



# HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY

High Point, North Carolina, USA

Partner Information 2016/2017

## About High Point University

High Point University, founded in 1924, is a private, liberal arts institution with over 4,200 undergraduate and graduate students at campuses in High Point and Winston-Salem, North Carolina. It is affiliated with the United Methodist Church and accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. HPU is ranked by *US News and World Report* ("America's Best Colleges" 2016 Edition) as the No. 1 Best Regional College in the South and No. 1 for the most innovative regional college in the South. *Parade Magazine* lists HPU in the top 25 private schools in the United States. For the fifth year in a row, HPU was named to the "Colleges of Distinction" list. HPU also was recognized as one of the top green schools in the country by the Sierra Club. With small class sizes, the student-to-faculty ratio is 15:1. The university offers 48 undergraduate majors, 51 undergraduate minors, and 12 graduate degree programs. It is a member of the NCAA, Division I, and the Big South Conference. For more information, visit <http://www.highpoint.edu>.

## Location

High Point University is located in High Point, North Carolina, a city known for its involvement in the furniture industry. Together, the cities of Greensboro, High Point, and Winston-Salem form the Piedmont Triad, North Carolina's largest metropolitan area with more than 1.9 million people and over 20 colleges and universities. The city of High Point alone has more than 100,000 people. For more information, visit <http://www.highpoint.org/> or <http://www.visitnc.com/greensboro-winston-salem>.

Both Greensboro and Winston-Salem are 20 minutes from campus. Other popular destinations and locations surrounding campus include:

City	Location	Drive Time	Train/Bus Time	Flight Time
Atlanta, GA	320 miles south of HPU	5 hours	8.25 hours	1 hour
Charlotte, NC	75 miles south of HPU	1.5 hours	2 hours	40 min
New York City, NY	550 miles north of HPU	9 hours	11 hours	1.5 hours
Orlando, FL	590 miles south of HPU	9.5 hours		1.5 hours
Raleigh, NC	90 miles east of HPU	1.5 hours	2.25 hours	N/A
Washington, DC	325 miles north of HPU	5 hours	7 hours	1 hour
Appalachian Mountains	100+ miles west of HPU	2+ hours	3.25 hours	N/A
Atlantic Ocean (Myrtle Beach or Wilmington)	225+ miles east of HPU	3.25+ hours	9 hours	N/A

High Point is easily accessible from Interstate 40 or Interstate 85. In addition, High Point University offers complimentary shuttle service during university holidays to local airports, train stations, and bus stations, when arranged through Campus Concierge. The Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO), which provides direct flights to major U.S. cities each day, is 20 minutes from campus. The Charlotte Douglass International Airport (CLT) and Raleigh Durham International Airport (RDU) are both 90 minutes from campus, and the Amtrak train and Greyhound bus stations are both five minutes from campus.

## Fields of Study

HPU offers undergraduate courses through the College of Arts & Sciences, the School of Art & Design, the Earl N. Phillips School of Business, the Nido R. Qubein School of Communication, the School of Education, and the School of Health Sciences. Our largest majors and niche programs include Biology, Business, Communication, Education, Exercise Science, Human Relations, Interior Design, Music, and Physics. A complete listing of course offerings is available in the online course catalog.

**Restrictions.** Exchange students are not restricted in undergraduate course selection. However, some courses have prerequisites, and Music, Theatre, and Art & Design courses often require auditions or portfolios.

Currently, High Point University is not able to accept exchange students into graduate-level courses.

## Courses

High Point University offers a wide variety of coursework at the undergraduate level. To view the online course catalog, go to <http://mystuff.highpoint.edu/>. Then click on the orange “Search for Classes” button and again the blue “Search for Classes” hyperlink.

**Language of Instruction.** Language courses are taught in the respective languages; all other courses are taught in English.

**Language Requirement.** Incoming students are required to have a minimum English language proficiency indicated by at least one of the following:

Assessment	Minimum Requirement
TOEFL	79 (iBT), 550 (PBT), 213 (CBT)
IELTS	6
TOEIC	700
Cambridge	CAE
Other	Completion of an Intensive Language Program, or successful completion of one semester of college study in an English-speaking country

**Min/Max Number of Credits.** High Point University requires exchange students to enroll in a minimum of 12, maximum of 18, credits per term. The standard credit value at HPU is 4 credits per class with activity and some special-topics classes carrying 1-2 credits. The recommended number of credits for exchange students is 16 credits per term.

## Academic Calendar

### Fall Semester (Semester 1)

01 JUL 2016	Payments Due
18 AUG 2016	Arrive in Greensboro, NC
19 AUG 2016	Exchange Student Orientation begins & accommodations open
23 AUG 2016	Classes begin
14 OCT 2016	Mid-semester break begins (at end of classes)
24 OCT 2016	Mid-semester break ends (at 7:00am)
22 NOV 2016	Thanksgiving holiday begins (at end of classes)
28 NOV 2016	Thanksgiving holiday ends (at 7:00am)
06 DEC 2016	Last day of classes
07 DEC 2016	Reading Day
08 DEC - 14 DEC 2016	Exams

### Spring Semester (Semester 2)

15 DEC 2016	Payments Due
06 JAN 2017	Arrive in Greensboro, NC
07 JAN 2017	Exchange Student Orientation begins & accommodations open
10 JAN 2017	Classes begin
16 JAN 2017	Martin Luther King Day holiday (no classes)
03 MAR 2017	Mid-semester break begins (at end of classes)
13 MAR 2017	Mid-semester break ends (at 7:00am)
14 APR 2017	Good Friday holiday (no classes)
17 APR 2017	Easter holiday (no classes)
26 APR 2017	Last day of classes
27 APR 2017	Reading Day
28 APR - 04 MAY 2017	Exams

# Nomination & Application Procedure

Partner institutions are asked to nominate students by sending the students' names (exactly as presented in their passports) and email addresses to the Director of Study Abroad. High Point University will honor the home institution's application process. Copies of the Exchange/Study Abroad Student Application for Admission can be emailed to the Director of Study Abroad or mailed to the Office of Study Abroad. Application materials can be accessed on the High Point University website at: <http://www.highpoint.edu/studyabroad/application/incomingapp/>. The following is required:

- Completed and signed Exchange/Study Abroad Student Application for Admission
- Signed Educational Investment Costs and Refund Policy Agreement
- Home university transcript
- Copy of student's passport
- Financial Statement showing available funds in the amount of:
  - For Tuition & Fees Exchange Agreements: \$8,385.44 USD, to cover room, board, and additional expenses.
  - For Tuition, Fees & Room Exchange Agreements: \$5424.44 USD, to cover board and additional expenses.
  - For Tuition, Fees, Room & Board Exchange Agreements: \$1875.00 USD, to cover additional expenses.
- TOEFL (79)/IELTS (6) or other English proficiency tests results

## Application Deadlines

Semester 1 (Fall)	April 30
Semester 2 (Spring)	November 1

**Welcome Package.** A welcome package will be sent in July for Fall Term applicants and December for Spring Term applicants.

## Cost Estimates

Most of the student activities are included in the tuition and fees, including laundry facilities, fitness centers, indoor and outdoor pools, concierge services (e.g., wake-up calls and reservations), and special events (e.g., guest speakers, concerts, performances, art exhibits, on-campus movie theatre, and on-campus arcade). Some activities (e.g., excursions, clubs, and organizations), however, require additional participation fees. These amounts vary by activity or service.

**Housing Cost Estimate.** The 2016-2017 cost for accommodations in a standard-tier dorm is \$2,961.00 USD per semester. Additional fees will be charged for upgraded accommodations. Note: all exchange students are required to live on campus.

On-campus residence halls are furnished, but linens are not provided. During the orientation week, the Office of Study Abroad will coordinate opportunities for students to purchase linens and other personal items. Where available, a limited supply of linens may be rented from the Office of International Student Services. Students should inquire early about availability.

**Meal Plan Cost Estimate.** The 2016-2017 cost for board is \$3,325.00 USD per semester plus \$224.44 board tax. High Point University has 11 restaurants and two convenience stores located on campus that offer various food options included in the meal plan for students. Note: all students living in on-campus accommodations are required to purchase this meal plan.

**Local Transportation.** HPU Transportation offers daily campus shuttle service to all of the campus locations and weekly shuttle service to local shopping venues. HPU Transportation also provides regular, complimentary roundtrip shuttle service during university holidays from the HPU campus to the Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO), the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport (CLT), the Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU), and the High Point Amtrak and Greyhound Stations.

**Personal Expenses.** Personal expenses vary per student. Depending on course schedule, book purchases from the HPU Barnes and Noble bookstore could range from \$200 USD to \$600 USD or higher per semester; however, book rentals are available at a much lower cost. Additional resources for purchasing or renting books can be requested. Some courses (e.g., fine arts and sciences) also require lab fees and/or materials.

## Health Insurance

Health insurance **is required for all students** at High Point University and is provided by United Health Care for all students on an F-1 visa. **Enrollment is mandatory** and coverage fees, not included in the tuition, fees, room, and board structure, will be billed directly to the student's account. The rate for Fall 2016 is estimated at \$580 USD. The rate for Spring 2017 is estimated at \$810 USD. More information about this health care plan can be found at <http://www.uhcsr.com/highpoint>.

## Accommodation

Exchange students live in an on-campus residence hall with double accommodations and shared (hall or suite-style) facilities. Students are provided 14 meals per week to use at our 13 on-campus dining locations and \$150 *Dining Dollars* per term to spend in on-campus restaurants and convenience stores.

## Arrival Greeting & Pick-up

The Office of Study Abroad highly recommends that students fly into Greensboro's Piedmont Triad International Airport.

On the stated arrival day, HPU staff will greet exchange students at the Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO) and help them secure a shuttle or cab to their hotel. It is recommended that exchange students stay at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites—Greensboro Airport, which is located less than 15 minutes from campus. The hotel offers special rates for HPU students, complimentary W

i-Fi, breakfast, and airport shuttles to/from the Piedmont-Triad International Airport. On the morning of orientation, HPU staff will greet exchange students at the Holiday Inn Express and Suites—Greensboro Airport and shuttle them to campus for check in and orientation.

## Visa & Residence Permit

Exchange students to High Point University are required to have an F visa for entry into the United States. HPU will provide students with a Form I-20 that is required for the F visa application at the U.S. Consulates abroad. In order to initiate the Form I-20, exchange students will be required to submit proof of financial support for the following amounts based on their home university's agreement with High Point University (all amounts in U.S. Dollars):

	Tuition & Fees Agreement	Tuition, Fees & Room Agreement	Tuition, Fees, Room & Board Agreement
<b>Tuition &amp; Fees</b>	(waived)	(waived)	(waived)
<b>Room (Tier 1)</b>	\$2,961.00	(waived)	(waived)
<b>Board</b>	\$3,325.00	\$3,325.00	(waived)
<b>Board Tax</b> (billed alongside of HPU Board fees)	\$224.44	\$224.44	(waived)
<b>Estimated Other Expenses</b> (books & materials, personal spending money, medical insurance)	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00	\$1,875.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,385.44</b>	<b>\$5,424.44</b>	<b>\$1,875.00</b>

**Can students work at HPU?** On an F visa, students will be permitted to work on campus for no more than 20 hours per week. Campus jobs are extremely limited and can be hard to acquire during the spring term. Exchange students are not permitted to work off campus. Students should not rely on getting a job at HPU when budgeting for their exchange.

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