



Indian Institute of Technology Madras
Office of Global Engagement

IIT Madras' Semester Exchange Program for Partner Universities' International Students

Semester Exchange Programme – IIT Madras, Chennai India

Experience academic excellence at IIT Madras through a semester-long exchange at one of India's premier institutions. Explore diverse courses, collaborate with leading faculty, and engage in a vibrant, multicultural campus community. Build global connections, gain new perspectives, and create an enriching international academic experience.





About IIT Madras

The **Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras)** was established in 1959 by the Government of India and is an **Institute of National Importance**. The Institute offers education and conducts research across science, engineering, technology, management, humanities, and interdisciplinary areas.

IIT Madras continues to be one of India's leading institutions of higher education and research, with the following latest rankings:

No. 1

NIRF 2025 – Overall: Ranked No. 1 in India for the 7th consecutive year (2019–2025).

No. 1

NIRF 2025 – Engineering: Ranked No. 1 in India for the 10th consecutive year (2016–2025).

170th

QS World University Rankings 2027: Ranked 170th globally, improving from 180th in QS World University Rankings 2026.

56th

QS Asia University Rankings 2026: Ranked 56th in Asia.



1. Eligibility

Students nominated by home universities should meet the following requirements:



Be officially registered as a full-time undergraduate or postgraduate student at the partner university.



Be officially nominated by the home university.



Be in good academic standing.



Be a full-time undergraduate or postgraduate student.



Have sufficient **English-language proficiency** to participate effectively in academic activities.



2. Semester Structure

IIT Madras follows two academic semesters:

SEMESTER Autumn / Fall Semester PERIOD July – November	SEMESTER Spring Semester PERIOD January – May
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3. Nomination by Home Universities

The exchange coordinator at the partner university is responsible for nominating.

Nomination deadlines:

 30 April July–November (Autumn/Fall Semester):	 31 October January–May (Spring Semester):
 Nomination details and access to the online nomination system will be communicated to the designated exchange coordinators of partner universities.	





4. Student Application Process

The exchange process consists of the following stages:

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Step 1 – Nomination
The partner university nominates eligible students through the designated nomination system.

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Step 2 – Registration
Nominated students receive instructions and login credentials for the online application process.

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Step 3 – Application
Students complete the application and upload the required documents through the designated application system.

Application deadlines:

July–November (Autumn/Fall Semester): 31 May

January–May (Spring Semester): 30 November

Following completion of the required **Study in India (SII) portal registration**, the invitation letter will be issued through the portal to support the visa application process.



Academic Departments at IIT Madras



Engineering & Technology

- Aerospace Engineering
- Applied Mechanics and Biomedical Engineering
- Biotechnology
- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Engineering Design
- Mechanical Engineering
- Ocean Engineering
- Metallurgical & Materials Engineering
- Computer Science & Engineering
- Data Science & AI
- Medical Science & Technology



Science

- Physics
- Chemistry
- Mathematics



Management

- Management Studies



Humanities

- Humanities & Social Sciences

Academic Information – Semester Exchange Programme

1. Course Selection and Registration

Course selection and registration will be completed **after the student arrives at IIT Madras**. The **Office of Global Engagement (OGE)** will provide detailed instructions on the course registration process and coordinate with the **Academic Section – Course Unit** to facilitate course registration. Students should select courses in consultation with their **home university** and the relevant academic department at IIT Madras to ensure that the selected courses meet their academic requirements. Previous semester course lists are available on the IIT Madras Office of Global Engagement website for reference:



[IIT Madras – Semester Exchange Programme Course Information](#)

Please refer to the course list solely for reference purposes.



2. Semester Course Credit Load

IIT Madras does not **prescribe any minimum or maximum credit requirement specifically for students participating in the Semester Exchange Programme** at IIT Madras.

The total registered credits in a semester should not exceed 66 credits.

Exchange students are expected to register for courses based on:

The academic requirements of their **home university**;

Approval from their home university; and

Consultation with the relevant academic department at IIT Madras.

The total registered credits in a semester **should not exceed 65 credits**.

3. IIT Madras Credit System

The IIT Madras credit system is based on student academic effort.

50

minutes per working week
= one credit

- **One credit** represents an effort of **50 minutes per working week**.
- For a lecture course, one credit-hour of classroom instruction is generally associated with two credit-hours of student effort outside the classroom.
- For supervised sessions where no additional work is required outside the scheduled session, the supervised instructional time is counted toward the course credits.
- Laboratory and tutorial courses are assigned credits based on the scheduled instructional time and the expected student effort outside the classroom.

For example, a course with **three lecture sessions per week** may carry **9 credits**, reflecting three credit-hours of classroom instruction plus the corresponding expected effort outside the classroom.

4. Course Credit Structure

The following table illustrates the credit structure for different types of courses:

Nature of Course	Lecture	Tutorial	Extended Tutorial	Afternoon Lab Session	Time Spent Outside Class	Total Credits
Theory	3	0	0	0	3 × 2 = 6	9
Theory + Tutorial\$	3	1	0	0	3 × 2 = 6	10
Theory + Tutorial\$	3	1	1	0	3 × 2 = 6	11
Theory + Lab	2	0	0	3	2 × 2 = 4	9
Laboratory	0	0	0	3	0	3
Laboratory	0	0	0	3	2	5
Project	0	0	0	0	27	27

Notes:

- \$ Assumes that the tutorial does not require additional work outside the class.
- Each time unit represents **50 minutes**.
- Total credits in the new system are calculated based on **Lecture + Tutorial + Extended Tutorial + Afternoon Lab Session + Time Spent Outside Class**.



5. Attendance Requirements

Attendance is recorded by the teaching staff member handling each course until the last instructional day of the semester.

Please refer the link more details on Attendance:

<https://www.iitm.ac.in/academics/academic-services/downloads>



6. Grading System

At the end of the semester, students receive a final letter grade for each registered course based on their academic performance.

Please refer the link more details on Grade details:

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Semester Fees

For eligible Semester Exchange Programme students, **tuition fees are waived in accordance with the applicable Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).**

A mandatory semester fee covering institute facilities and student services is applicable:

Semester Fee

(approximately INR 13500 to 15000)

Note: The semester fee is subject to change and will be confirmed at the time of joining IIT Madras. These charges are administrative and student-service fees and are separate from tuition fees.



Accommodation

The **CCW – Office of Hostel Management** coordinates hostel accommodation for Semester Exchange students.

- Separate hostel accommodation is available for male and female students.
- Hostel allotment is coordinated by the CCW Office.
- Mess facilities and multiple food courts are available on campus.

Hostel Fee
(approximately INR 35000 to 40000)

Note: The hostel fee is subject to change and will be confirmed at the time of joining IIT Madras.



Support from the Office of Global Engagement

The **Office of Global Engagement (OGE), IIT Madras** will support incoming exchange students through:

- ✓ Pre-arrival information and guidelines
- ✓ Guidance on the application and registration process
- ✓ Course registration coordination
- ✓ Coordination with the Academic Section and relevant departments
- ✓ General assistance related to the student's arrival and onboarding
- ✓ Coordination with relevant Institute offices for student support



Academic and Cultural Experience

The Semester Exchange Programme enables students to:

- Experience academic life at IIT Madras.
- Take courses across diverse academic disciplines.
- Interact with faculty members and students from different backgrounds.
- Experience IIT Madras' multicultural campus environment.
- Develop international academic and professional networks.
- Gain broader perspectives through cross-cultural interaction.

Important Note for Partner Universities

Partner universities are requested to ensure that nominated students:

- 1 Meet the eligibility requirements.
- 2 Are officially nominated by the home university within the prescribed deadline.
- 3 Complete the IIT Madras application within the applicable deadline.
- 4 Obtain approval from the home university for their proposed academic coursework.
- 5 Complete the required Study in India portal registration and visa-related formalities.
- 6 Follow IIT Madras academic, attendance, and administrative requirements during their exchange period.



Links for More Information

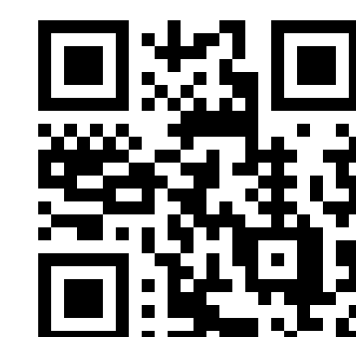
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