THE COOPER UNION
FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE & ART
SCHOOL OF ART EXCHANGE PROGRAM

FACT SHEET & APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE 2023–2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Institution Website
https://cooper.edu/welcome

Exchange Program Website
https://cooper.edu/art/off-campus-programs/International-exchange

CONTACTS

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LOCATION & FACILITIES

The Cooper Union is located in the East Village neighborhood of New York City. Exchange students have individual assigned studios spaces. They have access to the library and to the School of Art's technical shops, labs, and graphic design resources:
https://cooper.edu/art/facilities

SEMESTER DATES

Mandatory orientation activities take place the week before classes begin. Fall semester classes begin in late August and end in late December. Spring semester classes begin in mid-January and end in mid-May. Details will be posted here when available:
https://cooper.edu/about/academic-calendars

DURATION

Exchange is for one semester only. While at the Cooper Union on exchange, students cannot apply for regular admission.

COURSE OFFERINGS

Areas include Audiovisual, Drawing, Graphic Design, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture, Studio Electives, Contemporary Art Issues, Techniques, and the Intra-Disciplinary Seminar. Offerings change each semester. A representative listing can be viewed here:
https://cooper.edu/art/class-schedules

VISA

Once the exchange student confirms their acceptance through our application portal, they will receive their next steps letter from our International Students and Scholars Office. The I-20 is usually issued within 5–10 business days from the time the student submits all completed documents. The visa application/appointment with the U.S. Embassy takes an additional 2–3 weeks.

The process of obtaining a visa for study in the United States includes paying the $350 I-901 SEVIS fee and the $160 DS-160 visa application fee. Exchange students must also provide financial evidence that they or a sponsor have sufficient funds ($10,000) to cover their living expenses.

All I-20 and visa questions must be directed to international@cooper.edu

HOUSING

Exchange students are responsible for arranging their own housing. Please note that housing in New York City is very expensive.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Exchange students must pay for Cooper Union's health insurance plan unless they successfully complete the "waiver" process by showing that they have their own comparable health insurance. Please note that travel insurance is NOT acceptable. The insurance plan must provide the "10 essential health benefits" required by the Affordable Care Act and must have a low deductible. International plans not based in the United States are generally NOT considered comparable coverage.

The Fall 2022 insurance fee was $896.
The Spring 2023 insurance fee was $1,458.
2023–2024 costs will be posted soon.

Further details are available here:
https://cooper.edu/students/student-accounts/cooper-union-health-insurance

CREDIT SYSTEM & FULL-TIME WORKLOAD

Each academic 'credit' corresponds to roughly three hours of class time and independent work per week. Most classes are three credits. 12 credits is the minimum full-time workload.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENT

English is the language of instruction at the Cooper Union, and exchange applicants must demonstrate proficiency when they apply. https://cooper.edu/admissions/international/applicants

APPLICATION PROCESS

- The home institution sends its nomination by email to frances.green@cooper.edu
- The Cooper Union emails the nominated student a link to the application portal
- The student applies via the application portal
- The Cooper Union sends an acceptance or rejection letter through the application portal
- Accepted students must confirm through the application portal that they will attend

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

Statement of intent (approx. 500 words)

Portfolio (10–15 works)

Academic transcript

English language proficiency score report

	FOR FALL	FOR SPRING
Nomination deadline	March 1	September 1
Application period	March 1–15	September 1–15
Notification of acceptance or rejection	April 1	October 1
Accepted applicants must confirm that they will attend	April 8	October 8