



REED COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS OFFICE
EXCHANGE PROGRAM HANDBOOK

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026–2027



Fact Sheet

INSTITUTION NAME: REED COLLEGE

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EXCHANGE STUDENTS APPLICATION:

<https://www.reed.edu/international/exchange-students.html>

Along with this application, please provide:

Most recent transcript

Home school endorsement

One letter of recommendation from a faculty member

Copy of the photo page of your passport

DEADLINES:

Fall term/Full year: April 1

Spring term: October 1





About Reed

Founded in 1908 in southeast Portland, Oregon, Reed College is a coeducational, independent liberal arts and sciences college. Referred to as one of the most intellectual colleges in the United States, Reed is known for its high standards of scholarly practice, creative thinking, and engaged citizenship. If what you're looking for in an exchange student experience is a school that will push you outside of your intellectual comfort zone while ensuring the highest quality of education, Reed is the place to study.

In addition to its campus culture of rigorous intellectualism, Reed is a school with a fascinating history and culture. Each fall semester begins with Noise Parade, where students march around campus banging pots and pans in recognition of a new year; each spring semester culminates in Renn Fayre, a three-day festival celebrating the end of another school year. The Doyle Owl, a 300-pound stone bird which was originally a gargoyle on the roof of one of the campus buildings, is regularly the subject of interstudent warfare as the prized bird is captured in a yearly "Owl Fight". Student groups of wide-ranging themes are open to all: a fire-spinning troupe, a literary magazine, a sky-appreciation society, a feminist student union, an aerial acrobatics club, regular cheese-lovers gatherings, a radio station, and more.

Reed is situated on a stunning campus located in the neighborhood of Eastmoreland, a ten-minute drive from downtown Portland. In addition to full academic facilities and student housing, the campus boasts the Reed Canyon, a restored lake surrounded by a wildlife-filled forest. In addition to spending time on campus, students frequently explore the city of Portland by foot, bus, bike, or car to experience all that Oregon's biggest city has to offer—a vibrant food scene, cultivated gardens and forested parks, and the largest independently-owned bookstore in the world.





Academics

A Reed education balances broad knowledge across the curriculum with depth of knowledge in a particular field of study. Reed's teaching philosophy is characterized by close interaction between students and faculty in an atmosphere of shared scholarly concern and active learning.

For department-specific information, visit the "Academics" page of Reed's website at <https://www.reed.edu/academics.html>

COURSE INFORMATION

Exchange students may participate in all classes offered during their time at Reed. Courses are coded by department (represented in capitalized abbreviation such as ENG for English) and level (100, 200, 300, 400). Students usually take three or four classes. Some upper-level classes have prerequisites; if this is the case, students will need to have completed a class with similar content at their home institution. In order to register for the Reed class they will have to verify with the professor that the past class is appropriate to fulfill the prerequisite requirement. Reed College Catalog: <https://www.reed.edu/catalog/programs/>

REGISTRATION

Students select courses for both fall and spring by reviewing the Schedule of Classes (https://solar.reed.edu/class_schedule/) and the Reed College Catalog (<https://www.reed.edu/catalog/>). Students have the ability to add or drop classes with permission of the International Programs Office once the semester has begun. If necessary, the Registrar's Office can provide exchange students with access to SOLAR, Reed's enrollment site

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Reed's school year is divided into spring and fall semesters. Exchange students may attend for one or two semesters.

Fall Semester: 3rd week of August–3rd week of December

Spring Semester: 2nd week of January–2nd week of May

For more information, Reed's full academic calendar can be found here:

<https://www.reed.edu/academic-calendar/>





GRADING/CREDITS

Letter grades are given in all full-credit courses. Grades are de-emphasized at Reed, but exchange students will receive their transcript for use at their home institution. All Reed courses are assigned a value of one credit, which will be converted to an appropriate credit count by the student's home institution.

Further details about Reed's grading system can be found here:

<https://www.reed.edu/registrar/pdfs/grades-at-reed.pdf>

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

International applicants whose native language is not English are encouraged but not required to submit results of English proficiency. While there is no minimum score that we are looking for, these are the average scores we see:

SAT: 600+ for the evidence-based reading/writing score

ACT: Reading and English scores of 28+

TOEFL: 110+

IELTS: 7+

Duolingo: 145+

Reed College's test codes are 4654 (TOEFL) and 4654 (Reed College PROFILE).

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

During the academic year, Reed provides each student with up to one hour of free individual tutoring per subject per week for many classes. In addition, drop-in tutoring for writing, languages, and many introductory courses in mathematics and the social and natural sciences courses is available.

More information on academic support can be found here:

https://www.reed.edu/academic_support/





Housing at Reed

At Reed, all on-campus residence halls are part of neighborhoods. First-year students live in first-year neighborhoods, sophomores live in sophomore neighborhoods, and juniors and seniors live in upper-division neighborhoods. Sophomores and upper-division students may be assigned to the same building if occupancy and enrollment necessitate it. The current neighborhood model is subject to change depending on available bed spaces. Students live in single or double occupancy rooms. Upper-division students may apply for housing in a limited number of on-campus apartments. Housing is guaranteed for exchange students, and they can express their preferences for location in their application for study at Reed.

Further information about housing, including details about specific residence halls, can be found here:

https://www.reed.edu/res_life/residence-halls/

Visa Information/Residency

In order to study internationally, students in the exchange program at Reed will need a visa. The International Programs Office is able to obtain J-1 visas for exchange students accepted to the program. More information will be provided after students are notified of their acceptance.





Health Insurance

All students attending Reed are required to have health insurance. The college provides its own plan, which all students will be charged for. However, students have the option to waive this insurance if they demonstrate that they have an insurance plan which offers comparable coverage.

More information about health insurance at Reed can be found here:

<https://www.reed.edu/student-accounts/health-insurance.html>

Tuition and Fees

Information about tuition and fees at Reed can be found here:

<https://www.reed.edu/student-accounts/tuition-and-fees.html>

Application

The application for Reed's exchange program can be found here:

<https://www.reed.edu/ipo/exchange-application.php>

In addition to filling out the required fields, exchange students who wish to study at Reed must provide their most recent transcript, a faculty recommendation, a copy of the photo page of their passport, and an endorsement by their home university.





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