



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

# FACT SHEET & APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE 2022–2023 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>

## 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>

## 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>

## 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. Please be advised that 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. All I-20 and visa questions must be directed to [international@cooper.edu](mailto: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 is \$896.

The Spring 2023 insurance fee is \$1,458.

Further details are available here:

<https://cooper.edu/students/student-accounts/cooper-union-health-insurance>

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

- The home institution sends its nomination by email to [frances.green@cooper.edu](mailto: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  
 Portfolio  
 Image list for portfolio  
 Academic transcript  
 English language proficiency score report

	<b>FOR FALL 2022</b>	<b>FOR SPRING 2023</b>
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