



SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

2025-2026 Exchange Program Fact Sheet

Name of University	Santa Clara University School of Law
Exchange Program website	http://law.scu.edu/international/semester-abroad/
Information on SCU	https://www.scu.edu/aboutscu/at-a-glance/
Exchange Program Contact Detail	Ms. Hallie Bodey, Sr. Programs Manager Mailing Address: Santa Clara University School of Law Center for Global Law & Policy Street Address: 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara, CA 95053-0424 Email: cglp@scu.edu Phone: +1 (408) 551-1955 Online Appointment Link: https://calendly.com/hbodey/
SCU Law Leadership	Ms. Sarah Brockmeyer, Director of Study Abroad Prof. Michael Flynn, Associate Dean for Global Engagement Prof. Michael Kaufman, Dean of SCU School of Law
Language of Instruction	English
Language Requirements	All international applicants are required to demonstrate a minimum level of English language proficiency. Proficiency is generally demonstrated by either: 1. Earned a degree in Australia, Anglophone Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom, or the United States within the last 4 years where the sole instruction was English, OR 2. Proficiency exams. See scores and FAQs, below. ○ TOEFL iBT (90) ○ IELTS (6.5) ○ Duolingo (120) Occasionally and by prior agreement we allow exchange students from trusted partner schools with a history of sufficient proficiency to waive the language proficiency documentation. These waivers are not available for "Exchange to LLM" students. English proficiency requirements can be found here.

Number of spots available to your students	Please see the terms of our agreement. We are often willing to accept additional students for the “Exchange to LLM” program.
Application Procedure	Is your application form: ☐ downloadable from the internet at: ☒ completed online – URL (sent out to program administrators) ☐ paper-based only Please note the necessary documents (i.e. personal statement, transcripts) that will be included in the online application form: <u>Please submit to Santa Clara University School of Law:</u> 1. An electronically signed application form. 2. A personal statement indicating the reasons you wish to pursue legal studies at Santa Clara University. 3. An official Letter of Good Standing from your current law school. 4. A letter of permission to visit Santa Clara University School of Law from your current law school. 5. A complete official English language transcript from your current law school and from the university you previously attended. 6. English Language Proficiency Documentation 7. Photograph 8. <u>For LLMs: Need to also apply through LSAC.</u> • Create an LLM account with LSAC (Law School Admission Council). • Purchase the LLM Document Assembly Service and arrange to have your official transcripts sent to LSAC for inclusion in your report. You must also submit your English proficiency documentation. Letters of recommendation are not required, but may be submitted for inclusion in your report. Please be aware that processing of your documents takes approximately two weeks, so please complete this process as soon as possible. • Apply to the LLM program electronically from your LSAC account or by using the “Apply Now” link found at https://llm.lsac.org/login/access.aspx?appl=4851L2. Use the application which reflects the term you will begin the LLM portion of your program. This will be the semester after your exchange term. The application deadline is April 15 for the spring LLM term and September 15 for the fall LLM term. You do not have to wait until your LLM-CAS file is complete before submitting your application, but we will be unable to review your application until we receive your LLM-CAS report.

	If you have any questions about the LLM application process, please send an email to lawadmissions@scu.edu. For questions about the LLM-CAS process and requirements, please visit https://lsac.org/llm.
Application Deadline	April 15 th for Fall Semester (August to December) September 15 th for Spring Semester (January to May)
Academic Requirements for Admission to the Exchange Program	Prior to participation, exchange students must have completed at least 2 years at their home school.
Semester Dates	http://law.scu.edu/academics/academic-calendar/ Fall: Semester Dates Fall: Mid-August to End November Exam Session dates: End November to Mid-December Spring: Semester Dates Spring: Beginning of January through end of April Exam Session dates: Beginning May to Mid-May Please note that there is a mandatory orientation date typically the week before classes start. More information is available in the acceptance letter.
Orientation Program	Is there an Orientation Program for international exchange students? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes when will this orientation program take place in: The week before classes begin in both the Fall and Spring. Is the Orientation Program compulsory? ☒ Yes ☐ No
Course Enrollment/Registration	Are students pre-enrolled and pre-registered? ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, can students do this themselves online? ☒ Yes ☐ No Some classes have courses that must be taken before you can enroll in the present course, these are referred to as prerequisites. Courses are listed here: http://law.scu.edu/course-schedule/ Course Catalog is here: https://law.scu.edu/course-listing/
Mandatory Course Load for Exchange Students	i.e. minimum number of courses students have to take. Is there any flexibility here? Students are instructed to enroll in exactly 12 credits, which is generally 3-5 classes. This aligns with the immigration

	requirements, as well as standard agreements around tuition waiver for exchange and exchange to LLM students.
On-campus Housing	☐ on-campus likely if apply by deadline ☐ on-campus available ☒ on-campus not guaranteed ☒ off-campus ☐ Home-stay ☐ Other: Relevant website: https://www.scu.edu/living/ Occasionally, exchange students can get access to on-campus housing but this is not guaranteed. Most law students live off campus; exchange students are responsible for setting this up on their own. More information will be available in the Acceptance Letter.
Off-campus housing	☐ assistance provided ☒ unassisted ☐ Other: _____ More information will be available in the Acceptance Letter.
Health Insurance requirements	• Comprehensive health insurance is required by the U.S. government as well as Santa Clara University policy. To support these requirements and the health and safety of our international students and exchange visitors, all international students in F-1 or J-1 status are automatically enrolled in and charged for the SCU Student Health Insurance Plan. • The SCU Student Health Insurance Plan costs approximately \$3700 for the year (students who are in the U.S. for one semester are charged a prorated amount). • Students should carefully consider the cost of insurance when budgeting for their study abroad experience. • <u>Enrollment in the SCU Student Health Insurance Plan is mandatory. There are no exceptions. There are no waivers.</u> For additional questions feel free to contact the Santa Clara University Student Health Insurance Coordinator, Tammy Oh <toh2@scu.edu> and CC: CGLP@scu.edu
Visa information	SCU International Student Services (iss@scu.edu) processes all immigration paperwork and supports the visa application process. This team will contact students once their application has been accepted.

Available language courses	Do you offer intensive language instruction for exchange students? ☐ prior to semester (at a language school) ☐ during semester (at institutions) ☒ not offered English language proficiency is required for all classes. We have no official support for language learners.										
Estimated cost of living per semester	Estimated Expenses are updated at this link and are updated annually in August. <table border="1" data-bbox="545 624 1286 965"> <tr> <td>Living Expenses</td> <td>\$17,089</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Health Insurance</td> <td>\$1847.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Student Success & Wellness Fee</td> <td>\$395</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ISS Fee</td> <td>\$35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>\$19,456.50*</td> </tr> </table> *per semester cost of living estimate for 2025-2026	Living Expenses	\$17,089	Health Insurance	\$1847.50	Student Success & Wellness Fee	\$395	ISS Fee	\$35	Total	\$19,456.50*
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