Upon arrival, students are asked to:

- Notify the UP CU OIL (e.g., UP Diliman OIL)
- Submit a scanned copy of their visa and current permit for verification.
- Proceed to CU orientation venues or temporary housing.

Some CUs assist students in navigating which should be confirmed with UP CU OIL **PRIOR** to the student's arrival:

- Airport transportation options
- Dormitory check-in
- Temporary accommodation if early arrival occurs





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