



Budget and Payment Schedule
 University of Latvia Exchange
 Fall-Winter Semester 2021-22

**This budget assumes that the current global situation will improve enough to run this program safely as it was originally designed. All program details, including cost, will be updated if global or location-specific conditions require modifications to program structure (for example, limitations on in-country travel or the requirement of single-occupancy accommodation). GEO continues to closely monitor the conditions for each program to ensure that they meet the safety and travel requirements of the University of Oregon, the host country, and the local institutions with which we work.

PROGRAM FEES	OREGON RESIDENT AMOUNT	NON-RESIDENT AMOUNT
GEO Application Fee	\$50	\$50
UO Exchange Program Fee	\$4,150	\$8,750
UO Study Abroad Fee (\$450 per UO Term)	\$900	\$900
Estimated UO Insurance*	\$415	\$415
TOTAL PROGRAM FEES PAID TO GEO	\$5,515	\$10,115

*Estimated insurance cost per program, based on program length

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES	AMOUNT
Estimated housing ⁽¹⁾	\$1,500
Estimated meal ⁽²⁾	\$3,696
Estimated airfare from Eugene to Riga	\$1,600
Estimated books & course supplies	\$400
Estimated cost of acquiring passport	\$150
Estimated cell phone expenses	\$270
Estimated travel clinic & pre-departure physical	\$50
Estimated local transportation	\$275
Estimated visa/residence permit expenses (if applicable)	\$120
Estimated additional living expenses	\$1,500
ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES TOTAL	\$9,561

(1) There are two long-term hotels where the University of Latvia houses international students. They are both located about 20 minutes from the city center and campus. The University of Latvia also works with a rental agency that helps student find apartments in the city of Riga if that is preferred. See more details on their website: <https://www.lu.lv/en/studies/student-life/accommodation/>

(2) There is a canteen (cafeteria) in each faculty at the University of Latvia that offers hot and cold meals, snacks, and beverages. The average cost of a full lunch is €5 although you can get the daily special for €3. Students can save money by grocery shopping.

	OREGON RESIDENT AMOUNT	NON-RESIDENT AMOUNT
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PARTICIPATION <i>(Program fees + estimated additional expenses)</i>	\$15,076	\$19,676

Please see payment schedule and cancellation policy below.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE (What is due when?)

UO students: GEO will charge all program fees to your UO Student Billing Account.

Billing and Payment Schedule for UO Students

When you apply	An application fee of \$50 is due at the time of application; applications will not be considered until the application fee is received. Once paid, the application fee is non-refundable under any circumstances.
When you are offered acceptance	<p>A non-refundable program deposit of \$500 is due within one week of acceptance or nomination offer to confirm your space on the program. The program deposit is not an additional fee but is part of the total GEO program fee.</p> <p>Once a student has authorized GEO to charge the deposit to their UO student account, or has submitted the deposit directly to GEO, the program deposit is non-refundable except in cases where a student is denied acceptance to the program for which he or she has applied. If the required application materials are not completed by the deadline, the application will be considered abandoned and cancelled by GEO. In such cases, the deposit will not be refunded. Students who fail to pay the program deposit by the first cancellation/deferral date listed below will have their program application canceled.</p>
4 – 7 weeks before you depart	<p>GEO will bill your UO Student Billing Account for the remainder of your program fee. This amount will be due according to standard UO Payment and Due Dates. For programs that take place over multiple terms, GEO will bill you a percentage of your fee over each term. For more information about UO Payment and Due Dates, see this link:</p> <p>https://ba.uoregon.edu/content/payments.</p>

Note: You will pay your housing costs according to the payment schedule of the host university or housing company. These costs may be due up to several months before the start of your program.

We encourage you to visit <https://geo.uoregon.edu/scholarships> to learn about scholarship and funding opportunities. Speak with a financial aid counselor regarding your current financial aid package.

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CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY INFORMATION:

Important: The GEO Cancellation and Deferral Policy is effective from the time a student agrees to pay their non-refundable deposit or electronically signs the program commitment form, regardless of application or acceptance status. It is essential to read this policy before a potential cancellation or deferral takes place, in order to understand the ramifications.

Cancellation/Deferral Penalty Dates:

120 DAY POLICY CANCELLATION/DEFERRAL DATE	PENALTY IF NOTICE RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE
Before May 2, 2021	\$500 program deposit plus unrecoverable costs incurred by GEO
From: May 3, 2021 through: June 1, 2021	25% of total GEO fees plus unrecoverable costs incurred by GEO
From: June 2, 2021 through: July 31, 2021	50% of total GEO fees plus unrecoverable costs incurred by GEO
From: August 1, 2021 through: August 29, 2021	75% of total GEO fees plus unrecoverable costs incurred by GEO
Program start date or after program begins	Full amount of GEO fees

Cancellation/Deferral Process: Students who cancel or defer their participation must notify both GEO and the program provider or the host institution in writing. Fax (GEO: 541-346-1232) or email is acceptable (GEO: geoinfo@uoregon.edu). Verbal notification to GEO or notification given to a non-UO campus study abroad office is not sufficient.

- If a student has committed to participate in a full academic year exchange program, this policy will apply for the full academic year fees.
- If one of the deadlines in the Student Budget posted on the program page of the GEO website falls on a weekend or holiday, GEO will accept written notifications received on the following business day.
- A student can defer their application for up to twelve months from the term in which their original program was scheduled to start, and upon approval by the GEO advisor. Beyond twelve months, a student must cancel their application and re-apply. The student will be responsible for payment of any unrecoverable costs. In some cases, a student may be able to apply their non-refundable application fee and deposit to a future GEO program upon GEO approval.

Cancellation/Deferral Policy and Penalty:

- This cancellation and deferral policy applies to all cancellations and deferrals regardless of the reason for cancellation or deferral, including but not limited to inability to secure proper legal status (i.e. passport, visa, etc.) in the host country of the participating program.
- If the program fee has not been received by GEO at the time of cancellation or deferral, the penalty amount will be billed by GEO.
- GEO fees include: the GEO program fee, the UO Study Abroad fee (UO students only), and/or any other fees that are billed by GEO.
- GEO and the program provider or the host institution reserve the right to cancel a program due to low enrollment, natural disaster, public health emergency, political unrest, terrorism, acts of war or any other reasons beyond GEO's control. If a program is cancelled prior to the start date for any of these reasons, GEO will refund all payments received by GEO including the application fee, program deposit, and program fee. GEO assumes no further financial responsibility and is not responsible for airfare, visa fees, or any other fees related to the program that may have been paid. GEO strongly recommends that students purchase travel cancellation/interruption insurance.