

Membership Information

Magellan

Current Members

The Magellan Exchange is comprised of nearly 40 member institutions in 16 countries.

Austria
Vorarlberg University of Applied Sciences

Belgium
PXL University of Applied Sciences and Arts
UCLL University of Applied Sciences

Costa Rica
Latin American University of Science & Technology

Cyprus
Neapolis University Pafos

Denmark
International Business Academy

Finland
Lapland University of Applied Sciences
Satakunta University of Applied Sciences

France
Rennes School of Business

Germany
Aachen University of Applied Sciences
Schmalkalden University of Applied Sciences

Mexico
Universidad de Monterrey

Netherlands
Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences
Zuyd University of Applied Sciences

Serbia
University of Belgrade – Faculty of Economics & Business

South Korea
Anyang University

Spain
ESERP Business School

Thailand
Payap University

United Kingdom
University of East London
University of Worcester

United States
Austin Peay State University
Dakota State University
Delta State University
Missouri State University
Morehead State University
Muskingum University
Northern State University
Northwest Missouri State University
Park University
Southeast Missouri State University
Tennessee Technological University
Troy University
University of Alabama in Huntsville
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
University of South Dakota
Washburn University
Weber State University

Student Exchanges

Students at member institutions will submit a simple online application for an exchange. Students may choose to participate for a semester, academic year, calendar year, or short-term. Participants must be approved by their home institution before a placement can be assigned.

Students indicate three preferences for host school on their application. Placements are typically confirmed within one to two weeks of the application deadline. Host schools will then contact students with letters of acceptance, housing information, calendar dates and other useful information.

Faculty Exchanges

Faculty members at partner institutions can participate for a short-term period, typically one to two weeks (longer visits can sometimes be accomplished by combining time at multiple schools). Faculty members do not receive a stipend as they are visitors and not a paid employee. The host school does, however, provide free housing during the approved term of the exchange. Often, some meals or sightseeing opportunities may also be included.

The purpose of the faculty exchange is to provide an opportunity for the visitor to learn more about an institution that may be of interest to their home institution, to have a professional development experience, to collaborate on research, and to strengthen relationships among Magellan partner schools.

Coordinators

Each member institution designates one or more coordinators to be the point of contact for the Magellan Exchange. In addition to communicating with the Magellan office, these designated coordinators are responsible for publicizing the program, recruiting outbound students, and assisting inbound students. Coordinators are also responsible for communicating how many incoming students will be welcomed each semester.

Some partners appoint one coordinator for all incoming and outgoing Magellan participants, while others have multiple. In some cases, there is one person handling incoming students and another person handling outgoing students. In other cases, there are multiple coordinators for outgoing students based on field of study. It is entirely the institution's decision regarding how they prefer to utilize the coordinator role.

Annual Conference

All member institutions are invited to an annual conference held in early October in alternating locations. Optional site visits to member institutions are usually scheduled before and/or after the meeting. Attendance is an excellent opportunity to build relationships with other partners, learn more about institutions that may be of interest to your outbound students, share best practices, network with international colleagues, and perhaps even discover additional opportunities for collaboration.

Fees

Institutional membership dues are currently $1,295 per year; there is a one-time administrative fee of $500 assessed upon joining. Students pay a non-refundable application processing fee, which is currently $165 for semester and academic year exchanges and $75 for short-term exchanges. There is no application fee for faculty members who wish to participate in an exchange.

Benefits

Membership in the Magellan consortium has a variety of benefits, including but not limited to:

Tuition Retention: Students pay tuition and fees to their home institution (if applicable). There is no loss of tuition income when your students participate and go abroad.

Courses in English and Courses for the Language Proficient: English is the common language of instruction among member institutions; therefore, students can take courses taught in English at any partner, or they can choose to take some or all of their courses in the host language, depending on their proficiency.

Cost Effective: By coordination of placement and parity, the cost for the participants and the institutions is kept as low as possible.

Relationships with Multiple Institutions: One agreement provides for instant partnerships with multiple institutions.

Flexibility: Membership provides for multi-lateral exchanges and allows for much more flexibility than bi-lateral agreements.

Control of the Number of Incoming Students: No placements are made at a member institution without feedback from the coordinator indicating how many incoming students may be placed there. This ensures that no school receives more incoming students than they are interested in receiving.

Diversity in Classes: Magellan facilitates cultural diversity in classes with minimal investment of time or money by each member institution.

Faculty Exchanges: Short-term faculty exchanges are encouraged and facilitated.

Internships: The potential for internships is increased for all students.

Quick Placements: Placements are generally completed within 2 weeks of the application deadline, many within only a day or two! The majority of students are placed at their first or second choice institution.

Direct Involvement in Policy Decisions: Institutions have direct input on the development of the program and recruitment of new members through participation at the annual conference.

Advisory Committee: A six-person advisory committee comprised of coordinators from varying locations who are elected for two-year terms provides advice and feedback to strengthen Magellan as a member-driven organization.

Membership in a Group: There is strength in numbers; universities are part of a network that works together to promote international education.

Services

The Magellan Exchange provides the following services.

Coordination: Process study abroad applications and coordinate placements for students in a timely manner.

Promotion: Provide brochures, fliers, and presentations.

Recruitment: Organize virtual study abroad fairs as well as conduct site visits, when possible.

Orientation: Provide pre-departure and arrival materials.

Communication: Facilitate resolution of questions and concerns.

Expansion: Identify new prospective member institutions.

Networking: Organize an annual conference for all member institutions.

Testimonials from Magellan Coordinators

“Our university has been a member of Magellan for over 25 years, and it has been a great asset in the growth of our international programs. In some cases, it has replaced prior bi-lateral agreements, which has simplified the entire exchange process with a large number of partner schools.”
-- A director of international business programs in the U.S.

“My experience with the program has been very positive. The Magellan partners strive to provide quality programs for our students. The size of this network allows for coordinators to maintain close communication with one another, exchange resources, and develop friendships. This close interaction among the members ultimately results in wonderful experiences for our students.”
-- A director of international affairs in Europe

“The Magellan Exchange has been a key component in our international programs. The partner institutions are well chosen, and all provide excellent support, making the exchange process much easier than working through bi-lateral agreements. Annual conferences have helped to deepen relationships between partners and have provided good opportunities for further developing our use of the student and faculty components of the program. The central office consolidates registration, course, housing, and budget information on all institutions making advising and program selection easy."
-- A study abroad advisor in the U.S.