



WAKE FOREST
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School of Law Exchange Semester



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About Our Area:

- North Carolina is in the southeastern region of USA
- Winston-Salem is in the Piedmont Triad area of NC - close to the mountains and within driving distance to the coast and many beaches.
- Population 252,975 (2023)
- Historical ties to the Moravians who settled in the area as early as 1753. Can visit the original settlements located at Bethabara and Old Salem.
- Birthplace of Krispy Kreme doughnuts & Texas Pete Hot Sauce.
- The Reynolds Building located downtown was the model for the Empire State Building in New York City. Every year the Empire State Building sends a Father's Day card.
- There are lots of things to do in and around the area - hiking, restaurants & breweries, cultural/historical activities, and more!





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Wake Law Quick Facts:

- Founded in 1894, Wake Law is one of the top law schools in the United States (Ranked 25/196)
- 7:1 Student-Faculty Ratio
- 20+ Student Organizations
- Degree Programs: JD, JD/MBA, JD/MDiv, MSL, LLM, and SJD

Take a [Virtual Tour](#) of Worrell Professional Center
- Home to Wake Law





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- All [JD courses](#) are open to international students in the exchange program.
- Be sure to work with your home institution to understand your degree requirements and goals while studying at Wake Law.
- Work with your WFU academic advisor and the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs to plan your course registration.
- Registration for spring opens at the end of October/Early November, the earlier you register the better as classes fill up quickly.
- Complete any learning agreements or paperwork required once you have registered.





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Graduate Housing

- Housing available through WFU for single students and students with spouses/families.
- Fully furnished, utilities included, free wireless internet, within walking distance to campus, use of washer and dryer, weekly house cleaning, rent can be paid monthly.
- Must [apply early](#), especially if housing is needed for spring term.



Off-Campus Housing

- Rental Listings can be found through [WFU Residence Life Website](#)
 - Air BNB
 - Apartment complexes
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Campus Activities

- Campus Recreation includes
 - Wellness Center
 - Pool
 - Intramural Sports
 - Club Sports
 - Fitness
 - Outdoor Pursuits
- Campus-wide student organizations, fairs, activities
- Vibrant International Community





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- [Semester exchange website](#)
 - **Semesters:** Fall (August - December); Spring (January - May)
 - **Deadlines:** Fall 2026 - May 1, 2026; Spring 2026 – November 1, 2025
 - **Create account** on [Wake Forest Law application system](#) and **upload documents**
 - **Letter of enrollment verification** from home institution (must have completed at least two years of study prior to start of exchange semester)
 - **Official transcripts** from home institution
 - **Proof of English proficiency** (TOEFL 100, IELTS 7.0)
 - **Resume/CV**
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- Application is reviewed and approved **within 1-2 weeks**
 - You will receive email from the Center for Immigration Services and Support (ISS) with instructions to apply for your [DS-2019 visa document](#) (e.g. copy of passport ID page, proof of funds for your stay)
 - DS-2019 is sent to you electronically with your **SEVIS number**
 - Submit online J-1 visa application and **make appointment at nearest US embassy or consulate**
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- **Tuition:** you will pay your home institution's tuition during your exchange semester
 - **Required additional fees:** Student health fee: **\$292** (for access to campus health); Activity fee: **\$50**; Technology fee: **\$270**.
 - **Estimated living costs** for one semester: (housing, food, books, transportation): **\$14,517** (exact amount you need to show for visa document may vary, please follow ISS instructions)
 - **Mandatory additional costs:**
 - [health insurance](#): **\$1,421** for the university health plan.
 - **Optional additional costs:**
 - [wellness fee](#): **\$204** (access to the campus gym)
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NEW Exchange to LLM transfer program

International exchange students from Wake Forest Law's partner institutions are eligible for the Exchange Semester to LLM Transfer Program. Please contact llm@wfu.edu with questions about this option as specific visa regulations and bar exam limitations may apply.

Requirements

- Students must have attended Wake Forest Law as a semester exchange student within five years prior to the date of application to the LLM program
- Students must apply and be accepted to the [Wake Forest Law LLM program](#)

Credits

- Students may be eligible to **use credits earned during the exchange semester** toward completion of an LLM degree. As a general rule, a maximum of 12 credits may be transferred.
 - Students cannot use transfer credits initially earned while on exchange toward an LLM degree to qualify them to sit for the New York Bar. Students may be eligible to sit for the bar exam in other states.
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Questions?
