

FACT SHEET FOR 2025 - 2026 STUDENT EXCHANGE

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General Information

University of Houston-Downtown

<https://www.uhd.edu/>

Number of Students: 13,000+

Hispanic	57%
Black or African American	18%
White	10%
Asian	8%
International	2%
Multi-Racial (two or more races)	2%

Contact for Incoming Students

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<https://www.uhd.edu/academics/international/index.aspx>

Application Requirements

Application Process

Students must complete the *Visiting Student Application*. Access the application here [Applytexas.org](https://applytexas.org). Instructions will be provided to students after they are nominated by their home university via an email to the Associate Director of the Office of Study Abroad, babac@uhd.edu

Materials to Submit

Refer to checklist on page 8 of this document.

Important Dates

Semester	Nomination Deadline	Application Deadline	Orientation	Classes Begin	Last Day of Final Exams
Fall 2025	April 15 2025	May 15 2025	Date TBA	August 18 2025	December 8 2025
Spring 2026	October 15 2025	November 1 2025	Date TBA	January 12 2026	May 5 2026

Course Registration

Students complete an Enrollment / Registration form and submit it to the Office of Study Abroad after which student will be manually enrolled for classes by the Registrar's Office. The Office of Study Abroad will provide students the form.

Housing

On-campus residence hall options are not currently available at UHD. The Office of Study Abroad is committed to assisting prospective students to secure housing accommodations. Below are off-campus housing options in the surrounding community. As a UHD student, incoming students qualify for METRO'S College Discounted Fare Q-Card that is available at the [UHD Parking and Transportation Services](#).



Residence Inn Downtown

📍 904 Dallas Street
Houston, TX 77002

🚌 13 minutes to UHD
🚗 7 minutes to UHD
🚲 8 minutes to UHD



CloudBreak Communities

📍 4500 Travis Street
Houston, TX 77002

🚌 24 minutes to UHD
🚗 13 minutes to UHD
🚲 21 minutes to UHD



The ICON

📍 3509 Elgin Street
Houston, TX 77004

🚌 29 minutes to UHD
🚗 14 minutes to UHD
🚲 22 minutes to UHD



Gateway on Cullen

📍 1901 Cullen Boulevard
Houston, TX 77023

🚌 37 minutes to UHD
🚗 14 minutes to UHD
🚲 21 minutes to UHD



Cambridge Oaks

📍 4444 Cullen Boulevard
Houston, TX 77004

🚌 40 minutes to UHD
🚗 20 minutes to UHD
🚲 32 minutes to UHD

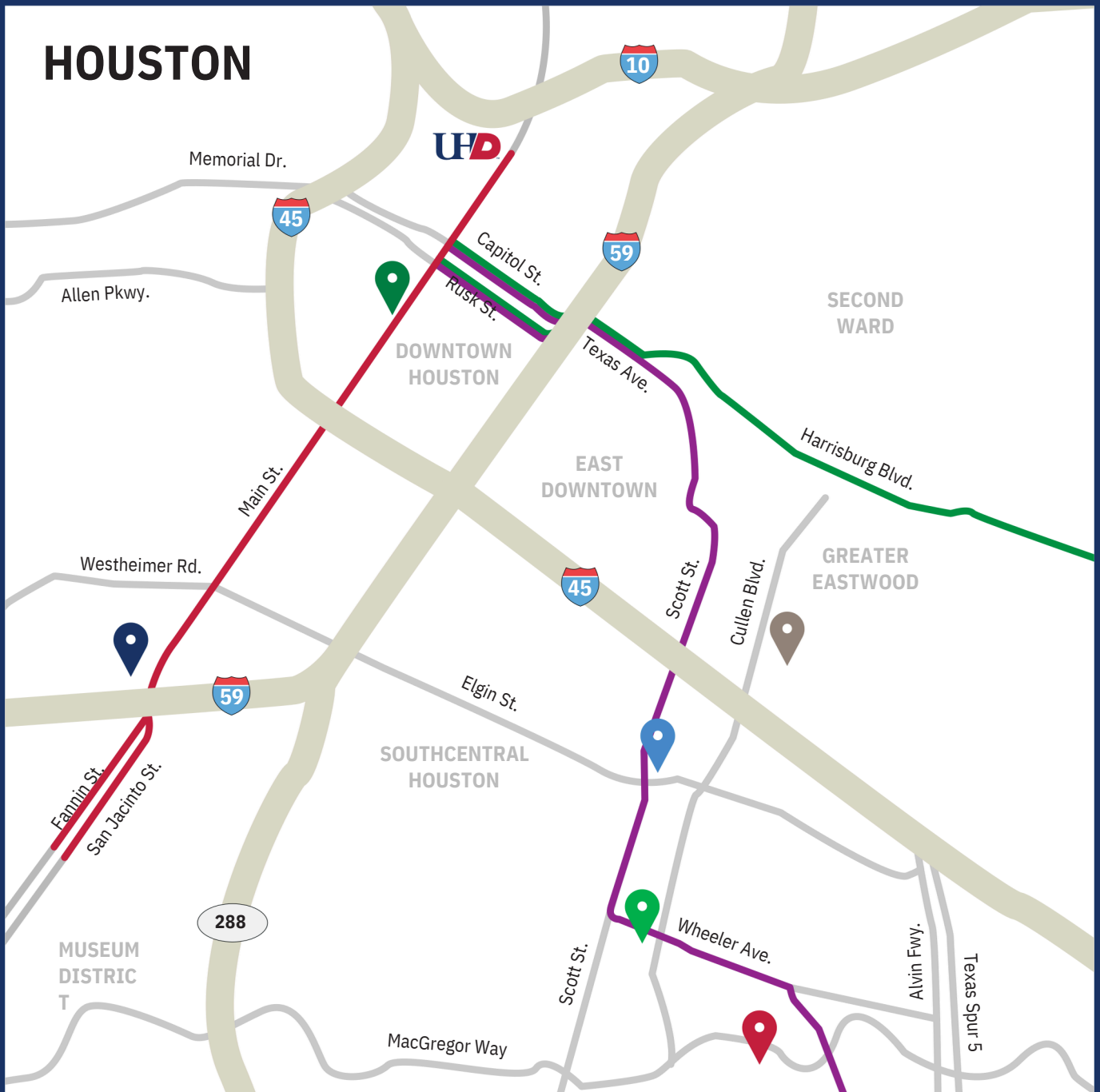


The Vue on MacGregor

📍 4460 South MacGregor Way
Houston, TX 77021

🚌 44 minutes to UHD
🚗 15 minutes to UHD
🚲 34 minutes to UHD

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Map Key



Residence Inn Downtown

CloudBreak Community

The ICON



Gateway on Cullen

Cambridge Oaks

The Vue on MacGregor

 METRORail Red Line

 METRORail Green Line

 METRORail Purple Line

Disclaimer

The listing of rental units is a service to local rental property owners and University of Houston-Downtown students, faculty, and staff. Rental property owners are responsible for reporting information fairly and accurately, and the University of Houston-Downtown cannot guarantee the completeness or accuracy of such information. Inclusion of any property or rental unit on this list does not constitute, and shall not be construed or reported as (1) an endorsement or approval by the University of Houston-Downtown of the landlord, its properties, or its business practices, or (2) a warranty or representation by the University of Houston-Downtown as to the quality, safety or other features of such property and/or its owners or management agent(s). The University of Houston-Downtown expressly disclaims any and all responsibility for any problems that may arise with regard to such property or rental units or with regard to disputes between landlords and tenants concerning such property or rental units. All prospective tenants are encouraged to exercise their own good judgment when evaluating a prospective rental unit or landlord.

Airport Information

George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)

<http://www.fly2houston.com>

2800 N Terminal Rd,
Houston, TX 77032,
United States

We do not offer airport pick up, but the following options are available.

- Private Ground Shuttle service available from IAH.
- Uber and Lyft are available at IAH. Uber pickups are located outside the terminal building on the lower level. You can enter the terminal and enter the door number in the Uber app for directions.
- Some UHD student organizations may assist with airport pickup. For more information, contact the Office of Study Abroad at studyabroad@uhd.edu.

Pick up passengers outside the terminals, Baggage Claim/Arrivals level

- Terminal A: north side, Door A-113
- Terminal B: north side, Door B-101
- Terminal C: north side, Door C-102
- Terminal D: Terminal E International Arrivals Hall*
- Terminal E: south side, Door 103B
- Follow signs to "Arrivals"

*Note: International passengers who arrive at Terminal D will proceed through Customs & Immigration to the Terminal E international arrivals hall.

Academic Information

College Level	Undergraduate
Duration of Exchange	1 Semester or 1 Academic Year
Colleges	Marilyn Davies College of Business College of Humanities and Social Science College of Public Service College of Science and Technology
Language of Instruction	English
Number of Weeks	1 Semester is 16 weeks (plus 2 weeks of exams)
Required Number of Credits	Student must enroll in 4 courses which is equivalent to 12 credits and all courses must be face-to-face or hybrid.
Registration	Students complete and submit an Enrollment / Registration form to the Office of Study Abroad and will be manually enrolled for classes by the Registrar's Office.
Course List	See Website: http://catalog.uhd.edu
Credit System	1 Course = 3 Credits
Grading	A Superior 4.0 B Above Average 3.0 C Average 2.0 D Below Average 1.0 F Failing 0.0
Transcript	Transcripts will be issued after the following dates: Spring Semester: May 21 Fall Semester: December 21
Number of Nominations	Exchange partner schools may nominate two (2) semester students per year or more, per approval.

Program Overview

The University of Houston – Downtown is organized into 4 colleges. We offer incoming exchange students unlimited areas of study so long as the prerequisites are met and the course is open. Undergraduate students participating on an exchange program must be enrolled in at least four / 3 credit hr. classes (12 total credit hours). Please note not all courses listed in the course catalog are offered every semester. About one month prior to registration process, the Office of Study Abroad will provide instructions on how to access a list of available courses to register for the upcoming semester.

1. College of Humanities & Social Sciences: This college encompasses studies in humanities, social science, and communication. Students here engage in critical thinking, analysis, and communication skills development, preparing them for careers in areas such as psychology, sociology, and fine arts.

2. College of Sciences & Technology: This college focuses on providing students with a strong foundation in natural sciences, mathematics, and technology. Programs here emphasize hands-on learning and research opportunities, preparing students for careers in fields such as biology, chemistry, computer science, and engineering technology.

3. College of Public Service: This college is dedicated to emphasizing community engagement, leadership, and ethical decision making. Programs here prepare students for careers in public service, social work, criminal justice, and urban education.

4. Marilyn Davies College of Business: Known for its strong business programs, the Marilyn Davies College of Business (MDCOB) equips students with essential knowledge and skills in areas such as accounting, finance, management, and marketing. Emphasizing real-world applications and professional development, it prepares students for success in business and related fields both nationally and internationally.

Application Checklist

Selected students will be nominated by their home institution for this exchange program and be provided instructions to access our online application. The online application includes the following items:

- ✓ Photocopy of biometric page of current passport, should include pages with your personal information (full name, birth date, etc.) passport number, photo, and signature. Passport must be valid for duration of exchange dates.
- ✓ Certified **English translation** of official academic transcript(s).
- ✓ Enrollment / Registration form that includes 5-7 desired courses per semester.
- ✓ Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Report.
- ✓ Acknowledgement of Insurance Requirement.
- ✓ Visa Requirement- When applying for a student visa, be sure to apply for a J-1 student visa.
- ✓ For purpose of processing DS-2019,
 - Declaration of Financial Support- must be signed by student or person financially supporting student.
 - Proof of Financial Support- original bank statement(s) showing adequate funding. Must be in English or accompanied with an English translation.

About UHD

The University of Houston-Downtown offers bachelor's degrees with majors in more than 46 disciplines, and master's degrees with programs in eleven disciplines. UHD is recognized nationally for its outstanding academic opportunities and its connection to the communities, agencies, and people in the greater Houston metropolitan area. UHD students are diverse in every sense of the word: ethnicity, age, financial and cultural backgrounds. Students range in age from 17 to 69, with an average student age of 27.5 years, and represent more than 60 countries. With more than 13,000 students, UHD is the second-largest public university in Houston. More than 3,000 students graduate each year from UHD and boasts an alumni base of more than 60,000 graduates.

Academic Programs

[Programs of Study in the Marilyn Davies College of Business](#)

[Programs of Study in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences](#)

[Programs of Study in the College of Public Service](#)

[Programs of Study in the College of Sciences and Technology](#)

[Major and Minor Fields of Study Listed Alphabetically](#)

[Programs by Degree Types](#)

About Houston

The University of Houston-Downtown is located in the heart of Downtown Houston, one of the nation's most culturally diverse metropolitan areas. A unique city with a mix of cultures, industries, and experiences that set it apart. Here are some things that make Houston special!

Houston's Global Demographics

- 4th most populous city in the USA
- No. 1 most diverse large city in the USA
- 1 in 4 Houstonians was born outside of the USA
- Over 145 languages spoken
- Over 90 foreign consulates, making it the third-largest consular corps in the US, after New York and Los Angeles.

Space City & NASA 🚀 Houston is home to NASA's Johnson Space Center, where astronauts are trained, and mission control manages space flights.

Foodie Paradise 🍽️ Known for Tex-Mex, BBQ, and Cajun cuisine, but also home to top-tier international food from nearly every culture. More than 10,000 restaurants in the metro area.

The Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo 🤠 One of the biggest rodeos in the world, featuring concerts, food, and cowboy culture.

A Massive Theater & Arts Scene 🎭 One of the few U.S. cities with permanent professional companies in opera, ballet, theater, and symphony. The Museum District has 19 museums, including the Museum of Fine Arts and the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

More About Houston

Energy Capital of the World ⚡ Home to over 4,600 energy-related companies, making it a global leader in oil, gas, and renewable energy.

Sports City 🏆 Watching the Astros (MLB), Rockets (NBA), or Dynamo (MLS) for a true American sports experience.

Medical Innovation & Texas Medical Center 🏥 The largest medical complex in the world, known for cutting-edge research, cancer treatment, and the first successful heart transplant.



We Look Forward to Welcoming Your Students to the University of Houston-Downtown.

