The Global Education Office administers all Hampshire Exchange programs, domestic and international. All students must apply through the Global Education Office to participate in Hampshire Exchange. Students who enroll at a program or institution where Hampshire has an exchange agreement must do so through Hampshire College exchange status. See Exchange policy contained in the Hampshire College Student Handbook: https://handbook.hampshire.edu/

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to participate in a semester on Exchange you must

- Have filed for Division II or be going into your first semester of Division III. Division I students and Division III students in their last semester are not eligible.
- Be in good academic standing and good disciplinary standing to qualify as outlined in the Hampshire College Student Handbook.
- Receive approval from your academic committee.
- Be in good financial standing at Hampshire. Students who may have outstanding financial obligations may not be eligible.
- Receive necessary approvals from all relevant offices by the Field Study, Leave & Exchange Deadline the semester prior to being away (November for spring/April for fall)

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

DIVISION III STUDENTS PLANNING FOR EXCHANGE

Students may be granted exchange status for the first semester of Division III work; the final semester of Division III must be one of full enrollment on campus, not on exchange. Division III students who plan to participate in an exchange relevant to their independent project should plan to complete all Division II work and file the Division III contract (or at minimum, a preliminary Division III plan) by the end of the semester prior to the term of exchange.

All such plans for exchange must be written into the Division III contract and approved by the student’s Division III committee and the Center for Academic Support and Advising (CASA). Students must apply and be accepted on a Hampshire Exchange Program through the Global Education Office.

In order to plan appropriately, students need to consult with the Division III counselor in CASA well in advance of the enrollment notification deadline, which is in November or April of the semester prior to the term in which the student plans to be away. Two meetings are required. The first meeting is used for reviewing necessary materials and answering questions about Division III exchange. After the student has secured all necessary signatures, the process is completed during a second meeting with the Division III counselor in CASA.

DIVISION II STUDENTS PLANNING FOR EXCHANGE

Students may include off-campus study at any time during the Division II, taking opportunities to study abroad or elsewhere in the United States, on Hampshire Exchange. Because of the need to pass Division I, form a committee, and file Division II, off-campus study is not recommended for third-semester students, except in exceptional cases.

To be eligible for exchange, students must file for Division II prior to the start of their semester off campus. A meeting with the advisor (Division II chair) who will be supervising the work during the exchange should occur at an early stage.

EXCHANGE ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS & ENROLLMENT STATUS

A semester of exchange is considered a semester of enrollment for the purpose of academic standing. Students are expected to fulfill the academic requirements as outlined by their exchange program and their Division II or III committee. Failure to successfully complete a semester of exchange may impact a student’s academic progress, divisional status, or financial aid eligibility. Students are expected to make satisfactory academic progress in accordance with the standards of academic progress outlined in the Hampshire College Student Handbook. If any changes are made, CASA and GEO must be notified in writing as soon as possible.

TRANSCRIPTS OR EVALUATIONS

After students notify the college that they are going on an exchange program, Central Records will add the comment ‘Documentation of Completion Pending’ to their transcript. Exchange counts as a full semester of enrollment at Hampshire.

All exchanges must be documented to be included in your Division II or III portfolio. If you were studying on campus, you would be expected to enroll in three or four courses of supervised learning activities for which you would receive evaluations. To document your exchange, you must have official transcripts or evaluations from the institution you are attending.

Transcripts or evaluations should be sent directly to the Global Education Office no later than 30 days after the start of the semester of your return from exchange. When Central Records receives your transcripts and or evaluations from the Global Education Office, they will replace the above comment with the appropriate titles of your courses and other learning activities.
NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION STATUS & NEXT STEPS

All applicants will be notified of their application status promptly following the application deadlines, via email. Applicants who are selected as a program participant will receive an acceptance packet from the Global Education Office, via their college mailing address.

To confirm enrollment, ALL forms must be completed and submitted as specified in the acceptance letter by Hampshire’s Enrollment Notification Deadline: **Spring Term: mid-November** **Fall Term: mid-April**

Enrolled students will receive further guidance from their GEO program advisor, Hampshire faculty in residence, and/or the host institution regarding program details including logistics and travel (and visa) arrangements. A mandatory pre-departure orientation will be held for program participants prior to the exchange term.

International students must consult with Hampshire’s international student advisors regarding visa implications of participating in exchange. Advisors are located in the Lebrón-Wiggins-Pran Cultural Center.

FEES & FINANCIAL AID

Students who participate in an exchange program are charged Hampshire College tuition for that semester. Room, board, and other fees vary by program; refer to the Global Education Office website.

Students continue to be eligible for financial aid during their exchange program. The amount of aid will be adjusted to the program costs. No financial aid awards will be announced until after the deadline, and no requests for aid will be considered unless CASA has an approved exchange enrollment on file verifying the above requirements and evidence that the Division II or Division III contract has been filed. Refer to the financial aid website and office for further details. Failure to remain enrolled in a full program of study or to successfully complete a semester on exchange may impact future financial aid eligibility.

All students enrolled in the program for which they have been accepted will be responsible for paying the program fee(s). Fees and refunds associated with exchange withdrawal will be assessed per the program specific student agreement. **The Global Education Office must be notified in writing of any withdrawal from participation or cancellation of an application.**

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE

Exchange students are required to have insurance coverage. Some exchange programs may have additional, country specific, insurance requirements.

All students, including those on exchange, are automatically enrolled in the Hampshire College health insurance through Gallagher Koster. Medical care coverage is outlined in the college insurance company brochure and on the student financial services website.

Students have the option to waive the college’s insurance if they are covered under another acceptable insurance plan; students who will be studying outside of the United States will need to confirm their private carrier will cover them internationally. Refer to the GEO website for more information regarding Health & Safety abroad, including medical care.

Hampshire College is enrolled in AIG/Travel Guard, a membership that gives students studying abroad or traveling abroad on school-sponsored travel access to a full range of medical information, travel assistance and emergency services. For in-depth information on AIG/Travel Guard, please visit the International Travel section of the Five College Risk Management Website at: [https://www.fivecolleges/riskmgmt](https://www.fivecolleges/riskmgmt).

RETURNING FROM EXCHANGE

Students should refer to online procedures and forms on the CASA website: ‘[Information for Students on Exchange, Field Study, or Leave.](https://www.fivecolleges/riskmgmt)’ Other information regarding returning to Hampshire is also included at this website.

In order to preregister for courses, participate in the on-campus housing lottery process, or receive financial aid for the term following exchange, the student must notify CASA of his or her intention to return by the November and April enrollment deadline. If CASA is not notified of the student’s plans for the term following the exchange by the notification deadline, he or she will be withdrawn from the college.

**January:** There will be no workshops offered at Hampshire during January. **Students on exchange during the fall semester** may complete an application to reside at Hampshire **during January break if they are completing Division II and III work that requires access to campus facilities such as labs or other specialized equipment for at least 25 hours per week. Students should complete the housing application available on the Hampshire Housing Operations Office: [https://www.hampshire.edu/housing/housing-operations-office](https://www.hampshire.edu/housing/housing-operations-office)

Students planning to go on leave of absence, field study or exchange during the spring are not eligible to apply. **Students interested in participating in a short-term field course in January or May must apply through the Global Education Office by the application deadline.**