



# Idaho State University

## Information for Incoming Exchange Students 2024-2025

### Contact Information

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

Term (Semester Dates)	Fall 2024	Spring 2025
Nomination Deadlines	April 15	October 1
Class Start Dates	August 19, 2024	January 13, 2025
Official Arrival Dates	August 12-16	January 6-10
Orientation Dates	August (TBD)	January (TBD)
Class (Final Exam) End Dates	December 19, 2024	May 09, 2025

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	<a href="http://classes.isu.edu/">http://classes.isu.edu/</a>
Catalog with Course Descriptions	<a href="http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/allcourses/">http://coursecat.isu.edu/undergraduate/allcourses/</a>
Special Courses for International Students (recommended, not required)	<b>English 1123</b> ideal for non-native English speakers wanting to get better at writing in English <b>ACAD 1106</b> ideal for anyone who has never been in the U.S. before, wants to learn more about American culture <i>ISU provides excellent ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) support services through its Intensive English Institute: <a href="http://www2.isu.edu/departments/iei/">http://www2.isu.edu/departments/iei/</a></i>



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## Housing Information

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

## 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 <a href="http://www.pocatellotransit.com">http://www.pocatellotransit.com</a>
Entertainment	\$ 50-100+ per month depending on personal preferences
Other costs	\$50.00 International Admin Fee (one time); possible lab/class fees

## 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	<a href="https://j1visa.state.gov/sponsors/how-to-administer-a-program/">https://j1visa.state.gov/sponsors/how-to-administer-a-program/</a>
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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 \$150.00 refundable deposit)
2 Semesters	\$ 7110.00 (This includes \$150.00 refundable deposit)

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



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## Travel Information

Closest International Airport	Salt Lake City, Utah <a href="http://www.slairport.com/">http://www.slairport.com/</a>
Closest Airport	Pocatello Regional Airport <a href="http://iflypocatello.com">http://iflypocatello.com</a> Serviced by Skywest a Delta Airlines associate
Shuttle Services between Salt Lake City airport and Pocatello	<a href="http://www.saltlakeexpress.com/">http://www.saltlakeexpress.com/</a> Depart: Salt Lake City Airport–Stop: Pocatello Transit Depot
Bannock Transportation	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 <a href="mailto:michellefarrer@isu.edu">michellefarrer@isu.edu</a> 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 24 hours a day. Staff on duty at Turner Hall 24 hours a day 7 days a week.
International Programs Advisor on Duty	1(208)282-4320 8am-5pm MST 1(208)282-0211 (ISU Operator) 24 hours a day