

COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE PLACEMENT PROCESS

1. Students who apply a month before priority deadline are more likely to get their preferred placement
2. Students with higher grades are more likely to get their preferred placement
3. I can rank my students in terms of preference for who gets a better placement
4. "ISEP always places students in their 6th or 7th choice, so you should list your actual first choice 6th on your list"
5. "I'll receive multiple placements, and can select from among them"
6. If you list fewer choices, it will force the algorithm to place you higher up on your list

DEMYSTIFYING THE PLACEMENT PROCESS

- Overarching Goal: equity, not merit-based
- Algorithm aims to make the *greatest number of placements highest up on the students' lists*
- All students who apply by priority deadline are equally considered for competitive exchange sites
- All applicants who meet the enrollment requirements for a given host site have an equal chance of being placed there
- Each student receives only one placement
- Only way to guarantee a placement at a certain site is to apply through ISEP Direct
- Number of spaces available at each site is based on previous balance, how many students apply to go outbound for the term, and the host site's balance flexibility

UNDERSTANDING CHANCE OF PLACEMENT

Chances of Placement	Description
Guaranteed	This site can accept all students that apply and meet the minimum eligibility requirements. All ISEP Direct programs offer guaranteed placement for students who meet the eligibility requirements.
Excellent	This site usually has more spots available than the number of applicants applying. Some of these sites might be available after the priority deadline.
Good	This site can accommodate most of the applicants requesting it. ISEP Exchange applicants should list at least one site with a 'good' or 'excellent' chance of placement on their program list. Some of these sites might be available after the priority deadline.
Fair	This site can usually accommodate about half of the applicants requesting it. ISEP recommends that students listing "Fair" chance of placement sites on their application list at least three sites on their application, preferably some with a "Good" or better chance of placement.
Limited	This site usually cannot accommodate all the applicants that request it. Many applicants might be placed at an alternative choice or asked to consider other options. If applying to a site with a 'limited' chance of placement, ISEP suggests that students list a minimum of 3-5 sites, at least one of which has a 'good' or 'excellent' chance of placement.
Most Competitive	This site is one of the most requested for ISEP Exchange and only has a few spots for applicants. Student may apply to only one site marked most competitive, and it must be listed as the first choice on their application.
Closed	This site cannot accept any applicants this round. Please do not apply.

KEYS TO A "GOOD" EXCHANGE LIST

- Sites should be listed in order of preference
- Students should list at least 3 – 5 options, at least 1 or more having a "good" or "excellent" chance of placement
 - Students applying to the United States often list up to 10 host sites
- Any student applying to a "most competitive" site should list it first and may only list 1 site marked as "most competitive".
- Students should not add any sites where they aren't willing to attend!
- For students applying to study in the US, don't list 9 sites that are "most competitive" or "limited", and have only 10th site as "good".

SAMPLE "GOOD" EXCHANGE PROGRAM LIST

1. Chapman University – **Most competitive**
2. Alfred University – **Limited**
3. Fort Lewis College - **Fair**
4. Creighton University – **Good**
5. Kennesaw State - **Good**
6. Hendrix College - **Excellent**



1 Regular University Courses in English, ISEP Exchange
Chapman University -
January 25, 2022 - May 21, 2022
Residence Hall | Required: Meal Option 1
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2 Regular University Courses in English, ISEP Exchange
Alfred University -
January 2022 - May 2022 (Tentative)
Residence Hall | Required: Meal Option 1
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3 Regular University Courses in English, ISEP Exchange
Fort Lewis College -
January 2022 - April 2022 (Tentative)
University Apartment | Required: Meal Option 1
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4 Regular University Courses in English, ISEP Exchange
Creighton University -
January 2022 - May 07, 2022 (Tentative)
Residence Hall | Required: Meal Option 1
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5 Regular University Courses in English, ISEP Exchange
Kennesaw State University -
January 2022 - May 2022 (Tentative)