

SU-in China – Macau

This document serves as a resource for you to help your student as they prepare to study away. Your student has all of this information.

The semester before your student studies away, they will be provided with information regarding the GO Long Process Overview and a Program-specific resources. These cover the next steps in the GO process.

Students should refer to their acceptance documents for exact program dates. Typically Fall semester runs from mid-August to late-December. Spring Semester runs from early-January until mid-May.

Application Process

The application process for Macau is in two steps. First GO needs to nominate students to the University of Macau, then your student applies. There are materials that must be submitted with each step so they do need to pay attention to deadlines. Details about the exchange program at University of Macau [can be found here](#).

First:

Submit documents below by [email to goprogram@susqu.edu](mailto:goprogram@susqu.edu) by the internal deadline: **September 15** or **Spring GO Long students and February 15** for **Fall GO Long students**. ***NOTE: this program has earlier deadlines than most others, so be prepared.***

- **CV/Resume**
- **Indicate which Faculties (department/school) your student will take most of your courses:** Faculty of Business Administration, Faculty of Social Sciences, or Faculty of Humanities
- **Personal Statement**
- **Transcript:** Ordered online [HERE](#)

Then: your student will receive an application link to upload documents directly to Macau mid-semester by email. For that, they will need:

- **Passport.** Expiry date: at least 6 months after the end of the exchange period.
- **ID Photo.** This photo needs to be 1.5 inches with a white background. [GO can take an ID photo](#) for you by appointment
- **Transcript** (can use the same copy as above)
- **Copy of Medical Insurance Card.** You need to check with your health insurance provider to see if you will be covered in Macau. If you will not be covered abroad, contact Francia Moyer (moyerf@susqu.edu) at Global Programs for more information on how to purchase a short term health insurance.

During this part your student will also do **pre-enrollment** for courses. Final course selection will happen during orientation.

Next steps, after acceptance: Your student will need to have following documents ready upon arrival:

- Designated Medical Examination Form (Registry Office will send you the document with letter of acceptance after confirmation)
 - To be done within three (3) months before coming to Macau
 - Medical check-up done at home country must be signed by home doctor for validation
- Report AND Film of the X-Ray Test on Lungs
- Copy of Tetanus Vaccination Record
- 3 Colored 1.5 Inch-sized Photos (with white background) for student visa application, UM registration and accommodation check-in. Please [review the Macau regulations for photos](#).

Courses at the University of Macau

Students can take courses in up to two schools at University of Macau: [Faculty of Business Administration](#) (FBA), [Faculty of Arts and Humanities](#) (FAH), and the [Faculty of Social Sciences](#) (FSS), but during the application process, they must decide which one of the departments (faculties) to will take more classes from, and this becomes their “home” department. To get started, they will click on the school they’d like to take courses from and click on departments.

Required Courses: Chinese language or Macau-specific course (example: HIST3002 Cultural History of Macau or SOCY-201 Macao History and Society)

It is recommended that students take no more than 15 credits.

Students will also complete the course approval process through GO - there is some information [HERE](#).

Housing at the University of Macau

Your student will apply for housing after they have been accepted. All undergraduate exchange students stay in the University of Macau's [Residential Colleges](#): on-campus halls with shared rooms that combine what students learn in the classroom with what they would learn from living in a residence hall.

Residential Colleges (RC), are small on-campus staff-student learning community that integrate students’ learning and life, and that aim to promote their whole-person development. Various activities will be held in different RCs to enhance residents’ learning outside the classroom.

Students will share a double room and each bathroom will be shared between two rooms.

- Students will need to provide their own bedding/towels. Most students wait to buy the bulk of their items once in Macau, at a shop for bedding right by the grocery store. But they might want to travel with a single towel and sheet/blanket to have right upon arrival.
- There is also an indoor gym, study room, television room, computer room and laundry.

- Housing costs include a basic level of energy usage (electricity/heat/cooling/water), but students pay for any overages.

A shared pantry on each floor includes a refrigerator and microwave but no cooking is allowed. There is a cafeteria in each Residential College where you will buy meals a la carte.

Visa Requirements

There is not a study visa (stay permit) for Macau before arrival. However, students will need to complete this once they arrive. The Student Resources Section (SRS) will arrange the study visa (stay permit) application for all international students as a group after arrival in Macau.

Students should enter Hong Kong or Macau with an Entry Visa (Tourist Visa). They might be requested to show your "UM Letter of Acceptance" to the officers at Hong Kong or Macau Immigration Border. This letter will be sent after the confirmation of the corresponding faculty acceptance.

Their passport must be valid for at least six months after the end of the semester in Macau.

Students need to have the following documents ready when it's time to apply for the visa:

- Original copy of the Travel Documents (e.g. Passport)
- Testimonial issued by the Registry of the University of Macau
- 1 Passport Photo (white background, 1.5 inch)
- Original and copy of the latest "Slip of Authorization to Stay" (small paper given on arrival)

After they arrive on campus, the Student Resources Office (SRS) (sao.services@umac.mo) will arrange the study visa (stay permit) application for all international students as a group after your student's arrival in Macau. For more information on the visa process and requirement, visit their website: <https://srs.sao.um.edu.mo/international-exchange-students/>

*note that visa information is provided based on US citizenship. Students holding a non-US passport should consult with the host consulate for any visa considerations.

After Acceptance

Your student will receive an acceptance email from the University of Macau. SU should be billed directly for tuition and housing. If you receive a bill, please forward it to the GO Program (goprogram@susqu.edu) right away. Your student is responsible for any damage deposits.

Your student will need to see a doctor before departure to have the following completed for your enrollment in Macau:

1. Designated Medical Examination Form (Registry Office will send you the document with letter of acceptance after confirmation)
2. English Report/ Film of the X-Ray Test on Lungs
3. Copy of Tetanus Vaccination Record

Your student will need at least 3 additional passport size photos – for student visa registration, UM ID card, and accommodation check in.

At this point, the University of Macau's local program coordinators will be sending emails with valuable pre-departure information. They should arrive for orientation, which will allow them to get settled – orientation includes course registration, a campus tour, and a guest lecture.

This site [HERE](#) will give you some important information before you leave for Macau and when you first arrive.

Booking flights and Arrival information:

Students are responsible for booking their own flight to Macau and back. They should book the flight in advance after receiving the official acceptance letter from University of Macau and have confirmed program dates.

If you'd like to use a travel agent to assist with travel planning, Student Universe (studentuniverse.com), Travel Time (trvltime.com) and STA Travel (<http://statravel.com/airfare-deposit-program.htm>) have been used by students in the past. If not using a travel agent we recommend booking your airfare directly with the airline rather than a third-party website.

Your student should enter Macau with an Entry Visa (Tourist Visa). This is obtained at the airport or ferry terminal. They need to **keep this document safe as it is used as part of the visa process.**

Your student will arrive either to the Macau International Airport or into the Hong Kong International Airport.

From the Hong Kong Airport: your student will need to take a ferry from Hong Kong to Macau. There are two options –

1. Airport Ferry: “Cross Boundary Passenger Ferry Terminal” provides ferry service linking Hong Kong International Airport to Macau. This provides transit into Macau without going through HK Customs and Immigration formalities or the hassle of carrying luggage. The trip to Macau is approximately 60 minutes. The two operators are [Turbo Jet](#) and [Cotai Water Jet](#).
2. Ferry Terminal Ferry: Your student will need to get from the airport to the Hong Kong Ferry station by bus or taxi. Then the journey will take one hour from Hong Kong to Macau which operates almost 24 hours. Economy class passengers are allowed to carry on board and one piece of luggage – please pay attention to size limits. For more information, please visit <https://www.turbojet.com.mo/en/routing-sailing-schedule/hong-kong-macau/sailing-schedule-fares.aspx>

From the Macau Airport or Macau Ferry Terminal: After arriving at Macau Airport or Macau Ferry Terminal, your student will take a taxi at the taxi station to the university residence – Residential College/ Postgraduate House. They might need to wait in the line but should not take the illegal taxi as they charge much more. The registered taxi is black color with the word “TAXI” written on a light box on top of the car.

Your student should have the residence address (the university is large so make sure to have the actual residence) in Cantonese and Mandarin to show the taxi driver - they do not speak

English. They should show the address before getting in the taxi. Macau taxi will only accept HKD/MOP.

More details are here: <https://sds.sao.um.edu.mo/whole-person-nurturing/international-exchange-students/arrival-transportation/>

Residential colleges: students are able to move-in to their room by presenting their acceptance letter to the security guard during non-office hours but the move-in procedures can only be done during office-hours.

Other Matters:

Packing: Pack all essential items in your carry-on (medicine, jewelry etc.). Refer to the guidelines for bringing liquids in a carry-on (<https://www.tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/liquids-rule>) as well as the airlines' luggage weight limits. We have additional resources posted in your students' application regarding some tips for Traveling and Packing.

Medication: For prescription medicines, students must either bring enough with them for the duration of the semester. Note that some medications are prohibited by Macau, SAR. Please reach out to a physician to determine a plan of action. We recommend that your student has a written prescription with them as they may be asked for it by customs officials.

Money Matters: We recommend having some local currency. ATMs are also readily available throughout Hong Kong and Macau and they can withdraw cash from ATMs. Students should inform their bank about all travel plans, and also find out whether the bank and credit card issuers charge international transaction fees.

Travel Day:

Your student should carry their passport, acceptance letter, student travel visa letter (the letter from University of Macau), Program Contact and Arrival Instructions in their carry-on luggage. DO NOT CHECK THEM!

We recommend arriving at least three hours before an international flight is scheduled to board to give time to get through airport security, bag check, etc. If the flight is delayed or cancelled, contact the travel agent or airline where you booked the ticket to be put on the next flight and alert the host program/university of any travel delays.