

The differences between ISEP Exchange and ISEP Direct

	ISEP Exchange		ISEP Direct	
Description	Some one hundred universities in around 50 different countries participate in ISEP Exchange. Under an ISEP exchange, students receive financial aid from the University of Fribourg and therefore pay some of the costs (accommodation, meals, registration fee, etc.)		Around sixty universities worldwide take part in the ISEP Direct programme, under which students pay the full registration and tuition fees.	
Unifr conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must have paid your registration fee and be enrolled at Unifr. * ** • You must have obtained at least 60 ECTS credits at the start of your mobility placement and fulfil the conditions of your faculty • You must have the consent of your mobility coordinator/academic advisor. • You must have sufficient language skills. Please refer to the terms of the host universities. Note: ISEP requires you to have a TOEFL certificate for most of the English-speaking universities to optimize your eligibility for a maximum of universities. Make sure you have this certificate before the end of January/mid August. • You must satisfy the specific requirements of the ISEP universities (choose “more filters” and tick ISEP Exchange or Direct). 			
	* You will be exempt from registration fees at your host university.		** You must also pay the registration fee at the host university.	
ISEP selection	The number of places is limited. You are not certain to be selected for your first-choice university. Choose up to 7 universities and ISEP will place you according to the number of places available and your academic needs. Click on the link for further information about the likelihood of you getting a placement .		If you meet the academic requirements and are selected by the International Relations Office, the chances of your being placed at the university of your choice are excellent.	
Unifr application deadlines	For the autumn semester of the following academic year:	For the spring semester of the following academic year:	For the autumn semester of the following academic year:	For the spring semester of the following academic year:
	31 October: submission online for mobility applications to the International Relations Office. Early December: notification by the IRO as to whether you have been selected.			

Application to Unifr	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consult the ISEP site www.isepstudyabroad.org and look for partner universities compatible with your field of study on the ISEP search engine. 2. Browse the courses on offer at partner universities on their web site. Make sure that they are compatible with those at Fribourg. 3. Go to the “Mobility – Outgoing” tab on the MyUnifr portal to find out about the different steps you need to take before submitting a mobility application. 4. Collect all the documents requested and fill in the mobility application online. 5. Have the mobility application signed by your academic advisor and upload it to your MyUnifr portal 6. The IRO will check your application. 			
ISEP application deadlines	<p>15 February for the autumn semester of the following academic year</p> <p>April: reply from ISEP concerning your placement at the host university</p>	<p>15 August for the spring semester of the following academic year</p> <p>October: reply from ISEP regarding placement at the host university</p>	<p>15 February: submission online of applications on the ISEP website.</p> <p>The ISEP Direct reply deadlines vary from university to university.</p>	<p>15 August: submission online of applications on the ISEP website.</p> <p>The ISEP Direct reply deadlines vary from university to university.</p>
ISEP application	<p>If you have been selected for the ISEP programme, the IRO will send you information about your application to ISEP.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create an account on the ISEP website to start your ISEP application online. 2. Once the ISEP coordinator at Unifr has validated your request to make applications, you can submit your application online (see deadlines above). 3. After you have submitted your application on the ISEP site, the IRO will check it and, if it is complete, validate it. 4. ISEP will send you instructions by email on the steps to follow. You will be informed of your placement directly by ISEP. <p>Further information is available on the ISEP site about the different steps in the ISEP application and placement process.</p>			
Registration fees	<p>Pay your registration fee to Unifr. You are exempt from registration fees at the host university.</p>		<p>Pay registration fees to Unifr and the host university.</p>	
Mobility costs and subsidy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ISEP registration fee: USD 100 payable to Unifr at registration – non-refundable fee. 2. ISEP placement fee: USD 425 payable to Unifr upon placement at a university - non-refundable fee. These taxes (registration and placement) will not be refunded in case of cancellation. Further information on ISEP fees You must take out obligatory ISEP health insurance before your departure. Allow for around USD 95 per month. Plan your budget 3. Contribution to the ISEP programme: Billed costs per semester: CHF 3,500.-. The actual cost is between CHF 9,000.- and CHF 12'000.- but you receive the Unifr subsidy which is calculated every year. These costs will be billed to you before your departure and includes accommodation on the university campus, meals and info-sessions, etc. Click here for further information on the ISEP website <p>The university costs depend on the individual ISEP university and are payable entirely by the student (there is no subsidy from the Unifr). These costs include the registration fee at the host university, as well as accommodation, meals, etc. For more information, consult the website of the respective ISEP Direct universities by using the Isep Program Finder (search engine ISEP). Note: some universities may bill you for other costs. Click here for further information on the ISEP website.</p>			

Support included in the programme	ISEP Exchange support	ISEP Direct support
Useful information	United States: the academic year is divided into semesters or trimesters, starting in late August or early September and ending in late May. Southern hemisphere countries: the 1st semester starts in February/March, the 2nd semester in July/August.	

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