

FACT SHEET 2020/2021

EXCHANGE/VISITING STUDENTS

ABOUT MSU	 Founded in 1908 Located in New Jersey communities of Montclair, Little Falls and Clifton 14 miles/22 kilometers 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 21,115 total students, 16,988 undergraduate students, 4,127 graduate students 5,200 students living on campus Student to teacher ratio: 17 to 1 Average class size: 23 	
ACADEMIC PROGRAMS	 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: 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 and theatre 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	 Unless exempt, students must demonstrate English language proficiency. Acceptable scores are: TOEFL iBT test (internet) minimum score is 70 see www.toefl.org Minimum IELTS score of 6.0 see www.ielts.org English3 Placement Test (E3PT) minimum 55 see english3.com/english3-profiency-test-taker.php Applicants who are citizens of the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia, and/or 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.	
TUITION AND FEES (EXCHANGE STUDENTS)	Waived as per terms of the Exchange Agreement. See attached Estimated Expenses Guide.	
TUITION AND FEES (VISITING STUDENTS)	Discounted to equivalent cost of in-state resident 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. Fall courses are published in March. Spring courses are published in October.		
CREDIT LOAD PER	Undergraduate: 12- 18 Credits (4-6 classes) Maximum 18 credits allowed for		
SEMESTER	exchange. Graduate: 9 Credits (3 classes)		
MINIMUM WORKLOAD	Undergraduate: 12 Credits Graduate: 9 Credits		
PER SEMESTER			
	Must not include any online classes.		
CONTACT HOURS PER	45 hours for a 3 credit course (15 week semester)		
SEMESTER			
	Fall: September 3 – December 21 including exams		
ACADEMIC CALENDAR	Spring: January 19 – May 11 including exams		
	University Calendar		
	Students from partner universities wishing to study at Montclair State University for a		
NOMINATION	study abroad as an exchange/visiting student must be nominated by their home		
	university 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.		
	For Fall Admission, all materials should be received by early March. For Spring		
APPLICATION	Admission, all materials should be received by early October. Applications are		
DEADLINES	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 <u>J-1 Visa</u> to be eligible to study in the USA.		
VISA COST	Students pay the <u>SEVIS I-901 Fee</u> (\$220) and the <u>Visa Fee</u> .		
	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		
VISA PROCESS	have sufficient funding to cover the cost of your program and living expenses while in		
NOAT ROOLOO	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 <u>DS2019</u> which confirms you acceptance		
	into an Exchange Visitor Program. You then pay the I-901 fee and then apply for a		
	visa at an <u>American embassy or consulate</u> .		
	Students are required to be on campus to attend a mandatory student orientation.		
RECOMMENDED	Tentative dates for the orientation are:		
ARRIVAL DATES	Fall 2020 - August 24Spring 2021 - January 11		
	You may be able to check into campus housing on the weekend immediately prior to		
	orientation. 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.		
	The orientation provides students with information about their visas, campus		
STUDENT ORIENTATION			
	organizations and activities, and other topics relevant to Montclair State University		
	students and adjusting to life in the US.		
DEPARTURE DATE	If you are living on campus you will be required to move out of campus housing by		
	11am on the day after the official semester end. 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 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 <u>The Village</u> apartment complex. The GLC offers the opportunity to live with other international students as well as American students interested in other cultures. Regular social events and activities are provided for students in the GLC. Four students share each apartment and you can choose between either a single or double (shared) bedroom. All bedrooms have a single bed, desk and closet and the apartments have kitchens, a shared living space and two bathrooms. All apartments are single gender. The building/apartment floors are mixed gender. Shared laundry facilities are available free of charge on each floor. Students are required to provide their own bedding and kitchen supplies/utensils.
	National Student Exchange participants may choose the Global Living Community or another Residence Hall.
LIVING COSTS	The 2019/2020 cost of housing in the Global Living Community is \$6027 (single room) or \$5325 (double/shared) per semester. Estimated costs for 2020/2021 are \$6,200 for a single room and \$5,480 for a double/shared room. 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.
	Meal plans in The Village apartments are optional as they are equipped with kitchens but required in traditional residence halls without kitchens. Students wishing to purchase a meal plan have several options available based on the number of meals per day desired. For more about dining on campus and the cost of meal plans see here.
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 <u>minimum standards</u> through their entire stay in the US. Students will be automatically enrolled in and billed for the health insurance offered by Montclair State University. Students may apply for a waiver of the University's health insurance but will be billed until the waiver is approved.
IMMUNIZATIONS	All students are required to demonstrate that they have received the mandatory immunizations. The requirements are listed <u>here</u> . Immunizations are available from our Campus Health Center.
PAYMENTS	Students can make payments to the university by international wire transfer or by credit card (fee applies). Instructions can be found <u>here</u> . Payments for tuition (if applicable) and housing will be required by the first week of classes.
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 Office of International Engagement and students must apply for and receive a Social Security Number (SSN) prior to commencing work.

OFF-CAMPUS	Exchange/Visiting Students are not eligible for off-campus work unless they are
WORK/INTERNSHIPS	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
	Welcome Guide
	For general questions and inquiries please contact:
CONTACT INFORMATION	Wendy Gilbert-Simon
	Student Mobility Coordinator
	Office of International Engagement
	Office of International Engagement
	Phone number: +1 973-655-6862
	email: <u>simonw@montclair.edu</u>
	website: http://www.montclair.edu/international-engagement
	Address: 1 Normal Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07043, USA
	Students must be nominated through their home schools international office. All
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	nominations or questions about the application process or requirements should be
	directed to:
	Domenica Dominguez
	Director, International Engagement
	Office of International Engagement
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	Phone number: +1 973-655-6862
	Email: <u>dominguezd@montclair.edu</u>



2020/2021 ESTIMATED EXPENSES PER SEMESTER

Tuition, fees, housing and health insurance will be billed directly to your student account. Tuition, fees, housing and health insurance *per semester* rates for 2020/2021 are estimated below based on the *per semester* rates for 2019/2020. The following costs are subject to change.

UNDERGRADUATE	EXCHANGE STUDENTS	VISITING STUDENTS
Estimated Tuition – 12-18 credits	0	\$6,200*
Estimated Fees*- 12-18 credits	0	\$615
Estimated Housing	\$6200 Single/\$5480 Double	\$6200 Single/\$5480 Double
Estimated Health Insurance**	\$700 Fall / \$760 Spring	\$700 Fall / \$760 Spring
Estimated Living Expenses	\$2100	\$2100
Estimated Books	\$400	\$400

GRADUATE	EXCHANGE STUDENTS	VISITING STUDENTS
Estimated Tuition – 9 credits	0	\$6500*
Estimated Fees* – 9 credits	0	\$380*
Estimated Housing	\$6200 Single/\$5480 Double	\$6200 Single/\$5480 Double
Estimated Health Insurance**	\$1760 / \$1900 Spring	\$1760 / \$1900 Spring
Estimated Living Expenses	\$2100	\$2100
Estimated Books	\$400	\$400

Optional (but strongly encouraged)

Cell phone plan	\$40-50 per month	\$40-50 per month

*Please note: some courses may have additional fees particularly music and art. These fees are payable by Visiting Students.

**Undergraduate students purchasing insurance for both fall and spring semesters should expect approximately \$1,797 for health insurance. Graduate students purchasing insurance for both fall and spring semester should expect approximately \$4,468 for health insurance. Students with other comparable insurance may <u>apply for a waiver of the insurance</u>.