



MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

FACT SHEET
2017/2018

EXCHANGE/VISITING STUDENTS

ABOUT MSU	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Founded in 1908▪ Located in New Jersey communities of Montclair, Little Falls and Clifton▪ 14 miles away from New York City (train and bus from campus)▪ Only thirty minutes from the nearest international airport by bus or train▪ Main campus encompasses 252 acres▪ 300 majors, minors, concentrations and certificate programs▪ 20,987 total students, 16,810 undergraduate students, 4,177 graduate students▪ 5,200 students living on campus▪ Student to teacher ratio: 17 to 1▪ Average class size: 23
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS	<p>Exchange/Visiting students, in most cases, may select courses in any of the University's Schools and Departments. There are a few exceptions, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prerequisites must be satisfied for some higher level courses• English writing samples may be required for some classes• Portfolios may be required for some Art classes• Auditions may be required for some music classes• Students are excluded from most <u>accounting</u> classes above the 200-level• MBA courses are not available to exchange students
ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY	<p>Unless exempt, students must demonstrate English language proficiency. Acceptable scores are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• TOEFL computerized test minimum score accepted is 213, written test minimum is 550• iBT test (internet) minimum score is 80• Minimum IELTS score of 6.5• More information can be found at www.toefl.org and at www.ielts.org <p>Applicants who are citizens of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia, and have studied four years in their home country in English are exempt from this requirement. Per University agreements, students from the following partner universities are also exempt: University of Agder, University of Graz, and Kristianstad University.</p>
TUITION AND FEES (EXCHANGE STUDENTS)	Waived as per terms of the Exchange Agreement. See attached Estimated Expenses Guide.
TUITION AND FEES (VISITING STUDENTS)	35% Discount off Non-New Jersey Resident tuition. No discount on fees. See schedule of Tuition and Fees . See attached Estimated Expenses Guide.

COURSE SELECTION	Students work with our International Student Advisor to register for classes. View the Course Catalog for a list of all available classes. To confirm if a particular class will be offered during your semester at MSU view the Schedule of Courses and search by term.
CREDIT LOAD PER SEMESTER	Undergraduate: 12- 18 Credits (4-6 classes) Maximum 18 credits allowed for exchange Graduate: 9 Credits (3 classes)
MINIMUM WORKLOAD PER SEMESTER	Undergraduate:12 Credits Graduate: 9 Credits Must not include any online classes.
CONTACT HOURS PER SEMESTER	45 hours for a 3 credit course (15 week semester)
ACADEMIC CALENDAR	Fall 2017: September 5 – December 21 Spring 2018: January 15 – May 9 University Calendar 2017-2018
EXAM PERIODS	Fall 2017: December 15-21 Spring 2018: May 3-9
NOMINATION	Students from partner universities wishing to study at Montclair State University for a study abroad as an exchange/visiting student <u>must be nominated by their university</u> and may apply for one semester or a full academic year. Students must be in good academic standing at their home university. Contact your International Office to apply.
APPLICATION DEADLINES	For <u>Fall Admission</u> , all materials should be received by early March. For <u>Spring Admission</u> , all materials should be received by early October. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the fall and spring semesters, but due to space constraints, there are limits to the number of exchange students from each university. Please also keep in mind the time required to secure a visa when applying.
VISA TYPE	Students must apply for and receive a J-1 Visa to be eligible to study in the USA.
VISA COST	Students pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee (\$180) and the Visa Fee .
VISA PROCESS	After your acceptance as an Exchange/Visiting Student you will be requested to submit a copy of your current passport and financial documents to demonstrate you have sufficient funding to cover the cost of your program and living expenses while in the USA. Proof of funding is required by the US government to be eligible to apply for a visa. Montclair State will then issue form DS2019 which confirms you acceptance into an Exchange Visitor Program. You then pay the I-901 fee and then apply for a visa at an American embassy or consulate .
RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL DATES	Fall 2017 – August 28 Spring 2018 – January 8 When purchasing your plane ticket, please note the start date on your DS-2019 will be listed as the day of the mandatory orientation. You are NOT allowed to enter the United States more than 30 days before the start date listed on your DS-2019.
DEPARTURE DATE	If you are living on campus you will be required to move out of campus housing the day after the last scheduled day of the exam period. Your J-1 visa allows a 30 day grace period after the last scheduled day of the exam period. You must depart the US within those 30 days and cannot change visa status while in the US.
STUDENT ORIENTATION	Fall 2017 – August 30 Spring 2018 – January 10 New students participate in a mandatory orientation. The orientation provides students with information about their visas, campus organizations and activities, and other topics

	relevant to Montclair State University students and adjusting to life in the US. Students will also be provided with a tour of campus and local shopping.
STUDENT ID	Exchange/Visiting students will be provided with a Montclair State University ID card to use the library, computer labs, the recreation center and other campus resources.
CAMPUS HOUSING	Exchange/Visiting students are offered housing on campus in our Global Living Community (GLC) which is located in The Village apartment complex. The GLC offers the opportunity to live with other international students as well as American students interested in other cultures. International Services regularly hosts social events and activities for students in the GLC. Four students share each apartment and you can choose between either a single or double (shared) bedroom. All bed rooms have a single bed, desk and closet space and the apartments have kitchens and a shared living space. Shared laundry facilities are available free of charge on each floor. Students are required to provide their own bedding and kitchen supplies/utensils.
LIVING COSTS	<p>The cost of housing in the Global Living Community is \$5850 (single room) or \$5169 (double/shared) per semester. The room rate in The Village includes heat, electricity, water, A/C, 24 hour security desk coverage, Wi-Fi, and basic cable TV service. The Village is a short walk from campus or there is a free shuttle service. A free shuttle service operates each Saturday during semester to a local shopping center.</p> <p>Meal plans are optional as The Village apartments are equipped with kitchens. If you would like to purchase a meal plans there are several options available based on the number of meals per day you would like to purchase. You can find out more about dining on campus here and the cost of meal plans here.</p>
HEALTH INSURANCE	All Montclair State University students are required to have health insurance. In addition the US State Department requires that all J-1 Visa holders maintain health insurance that meets minimum standards through their entire stay in the US. Students will be automatically enrolled in the health insurance offered by Montclair State University. The plan is underwritten by United Health Care Insurance. More information can be found here .
IMMUNIZATIONS	All students are required to demonstrate that they have received the mandatory immunizations. The requirements are listed here .
ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT	Students can apply for on-campus work up to 20 hours per week during semester and fulltime when class is not in session. All work must be approved by the International Services Department and students must apply for and receive a Social Security Number (SSN) prior to commencing work.
OFF-CAMPUS WORK/INTERNSHIPS	Exchange/Visiting Students are not eligible for off-campus work unless they are participating in approved 'academic training'. Academic training is the name the J-1 Exchange Visitor Program uses for employment training or practical experience directly related to your field of study. If you are interested in this option please discuss with the International Student Advisor before making any arrangements.
CAMPUS FACILITIES	Campus Recreation Montclair State Dining Services Art and Culturing Programming
MORE INFORMATION	Information for Non-Degree Visiting/Exchange International Students Accepted Students Welcome Guide

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2017/18 ESTIMATED EXPENSES PER SEMESTER

UNDERGRADUATE	EXCHANGE STUDENTS	VISITING STUDENTS
Tuition – 12-18 credits	0	\$6149*
Fees	0	\$924
Housing	\$5850 Single/\$5169 Double	\$5850 Single/\$5169 Double
Living Expenses	\$2100	\$2100
Health Insurance	\$585	\$585
Books	\$400	\$400

GRADUATE	EXCHANGE STUDENTS	VISITING STUDENTS
Tuition – 9 credits	0	\$5641*
Fees – 9 credits	0	\$424
Housing	\$5850 Single/\$5169 Double	\$5850 Single/\$5169 Double
Living Expenses	\$2100	\$2100
Health Insurance	\$1150	\$1150
Books	\$400	\$400

Optional (but strongly encouraged)

Cell phone plan	\$40-50 per month	\$40-50 per month
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*Please note: some courses may have additional fees particularly music and art. These fees are payable by Visiting Students.