General Information Sheet

Name of institution	Willamette University
Homepage of the university	www.willamette.edu
Number of students	Approximately 2000 undergraduate students
General information about the university	http://www.willamette.edu/about/index.html We are a small, private liberal arts university where students are encouraged to explore their major and minor academic disciplines in depth but to also take courses from a broad range of disciplines.
Homepage of the Office of International Relations	http://www.willamette.edu/dept/oie/index.html

Academic calendar	http://www.willamette.edu/dept/registrar/calendar/index.html Semester I: Fall (mid/late August to mid/late December) Semester II: Spring (mid January to mid May).
Orientation	WU offers incoming students a mandatory orientation to cover immigration, insurance, and other important topics. Incoming exchange students also join a campus orientation called "Opening Days." Students will be given specific arrival and orientation information after acceptance.
Accommodation (Room and board/semester)	Students on exchange to WU are responsible for paying for their own room and board. R&B options and costs can be explored at http://www.willamette.edu/dept/resservices/information/costs/index.html. Students will be sent an application for housing after acceptance.
Language Proficiency	TOEFL:560 (paper-based), 220 (computer-based), 83 (Internet-based) IELTS: 6.5 PTE: 60
Academic program	
General academic information	Willamette University offers 49 academic programs/disciplines. Courses at WU require a great deal of reading and academic writing and students should expect to engage actively in the classroom. Most classes are kept small (less than 25 students) to encourage discussion

	and participation. Class attendance is required.
	Students will select courses in early November and in early March after acceptance. WU uses a unit system where 1 credit at WU is equivalent to 4.0 credits in a traditional U.S. system. U.S. immigration requires that students enrol in a minimum of 3.0 credits each semester (equivalent to 12 credits), but the exchange allows students to take up to 4.5 credits (equivalent to 18 credits).
Which fields of study are recommended for exchange student? (undergraduate/graduate level)	All fields of undergraduate study are open to incoming students, but it should be understood that offerings in art studio and computer science are limited and it can be difficult to honor all course requests in this area. Some music participation requires auditions upon arrival and private lessons have a cost that is not covered by exchange.
Which fields of study exchange students are not allowed to take? (undergraduate/graduate level)	Graduate level study (business/management, law, and education) is not allowed.
Academic Requirements	To apply to WU, students must submit an online application (http://www.willamette.edu/dept/oie/intl/intl_exchange_application/). They must also submit: • Copy of the biographical information/photo page of your passport • Official transcript from each college or university attended • One academic recommendation letter • One personal statement in English addressing the following item: As you prepare to spend a semester or year abroad studying at Willamette University, introduce yourself and explain your goals for immersing yourself into the academic life and culture of Willamette University and the surrounding community. What specific situations from your past (i.e. coursework, job experience, travel, intercultural experience) have helped you prepare to accomplish these goals? Download and read the document named Health Insurance Requirement for International Students and Their Accompanying Family Members (available at the application site)

