

2026-2027 - FACT SHEET: OTIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

General Information

Name of the Institution	Otis College of Art and Design
Location	9045 Lincoln Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90045

Contacts

Name of the office in charge of exchange programs	Academic Affairs
Head of the Office	Matthew Penkala mpenkala@otis.edu

Application Procedure

Deadline to receive applications by post of selected students	March 15th, for the fall/winter (1st) semester, October 1st, for the spring/summer (2nd) semester
Required application materials	• Online Application Form admissions.otis.edu/apply • Transcripts of all college-level work completed • Approval letter from home institution confirming eligibility and student's English proficiency • 10-20 examples of artwork posted on the Otis online application, select Exchange as the program • Statement of Intent – essay of 500 words
Application guidelines	Access the online application by visiting admissions.otis.edu/apply , click create an account link, then select "Exchange" as the Student Type. Once the application has been completed, the student will upload the supporting documents through the checklist. The portfolio of 10-20 images should be uploaded to the Otis online application and select Exchange for the program. The host school needs to provide an Approval Letter certifying the student's English proficiency. Transcripts can be uploaded through the online application checklist. The Statement of Intent can also be uploaded through the online application.

	<i>All applications are reviewed by the Admissions Office and the Department Chair.</i> <i>Students will be notified regarding their acceptance to Otis College</i> Spring Semester: early November Fall Semester: early May
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Academic Information

Level of Study	Undergraduate
Exchange numbers / Combination possibilities	According to our bilateral agreement / 2 students for 1 semester will be counted like 1 student for 2 semesters
Orientation Day for Incoming students	During the week before the semester starts or on the first day of the semester
Academic calendar	Fall/winter (1st) semester Course Work: Late August – Mid December Spring/summer (2nd) semester Course Work: Mid-January – Early May
Courses	Exchange students can choose their courses from 3rd year level courses.
Credit system	1 Otis credit= 2 ECTS
Full time workload/semester	12 credits must be taken each semester = 24 ECTS
Language of instruction	The primary language is English.
Language requirements	Students must be fully proficient in English

Accommodations

Accommodation assistance	Otis offers on campus housing and meal plans – contingent upon space availability on campus. For information about housing visit www.otis.edu/housing-residence-life . Due to limited availability, we recommend seeking alternate short-term housing.
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Health Insurance

Health insurance requirements	All students are required to have health insurance. For information about insurance, visit www.otis.edu/health-insurance
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Visa

F-1 Visa	Once the Admissions receives your application, and you have been accepted to Otis, you will receive an International Student Verification Form and a list of documents needed to issue an I-20, the form you will need in order to apply for an F-1 visa (International Student Visa). You will be asked to supply the following information: • International Verification Form • Bank letter or bank statement verifying funds of at least \$13,500 USD (2026-2027) amount, subject to change each year) for living expenses, books, health insurance, etc. The bank statement must be signed or stamped by a bank official. • Photo page of passport These documents will be uploaded to the student's checklist through the applicant portal at admissions.otis.edu/status.
Verification of English Proficiency	Approval letter from host school confirming the student's English proficiency.