

KELLEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS INDIANA UNIVERSITY BLOOMINGTON



2026 - 2027 *Exchange Student Information*

The School

Why is the Kelley School of Business a highly respected business school in the United States?

- Top-notch professors
- A robust curriculum
- State-of-the-art facilities
- A collaborative learning environment

The Kelley School is a place where ideas and people connect – across boundaries and cultures. With one-third of the students hailing from countries other than the US, Kelley offers a perfect MBA exchange program in which to gain an international perspective.



99%

Students with full-time work experience

#2

*in Networking
Bloomberg Businessweek*

115

*Students in the 2026
full-time MBA class*

Kelley Facilities

The Kelley building is state-of-the-art, offering breakout rooms for group work, two student lounges, and the latest instructional tools in classrooms. There are 2,600 data ports for laptops and wireless is available throughout the building.



Indiana University Facilities

IU has an abundance of activities ranging from athletic events to plays and concerts at the world-renowned Jacobs School of Music. Public transportation is available and free for students. The campus is home to a student athletic and recreation facility which contains an Olympic-sized pool, diving area, strength and conditioning equipment, courts for racquetball/handball, squash, basketball, and volleyball, and an elevated indoor track.

Indiana University

Indiana University-Bloomington (IU) attracts students from around the globe who want the ideal college experience: great traditions, a gorgeous campus, international culture, variety of sports, and an active academic climate.

Founded in 1820, IU is positioned on a 2,000 acre campus that has been rated among the five most beautiful in the United States.

Innovation, creativity, and academic freedom are the hallmarks of IU and its world-class contributions in research and the arts. IU is renowned for its traditions like the Little 500 bicycle race and our commitment to emerging technologies.



Bloomington, Indiana

Known as the "Gateway to Scenic Southern Indiana," Bloomington offers four distinctive and beautiful seasons. The modest-sized city allows for the quintessential American college-town experience. However, quiet escapes and outdoor adventures are just around the corner. No matter whether you enjoy sports, international cuisine, hiking and boating, or local wine, Bloomington has something for you!

For more information, visit the city tourism website: <https://www.visitbloomington.com/>

About the MBA Program

Kelley classes are led by faculty members who amaze students with their accomplishments as well as their dedication to teaching. You'll be taught by award winners, ground-breaking researchers, corporate board members, sought-after consultants, and authors of top textbooks. Best of all, they always put you first. All of our professors have dedicated themselves to teaching the next generation of business leaders. They're willing to do whatever it takes to help ensure that you get the most out of your time at Kelley—and your future career. Find faculty profiles at: <http://www.kelley.iu.edu/facultyglobal/index.html>



2024 U.S. News & World Report ranked the program #20 overall. See additional areas the Kelley MBA program is ranked: <https://kelley.iu.edu/about/rankings.html>

Courses offered in:

- Accounting
- Business Economics and Public Policy
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Management and General Business
- Marketing
- Operations and Decision Technology

Course Selection

Course information and selection forms will be available by the following times:

- Fall: Early June
- Spring: Late November

Exchange students will have a more limited course selection than our full-time students. Not all courses will be available due to enrollment limits or time conflicts between courses. The Marketing and Finance departments offer the most course options, although many Finance courses have prerequisites.

Only MBA coursework will be available to exchange participants. Participants who wish to take coursework from a different Indiana University department will be required to pay tuition fees to those departments.

Course Load

Minimum course load: 6 courses per semester

Maximum course load: 8 courses per semester

Semesters are 16 weeks long and broken into two 7-week terms. Most classes span just one term.

Each course includes 3 hours per week in the classroom, plus a two-hour exam during the final week of the term. The average student spends about 60 hours per course, including class hours, projects, and studying.



Learning Format

Depending on the course, the format may consist of lecture, case study, and/or experiential learning. Heavy emphasis is placed on group work and team presentations. Active class participation is a regular part of the program.

Exams

Exams may be written or in the form of a project, and are held during the final week of the term.

Grading

Final course grades are given on a 4-point scale, rated A-F.

A (4.0) = Distinguished (10-15%)

A- (3.7) = Excellent (25-35%)

B+ (3.3) = High Pass (0-50%)

B (3.0) = Pass (0-50%)

B- or C+ (2.7/2.3) = Marginal Performance (0-20%)

F (0.0) = Failure (as needed)

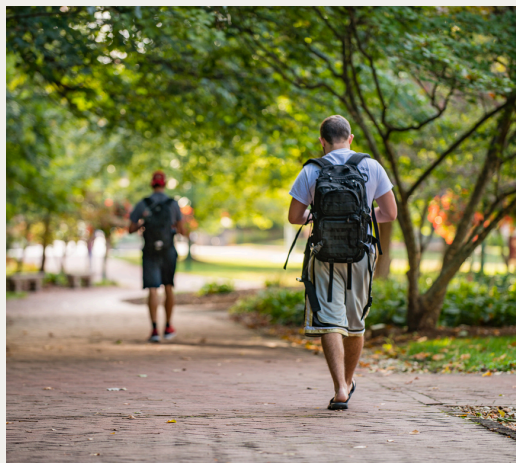
I = Incomplete (as needed)

Transcripts

Official transcripts will be mailed to your home institution's exchange coordinator after grades have been submitted and processed.

Free Fridays

Classes are held Monday through Thursday. The four-day course week provides the flexibility needed for travel, team projects, recreation, and school-life balance.



Term dates for Academic Year 2026 - 2027:

Fall 2026

August 26	Exchange students arrive by 5 PM this day.
August 27-28	Orientation programs for exchange students
August 31-October 15	Fall first 7-week electives (inclusive of exams)
October 17-25	Fall break
October 19-23	Optional Fall intensive course, if seats are available
October 26 - December 17	Fall second 7-week electives (inclusive of exams)
November 21-29	Thanksgiving holiday break
December 18	Final day of semester

Spring 2027

January 6	Exchange students arrive by 5 PM this day.
January 7-8	Orientation programs for exchange students
January 11– February 25	Spring first 7-week electives (inclusive of exams)
February 27 – March 21	Extended three week spring break
March 1–5	Optional Spring intensive course, if seats are available
March 22 – May 6	Spring second 7-week electives (inclusive of exams)
May 7	Final day of semester

A short exchange for the first 7-week term of each semester is available.

Fall short exchange: August 26, 2026 – October 15, 2026

Winter short exchange: January 6, 2027 – February 25, 2027

Application Process

1. Students are nominated by their home institutions.
2. A Kelley staff member emails nominated students application instructions.
3. Students apply online and submit required documents (listed below).
4. An admission letter is emailed to students along with U.S. visa documents.
5. Students apply for a U.S. visa.



Required Experience

Applicants with previous work experience are preferred, as nearly all full-time Kelley MBA students have at least three years of work experience.

Required Documents

All documents must be in English.

1. Completed online application
2. Resume or curriculum vitae
3. Proof of a completed bachelor's degree
4. Graduate-level academic transcripts in English
5. TOEFL or IELTS score report, or waiver letter
6. Evidence of financial support (official bank letter in English) to ensure the applicant can access sufficient funds for their exchange.
 - The required amount for 2025-2026 was \$8,254 (for Fall 2025) and \$8,564 (for Spring 2026), in US dollars.

Nominations

Fall 2026 nominations:

March 6 –

March 31, 2026

Spring 2027 nominations:

September 1 –

September 21, 2026



English Language Requirement

All exchange students must be highly proficient in English since all courses are taught in English.

Minimum scores:

Computer TOEFL: 100;

Paper TOEFL 600

IELTS: band 7.0

Exam scores must be less than 2 years old.

Exchange coordinators may request a waiver for nominated students if they take coursework in English or have demonstrated a high level of English proficiency.



Student Visa

All international exchange students will be required to obtain a J-1 student visa to come to the U.S.

To obtain a J-1 visa:

1. Provide all required documentation to Indiana University and receive an offer of admission
2. Pay the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) fee for the visa.
 - For 2025-2026 the cost was approximately \$220 USD.
3. A DS-2019 immigration document will then be issued. The DS-2019 is needed to apply for a J-1 visa at the U.S. embassy or consulate.
 - This typically involves an in-person interview.

Detailed information on the process of applying for and obtaining a J-1 visa can be found at: ois.iu.edu/visas/student-visas/j1

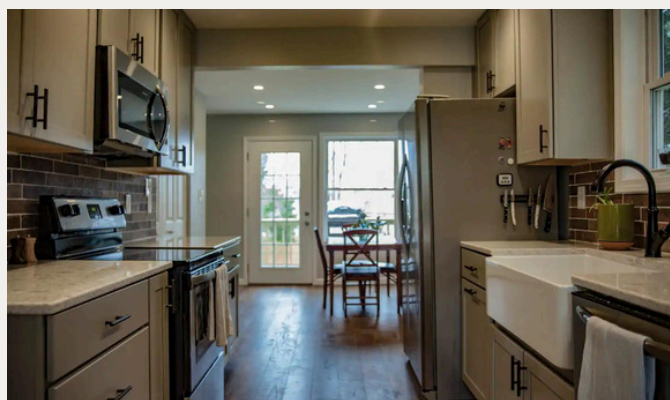


IU International Health Insurance costs for 2025-2026 were:
Fall semester - \$785.12
Spring semester - \$1,087.88.

These costs may increase or decrease slightly.

Health Insurance

International exchange students are required to purchase medical health insurance for their time at IU. To ensure students have medical health insurance that meets J-1 visa requirements, all are automatically enrolled in the [IU International Health Insurance plan](#). Dental insurance coverage is available at an additional cost, but is not required. Students may waive the IU International Health Insurance plan if they have another insurance policy which meets [specific coverage requirements](#).



Off-Campus Housing

Although most apartments in Bloomington rent for the entire academic year, shorter contracts are available. Online resources will be provided. Off-campus apartment costs vary greatly, ranging from \$800-\$1100 per month for shared living to \$950-\$1500 per month for a one-bedroom apartment.

Close-to-Campus Housing

Since on-campus housing is generally not available to MBA exchange students, we offer close-to-campus housing through the Kelley MBA program. Benefits include a semester lease and rooming with other MBA exchange students! Details will be provided after the application process.



More housing options and less expensive housing options are often available during Spring semester. During Fall semester, finding housing other than what is offered through the Kelley MBA program can be more difficult and may require more effort.

Living Expenses

Students generally spend around \$5500-\$7000 per semester on books, food, entertainment, housing, and miscellaneous expenses (not including insurance or travel). This can vary greatly, however, depending on students' spending habits.

Monthly Costs

Average rent	\$900
Food	\$325
Gas/electricity, internet	\$150
Entertainment	\$100
Total	\$1475

- Costs are approximate & based on a basic lifestyle, so may vary considerably.
- Gas/Electricity costs may be higher in the winter.
- Food costs are based on a moderate food budget where most of the cooking is done at home.

Included at no additional cost:

- Bus pass
 - For campus and city buses
- Sports and recreational facilities membership
- Library access
- Home game tickets for sports including soccer, baseball, and volleyball
- First Thursday Festivals
- Counseling and Psychological Services

Join the MBAA!

The MBA Association (MBAA) is the umbrella group for a wide range of student committees, professional clubs, networking organizations, and support groups. These groups schedule a variety of professional development and social activities throughout the academic year. Exchange students may join the MBAA at a discounted semester rate, giving them access to all activities and clubs.



Orientation

Exchange students are required to participate in a Kelley MBA orientation on Thursday and Friday the week before classes begin.

Buddy Program

Each exchange student will be assigned to a current Kelley MBA student “buddy” to assist with the transition to life in Bloomington. Buddies will be connected with exchange students via email prior to the start of term so that they can help with practical matters before arrival (class/professor recommendations, packing suggestions, etc.).

After arriving in Bloomington, buddies will continue to be a point of contact. They can assist with navigating the campus and Bloomington, introduce important resources such as libraries and dining facilities, and help exchange students to become part of the Kelley MBA community.

Buddies all volunteer for this position and are excited to meet and welcome new students into our program!



Career Services

Our Graduate Career Services (GCS) Office offers a variety of services to exchange students including career advising, resume preparation assistance, mock interviews, and job search plans. Exchange students are also invited to attend selected networking events.

Please be aware that exchange students are not permitted to participate in on-campus interviewing and should not attend Kelley with the purpose of securing full-time employment in the U.S.



IU Videos

- [Bloomington, Indiana - What it has to offer](#)
- [Explore Bloomington and Campus](#)
- [A Walk Through Campus](#)
- [First Impressions of IU—an international student perspective](#)

Kelley MBA Website

<https://kelley.iu.edu/programs/full-time-mba/>

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