



Information for Incoming Exchange Students **2025-2026**

Contact Information

Institution & Office Name	Idaho State University International Programs Office (IPO)
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Calendar Information

Term (Semester Dates)	Fall 2025	Spring 2026
Nomination Deadlines	April 15	October 1
Application Deadlines	May 15	November 1
Class Start Dates	August 25, 2025	January 12, 2026
Official Arrival Dates	August 20-22	January 7-9
Welcome & Orientation Dates	August (TBD)	January (TBD)
Class (Final Exam) End Dates	December 19, 2025	May 08, 2026

For more calendar information, go to <https://www.isu.edu/registrar/calendars/planning-calendar/>

Academic Information

Language Proficiency Equivalent and minimum GPA equivalent requirements	Bachelor: TOEFL iBT 61, IELTS 5.5; 2.0 cumulative GPA Master/Doctor: TOEFL iBT 80, IELTS 6.5; 3.0 cumulative GPA
Semester Course Schedule	http://classes.isu.edu/
Course Descriptions	http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/allcourses/
Special Courses for International Students <i>(recommended, not required)</i>	<p>English 1123 is ideal for non-native English speakers wanting to get better at writing in English</p> <p>ACAD 1106 is ideal for anyone who has never been to the U.S. before, wants to learn more about American culture</p> <p>ISU provides excellent ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) support services through its Intensive English Institute: http://www2.isu.edu/departments/iei/</p>

Housing Information

On-Campus	http://www.isu.edu/housing/ <i>Residence Hall living requires the purchase of a food plan. Apartments are furnished, and utilities are included.</i>
Off-Campus Bengal Creek Apartments	https://www.bengalcreek.com/ <i>One year leases or you can buy out a lease of a resident selling one. Contact Bengal Creek for more information.</i>

Living Expenses Information

Food & Rent	\$ 650-900+ per month, depending on personal preferences
Transportation	Pocatello has a public bus system that provides low-cost transportation in town http://www.pocatellotransit.com
Entertainment	\$ 50-100+ per month, depending on personal preferences

Other Costs	\$50 International Admin Fee (one time); possible lab/class fees
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Medical Insurance Requirements

All students must show proof of medical insurance which meets the U.S. Department of State requirements for J-1 visa students and their dependents.

Dept. of State Requirements	/j1visa.state.gov/sponsors/how-to-administer-a-program/
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Minimum Amount of Money Needed to Issue Form DS-2019 to Obtain a J-Visa

Declaration of Financial Support Form

	Room & Board paid at ISU (lowest cost)
1 Semester	\$ 3,630.00 (This includes a \$150.00 refundable deposit)
2 Semesters	\$ 7,110.00 (This includes a \$150.00 refundable deposit)

Prices go up every year in May, so actual fall semester costs for room and board, insurance, etc. may be 10% higher.

Travel Information

Closest International Airport	Salt Lake City, Utah http://www.slairport.com/
Closest Airport	Pocatello Regional Airport http://iflypocatello.com <i>Serviced by Skywest a Delta Airlines associate</i>
Shuttle Services between Salt Lake City airport and Pocatello	http://www.saltlakeexpress.com/ Depart: Salt Lake City Airport–Stop: Pocatello Transit Depot
Bannock Transportation	1(208)763-8294 / bannocktransportation.com
Free Pocatello Pick-up (Business Hours)	This service is available to exchange students; contact Michelle Farrer at michellefarrer@isu.edu prior to arrival.

Emergency Contact Information for Newly Arrived Students

ISU Public Safety Office 24 hours	1(208)282-2515
Housing Officer on Duty	1(208)339-0146