

FACT SHEET for EXCHANGE STUDENTS (Last Update: 27/2/2026)

Name of Institution: Hobart and William Smith Colleges

General Information	
Country	USA
City/Province/State	Geneva, New York
Part of the Country (e.g. Midwest)	(rural) Northeast
Year of Founding	1820
Type of Institution	x ☐ Private , liberal arts, undergraduate
Student Population	1600- 1800
Nearest Airport(s)	Rochester, NY (ROC)
Transportation from Airport to the Campus	Complimentary shuttle service at start of each term. Paid taxi or shared campus shuttle at other times
Address (include postal code)	300 Pulteney Street, Geneva, NY 14456 USA
Telephone (include area code)	+1 315-781-3000
Fax (include area code)	+1 315-781-3023
Official E-mail	HWSAbroad@hws.edu
Official Website	https://www.hws.edu/

Information about International Programme	
Office in Charge of Student Exchange	Center for Global Education
Website of This Office	https://www.hws.edu/centers/global-education/default.aspx Click on "incoming int'l exchange students"
Contact for Incoming Students from Abroad	Name: Amy S Teel
	Email: teel@hws.edu
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Contact for Outgoing Students on Exchange	Name: Amy S Teel
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Official Instagram / Facebook / Weibo Accounts	HWS Center For Global Education (@hwsabroad) • Instagram photos and videos https://www.facebook.com/hwsabroad
Hyperlinks for Corporate Video / YouTube Promotional Videos	(262) HWS - Sense of Place - YouTube

Academic Information	
Language(s) of Instruction	Mainly: English Others: Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin, Spanish
Field of Studies for Exchange Students (Please specify if any)	All fields/majors except FSEMS open to exchange students. Seats are limited in entrepreneurial studies, studio art,

module constraints and restrictions)	dance, theater – you must be a major or have alternate choices if selecting units in these areas. Units in psychology are limited so students should be prepared to take 1 or more units per term in related areas (i.e. education, sociology, health, gender) in addition to their psych units.
Website of Courses Offered for Exchange Students	https://www.hws.edu/catalogue/courses.aspx
Popular Courses Taken by Exchange Students	Anything in the arts, LGBTQ studies, African-American Studies, Environmental Sciences, Leadership courses, Sociology/Social Justice, International Relations
Service Learning/ Civic Engagement Programmes Available for Exchange Students	SL classes are available. There are both credit-bearing and non-credit bearing options. For more info: https://www.hws.edu/centers/service/service-learning.aspx
Credits/ECTS per Term	Minimum: 3.0 HWS credits = 12 semester hours =18 ECTS Maximum: 5.5 HW credits = 22 semester hours=33 ECTS
Equivalencies of Credits/ECTS	1.0 HWS credit = 4 semester hours; 6 ECTS credits; 25 Australian credits, or 15 UK units

Application									
Application Method & Link	Click link below once admission cycle opens and submit all documents online. https://global.hws.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10156								
Nomination Deadline	<table> <tr> <td>Fall 2026 or AY 26-27</td> <td>1 Apr 2026</td> <td>Spring 2027</td> <td>1 Sept 2026</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">1/4/2026</td> <td colspan="2">9/1/2026</td> </tr> </table>	Fall 2026 or AY 26-27	1 Apr 2026	Spring 2027	1 Sept 2026	1/4/2026		9/1/2026	
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Minimum Academic Requirements (If any)									
Cumulative GPA	2.5 minimum cumulative GPA on 4.0 scale or equivalent								
Others (Please specify)	Students must complete at least one full year at home university before studying at HWS.								
Minimum English Language Requirements for unrestricted enrollment									
TOEFL	<u>575</u> (Paper-based) <u>90</u> (Internet-based) <u>233</u> (Computer-based)								
International English Language Testing System (IELTS)	Minimum overall score: <u>6.5</u> Minimum component requirements: We believe students scoring less than 6.0 on any component will struggle at HWS. ☐ No ☒ Yes (Please specify) * <u>6.0</u>								
Others	Students may submit results of either TOEFL or IELTS. Both are not required.								

(Please Specify)	We will accept a letter from a teacher of ESL in lieu of a formal exam attesting that the student has attained B2 proficiency or higher. Native speakers of English are exempt and do not need any of the test results above.
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Academic Calendar		
Link of Academic Calendar	https://www.hws.edu/academics/calendar.aspx * *arrival pickup date still tentative	
Date of Orientation Session	Fall 2026 26-30 August	Spring 2027 17-18 January
Date of Arrival Pick-Up (e.g. 2 days before orientation)	25 August 2026*	17 January 2027*
Course Registration Period	From 15/4/2026 To 1/6/2026	From 11/4/2026 To 15/12/2026
Start Date of Class	31 August 2026	19 January 2027
End Date of Class	11/12/2026	4 May 2027
Dates of Term Break	18 December-18 January	13-21 March 2027
Final Examinations Period	12-17 December	7-11 May 2027
Check-in Date of Student Residence Halls (If Applicable)	25-26 August	17 January 2027
Check-out Date of Student Residence Halls (if Applicable)	19 December	12 May 2027

Accommodation	
Website of Student Residences	https://www.hws.edu/offices/housing/default.aspx
Availability of Student Residence Halls for Exchange Students	☒ Yes Housing on campus is guaranteed. We do not permit students to live in private housing off campus unless they will be arriving with a domestic partner or minor children. ☐ No (Please specify if any assistance in finding private housing available)*
Availability of Student Residence Halls for Exchange Students During Break	☒ Yes ☐ No*
Are exchange students guaranteed	☒ Yes ☐ No*

accommodation before arrival?		
Range of Accommodation Fee per Term	\$5100 - \$5300 U.S. per term. Students for whom this fee will be a hardship can apply to serve as a 'cultural ambassador' in exchange for a room reduction scholarship of \$2000.	
Housing Options	☒ Single ☒ Double X Room in Small Theme House ☐ Homestay ☒ Apartment ☒ Shared Room* up to 3 persons We do our best to meet student requests but cannot guarantee placement in a single or in an apartment as these are the most popular choices	
Application Method & Link	Applications are entirely online. After clicking on "Apply Now" follow the link to register as a first-time applicant and then work through the six steps of the application. https://global.hws.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10156	
Application Period	Fall 2026 or AY 2026-27	Spring 2027
	October 2025-May 1 2026	June- Nov 2026

Estimated Expenses for Exchange Students

Orientation Session Fee	None – included in tuition waiver
Arrival Pick-up Fee	None – included in tuition waiver
Meal Plan	☒ Compulsory ☐ Not Compulsory* No. of Meal Plans Available: <u>4</u> Price Range per Term: <u>\$700-3900</u>
Student Activities Fee	Waived for exchange students
Tuition per Term	Waived for exchange students
Estimated Living Expenses per Term	\$1000-\$2000 (beyond the meal plan) depending upon life-style
Damage Deposit for Residence	\$350
Health & Medical Insurance Fee per Term	\$200
Other Miscellaneous Fees (Please Specify)	Books are extra – estimated \$200-400. Private music lessons, sailing lessons, scuba-diving all have extra fees ranging from \$350 to \$1200.
Estimated Total Expenses (Excluding Accommodation Fee)	\$2500-\$3500

Health Insurance & Financial Proof

Are there any mandatory	☒ Yes, before arrival
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insurance packages that students are required to purchase before/after arrival?	☐ Yes, after arrival ☐ No* Students must either show proof of their own medical insurance plan valid in the U.S. to include medical evacuation and repatriation by July 1 (fall) or Dec 1 (spring) or else we will purchase a plan for them and add to student fees. Cost of HWS-provided plan \$45 per month.
Are there any criteria for exchange students to meet in purchasing insurance packages? (e.g. amount of coverage)	☐ No ☒ Yes (Please specify)* <u>Minimum coverage of \$50,000 is required – but we suggest \$100,000. We advise against plans with a high deductible (i.e. more than \$500). Must include medical evacuation and repatriation cover</u>
Amount of Financial Proof Required for Student Visa Application	\$9200 (includes on campus accommodation and meal plan) Students who are named as cultural ambassadors must document \$7200.

Scholarship(s) & Financial Aid from Host Institution	
Scholarship(s) for Exchange Students	☒ Yes exchange students may work on campus to earn spending \$. ☐ No* Tuition is always waived. Cultural ambassador scholarship available to students with demonstrated need up to \$2000 housing reduction
Part-time Job	
On-campus Part-time Job	☒ Available but not guaranteed up to 15 hours per week. ☐ Not Available*
Off-campus Part-time Job	☐ Available ☒ Not Available*

Other Special Opportunities for Exchange Students

Each semester offers excursions to natural and historic sites that are famous in our region. These destinations may include Niagara Falls, Watkins Glen State Park, Chimney Bluffs and Sodus Bay on Lake Ontario (one of the “Great Lakes”), The Women’s Rights National Historical Park, Corning Museum of Glass, Ithaca International Markets and more. Excursion activity costs are subsidized by HWS and transport is free.

Exchange students are encouraged to participate in all student and community activities on our vibrant residential campus, ranging from sports to social and cultural; music, theatre and dance ensembles; community service; our entrepreneurial and leadership development institutes; outing clubs, academic clubs and more.

Students who successfully complete a semester or year of study are eligible to apply for ‘academic training’, an off-campus employment program in the U.S. to work in one’s field for a limited time following completion of studies. (Employment offer is not guaranteed but our Career Services office staff will try to assist interested students).

