

MBA Exchange 2026/2027

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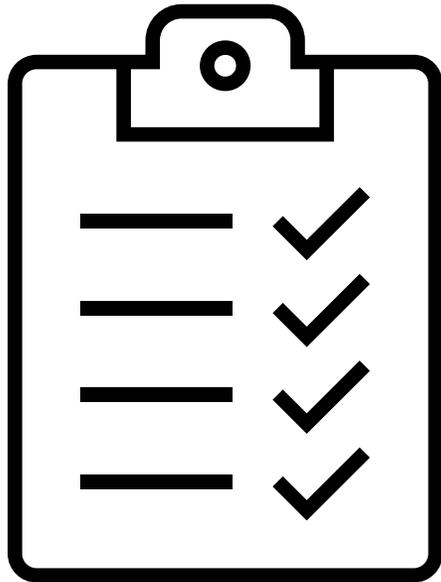
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What is exchange?



- Enrolled at partner institution
- Pay UW tuition
- Immersive, independent, transformative



Who can go?

- Any Full-time or Evening MBA student
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Good standing with the UW/MBA Program Office

Where can you go?

13 partner universities – 11 countries – 3 continents



Africa

South Africa

- University of Cape Town (UCT)



Asia

China

- Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU)
- Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST)

Japan

- International University of Japan (IUJ)
- Keio Business School (KBS)

Singapore

- Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

South Korea

- KAIST Graduate School of Management (KAIST)



Europe

Denmark

- Copenhagen Business School (CBS)

Finland

- Aalto University

France

- Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris* (ESCP)

Netherlands

- Rotterdam School of Management (RSM)

Spain

- Instituto de Empresa (IE)

Switzerland

- University of Zurich (UZH)



When can you go?

- **Fall Quarter:**

- All partners

- **Winter Quarter:**

- Aalto University (Finland)
- *HKUST (Hong Kong) (depending on year)*
- *IE (Spain) (depending on year)*
- International University of Japan (Japan)
- Keio Business School (Japan)
- Rotterdam School of Management (Netherlands)
- *University of Cape Town (South Africa) (depending on year)*

Summer Programs

- Digital Business Master Class
 - Aalto University (Helsinki, Finland)
 - 2 weeks, June 29-July 10, 2026
- International Summer School (various topics)
 - University of Zurich (Zurich, Switzerland)
 - 2 weeks, June 30-July 21, 2026
- ESCP Summer Programme
 - ESCP (Paris, France)
 - 4 weeks, dates TBA
- International Summer University Program
 - Copenhagen Business School (Copenhagen, Denmark)
 - 3 weeks, June 22-July 10, 2026
 - 6 weeks, June 22-July 31, 2026





Further details:

- Foster has 1-2 spots per school, more in summer.
- All partners have Finance and Management courses, plus [specializations](#).
- All schools provide instruction in English.
- Many provide free or discounted language courses.

Things to consider:



MBA vs. Masters

- MBA provides an interdepartmental look at how businesses run – case & project based/practical.
- MS provides a nuanced understanding of one particular area of business – lecture & essay based/theoretical.



Age of Cohort

- MBA programs often require work experience = often older (25+ years)
- MS programs require little to no work experience = often younger (21-25 years)



Cost of living

- Many partners do not provide housing.

How does it apply to my degree?

- MBAs are limited to transferring back 16 credits, no matter how many credits you take abroad
 - You will only get credit for the classes you pass!
- European schools:
 - Generally, 1 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) = .75 UW credits
 - Done on a per class basis, not a lump sum
- For Evening students, you may be able to get ahead on credits
- **Credit conversions are determined by the MBA Program Office**
 - Talk with Norah BEFORE selecting your exchange classes

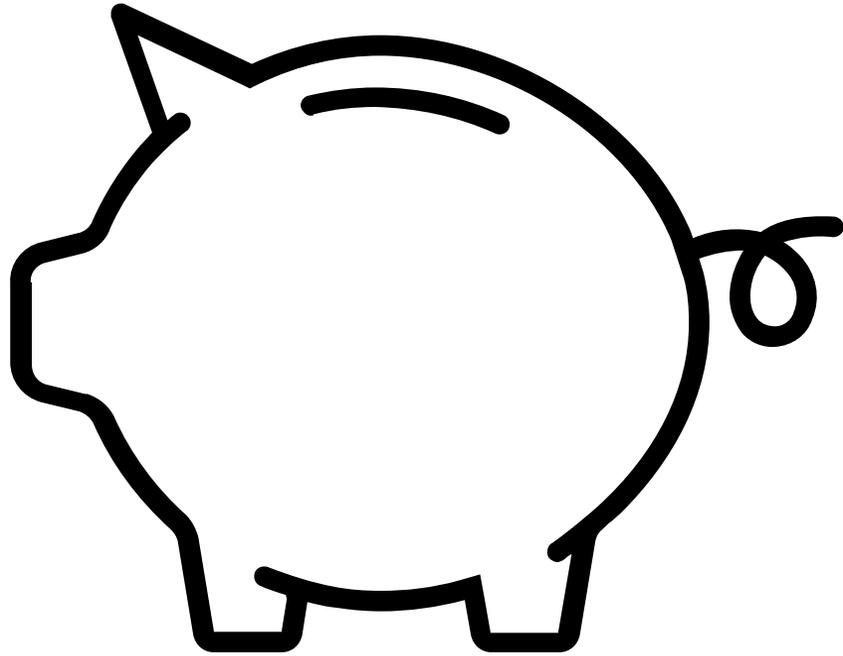
What does it cost?



Dependent on MBA program
(full-time or evening)



“Home Tuition” model:
You will pay 1 quarter of tuition,
no matter how many credits you
take while abroad



Additional Fees & Costs

- \$390 – Non-refundable GBC Administrative Fee
- \$525 – Non-refundable UW Study Abroad Fee
 - Both are applied to your MyUW account during the quarter you go abroad
- Tuition balance – due by 3rd week of academic quarter

Financial Aid & Scholarships

- Financial Aid:
 - Not all programs qualify for financial aid
 - Programs less than 10 weeks typically don't qualify. Talk with UW Financial Aid Office.
 - After acceptance, complete a [Revision Request for Study Abroad](#) form.
 - If you need a study abroad budget for the Revision Request, email studyabroad@uw.edu.
- Scholarships:
 - GBC Study Abroad Scholarships for AY 2026/2027 – due late April 2026
 - Contact the GBC scholarship manager with questions: gbc scholarships@uw.edu

Resources for fin aid & scholarships:

uw.edu/studyabroad/students/resources/finances/

Veterans on Exchange



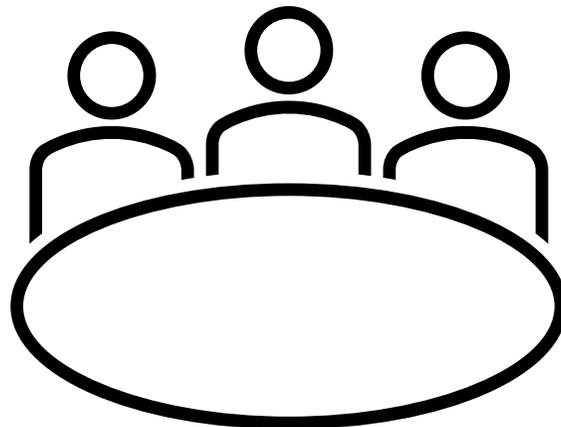
Per VEBO, you are unable to use your VA education benefits for direct exchange programs.



See more details [here](#) and reach out to VEBO with any questions.

Before applying...

- Talk to the MBA Program Office about your plans
- If you're a FT student (or an Evening student changing careers), talk to Career Management about how this experience can fit in with your career goals and the recruiting cycle
- Make an advising appointment with MBA Exchange Coordinator (Angela) to discuss locations and options



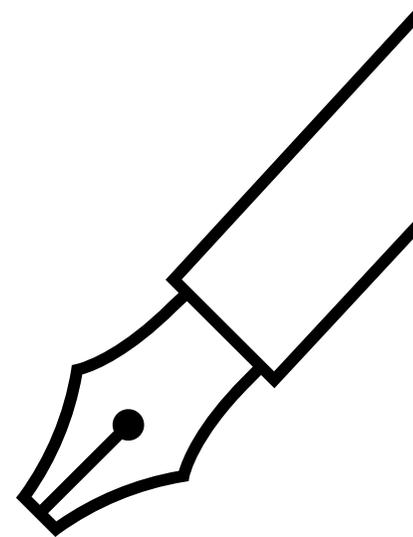
What do I need to apply?

A complete application, including:

- Current résumé
- Unofficial transcript
- Statement of Purpose

A good Statement of Purpose:

- Is specific
- Is thorough
- Focused on personal and career relevance
- Considers a few locations





Interview & Selection

- Some programs are competitive.
- Total applicant score based on:
 - Essay (out of 5)
 - Interview (out of 5)
 - GPA (out of 4.0)
 - Good standing (out of 2)
- Selected students are nominated to partner school for final acceptance

Where do I apply?

Deadline to apply for Summer 2026-Winter 2027 exchanges:

January 31, 2026

Apply at:

foster.mba/gbc-outbound



Website & Application Walkthrough

→ foster.mba/gbc-outbound



Where will you go?

Want to learn more? Email
passport@uw.edu for an
advising appointment.

