

# International Exchange

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## Scholarship Information

Although this handout provides basic answers to some of our most common exchange questions, it is only meant to be a general guideline. We encourage all students who are thinking of going on exchange to email or speak in-person to the In-Course Scholarship Officer in Student Awards & Financial Aid.

### **Am I considered a full-time student for scholarship purposes?**

In order to be considered full-time for scholarships, students must normally be registered in a minimum of 12 academic units of study, of which 10.5 units are graded using the standard nine point scale, in two academic terms in the 12 month period (May to April) immediately preceding the adjudication of the scholarships and awards.

Award winners must normally return to UVic in the next Winter Session (Sep – Apr) and register and maintain enrolment as a full-time student in a minimum of 12 academic units to receive the scholarship or award.

For exchange students, we require that students take the equivalent of 12 units for the Winter Session, including any exchange credits. Students must continue to be full-time according to UVic regulations even if they plan to be on exchange. The equivalent credit hours will be calculated, and the total academic units must be at least 12 for the Winter Session to be eligible for In-Course scholarships.

### **How do I know if my exchange is eligible?**

In order for your exchange to be eligible for scholarship purposes, you must be registered in UVic's International Undergraduate Exchange Program as a full-time UVic student.

### **What if I have a renewable scholarship?**

If you hold a UVic renewable scholarship, please come and speak to the In-Course Scholarship Officer before you go on your exchange.

To have your renewable scholarship automatically renewed you must have completed a total of 12 or more academic units in two terms of study between May and April and maintained a grade point average of 7.50 or higher on the best 12 units. Even if you are on an exchange you must be enrolled in at least 12 academic units and maintain a grade point average of 7.5 in order to be eligible to keep your renewable scholarship.

We will calculate your GPA on your best 12 units in the Winter Session, even if you are on exchange for one of both of these terms. In order to calculate your GPA we will take the equivalent GPA from your exchange.

### **Are there exceptions to these rules?**

There are always exceptions to these general rules. We encourage all students who are thinking of going on exchange to email or speak in person to the In-Course Scholarship Officer in Student Awards & Financial Aid.

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Please visit our office for information or if you have any questions!