FACT SHEET
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

THE UNIVERSITY

North Carolina State University is a pre-eminent research enterprise that excels in science, technology, engineering, math, design, the humanities and social sciences, textiles and veterinary medicine. With more than 34,000 students and nearly 8,000 faculty and staff, NC State University transforms lives and provides leadership for social, economic, and technological development across North Carolina and around the world.

Many students and faculty from around the globe call Raleigh, North Carolina home. Raleigh, the state's capital city, is consistently ranked as one of the nation's best places to live and work. Approximately 2,200 international students are currently enrolled at NC State, and our international students and faculty represent over 100 countries.

Various campus organizations offer unique travel and other opportunities for students attending NC State. The university is within two hours of the Atlantic Ocean, and within three hours of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The area offers numerous opportunities for hiking, camping, surfing, boating and various other activities.

APPLYING

APPLICATION PROCESS
Students must be nominated by their home school coordinator with the Applicant Nomination Form. Students will then be given access to an online application. Some requirements will be materials submissions (upload hard copy), some will be signature documents (sign digitally) and some will be online questionnaires.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
- Online Applicant Nomination Form and a photocopy of passport identity page(s)
- Incoming Exchange Student Application
- Official Transcript/Academic Record in English
- Proof of English proficiency (if applicable)
- Certificate of Financial Responsibility for Visa Paperwork
- Statement of Understanding: J-1 Visa
- Course Request Form

DEADLINES

Nomination Period
Fall Semester/Academic Year: January 15 – March 1
Spring Semester: July 15 - October 1

Student Application Deadline
Fall: March 15
Spring Semester: October 15
LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

COURSE LOAD
A minimum of 9 credit hours for graduate students and a minimum of 12 for undergraduate students. One credit is equivalent to fifteen contact hours. More information can be found here: http://oucc.dasa.ncsu.edu/courseleaf-2/instructional-formats/

COURSE SELECTION
- Students must fill out a Course Request Form in consultation with an individual at their home university who knows their degree plan. This individual must provide a signature to show that the student can get credit for the courses they are requesting to take.
- Students must choose a major field of study at NC State, and must take at least half of their courses in their major field of study. Their major field of study may differ from their field of study at their home institution.
- Students will be assigned an academic advisor at NC State in their major field of study. Their advisor will determine their eligibility for courses within the department. The Study Abroad Office will register students for courses outside their major field of study and we will consult with the academic departments.
- Students will have an opportunity to meet with the major Academic Advisor during Orientation.

IMPORTANT
- Attendance is expected for all classes, but individual attendance policies are based on the instructors discretion
- Grades usually come from a mix of written examinations, essays, research papers, attendance, & class participation

CLASS FORMAT
Lectures / Discussions / Presentations

GRADING
A (90-100) / B (80-89) / C (70-79) / D (60-69) / F (0-59)
All international students must meet the NC State English Proficiency Requirements

Ways to meet English Proficiency Requirements

- Being a citizen of a country where English is the official language & English is the language of instruction in higher education.
- Successfully completing at least one year of full-time study in a degree program at a four-year US college or university.
- Successfully completing at least 60 passing ECTS credits of English instruction at a four-year college or university (must provide a letter of support from home institution).
- Submitting English proficiency exam scores that meet the minimum requirements in the table below by March 15th for Fall semester applicants and October 1st for Spring semester applicants.
- Students falling in the new flexible score range (†) will be required to enroll in English coursework in addition to courses in their field of study. Please see our website for more details.

Acceptable scores to meet the minimum requirements for English Proficiency

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<th>MBA**</th>
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<td>TOEFL PAPER 563</td>
<td>550 (min. of 50 in 2 out of 3 sections)</td>
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<td>TOEFL COMPUTER n/a</td>
<td>213 (min. of 17 in three sections)</td>
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<td>TOEFL IBT 85 (min. of 18 in each sub score)</td>
<td>80 (min. of 18 in each sub score)</td>
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<td>†80-84 (min. of 16 in one sub score)</td>
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<td>PTE ACADEMIC 62 (min. of 53 in each sub score)</td>
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<td>IELTS 6.5 (min. of 6.5 in each sub score)</td>
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**MBA applicants are required to submit TOEFL or IELTS results. No other tests of English proficiency will be accepted.

*An institutional TOEFL cannot be accepted.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES
All students with TOEFL scores lower than 590 (paper), 243 (computer), or 97 (internet), or an IELTS score of 6.5 or below, will be strongly encouraged to take English language coursework in addition to courses in their field of study.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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<td>Arrival August 9 (tentative)</td>
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<td>Fall break October 5 - 6</td>
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<td>Thanksgiving break November 22 - 24</td>
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<td>Last day of classes April 27</td>
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IMPORTANT:
- The residence halls will be CLOSED during Thanksgiving break, winter break, and spring break.
- The Wolf Village and Wolf Ridge Apartments do not close during semester breaks.
GLOBAL VILLAGE

Exchange students are encouraged to live in Global Village (GV) where international students are paired with American roommates. GV is devoted to introducing international students to American culture, exposing American students to other cultures, and making the entire community aware of global issues through exciting academic and cultural programming as well as fun social activities. There are also excursion opportunities offered exclusively to Global Village residents to places around North Carolina, and either New York or Washington DC. This popular housing option fills quickly, so placement is on a first-come, first-serve basis. GV is located in Alexander Hall. https://housing.dasa.ncsu.edu/

OTHER RECOMMENDED LIVING AND LEARNING VILLAGES

- **Arts Village**: Unites students with a passion in the arts. Interact with local artists by attending arts events.
- **EcoVillage**: For students interested in sustainability. Explore interests in environmental conservation, energy, sustainable industry and business, and agriculture.
- **WOW Village**: All women's dormitory focusing on women's leadership. Fall and Spring Break trips offered to Washington D.C. and New York City.
- **Wood Wellness Village**: Supports a healthy, balanced life. Accepts applicants for the Academic Year

OTHER HOUSING NOTES

- There is an additional application for students to fill out if they choose to apply to live in one of the villages.
- On-campus apartments, such as the Wolf Village and Wolf Ridge, are also available.
- Students choosing to live in on-campus residences other than Global Village will be charged an early check-in fee.
- If living off-campus, students must find their own housing.
- Home stays/host families are not available as housing options.

HEALTH INSURANCE AND IMMUNIZATIONS

All international students attending North Carolina State University, including exchange students, will be required to maintain a health insurance plan during their time at NC State. Students will be automatically enrolled in the system wide insurance plan administered by Student Blue, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina. The cost of the insurance plan is **approximately $1,111.00 per semester**. This cost typically rises each year.

International students have the option to waive the Student Blue insurance, as long as they have comparable coverage. However, students who do not waive the insurance, will be automatically enrolled in this plan and will be billed for it through their student account upon arrival.

More information on the waiver process can be found here: http://healthypack.dasa.ncsu.edu/insurance-and-billing/

Students must also fill out a health history form and turn in immunization records before the semester begins. Students should visit the NC State HealthWeb to learn more: http://healthypack.dasa.ncsu.edu/healthweb/
**MEAL PLANS**


**OTHER DINING OPTIONS**

- Global Village and Wolf Village Apartments are both equipped with community kitchen facilities.
- Many restaurants and convenience stores are located both on campus and within walking distance to campus.

### ESTIMATED EXPENSES

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<td>Housing</td>
<td>$2,895 / semester – Shared room in Global Village</td>
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<td>$3,130 / semester – Apartment in Wolf Village</td>
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<td>Meal Plan</td>
<td>$750-$1,815 / semester – Meal plans vary upon choice</td>
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<td>Health Insurance</td>
<td>$1,111.00 / semester – Mandatory health insurance</td>
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<td>Student Fees</td>
<td>$115 / semester – Resnet Data Network Connection (Internet)</td>
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<td>Books and supplies</td>
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<td>Personal Expenses</td>
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### OTHER INFORMATION

**VISAS**

NC State issues documents for exchange students to obtain a J-1 student visa. The benefits associated with J-1 visas include eligibility for internships during and after the first semester. If there is a student that needs an F-1 visa, he/she should notify us during the application process and we will decide if an exception is appropriate, otherwise he/she will be issued a J-1 student visa.

**UNIVERSITY SERVICES:**

List of activities and services available to international students

**Services**

- Computer labs
- Intercollegiate Sports
- Recreational Sports
- Student Health Services
- Gym
- Student Publications/Newspaper
- Union Activities Board
- Campus and city bus transit

**Website**

http://oit.ncsu.edu/
http://gopack.com/
http://recreation.ncsu.edu/
http://healthypack.dasa.ncsu.edu/
http://recreation.ncsu.edu/facilities
http://technicianonline.com/
http://uab.ncsu.edu/
http://ncsu.edu/transportation/

**ARRIVAL AND ORIENTATION**

There is a mandatory orientation that takes place every semester over several days. There are required meetings, but also time for rest and activities.

Please note that you may arrive in the US up to 30 days before the program start date listed on your DS-2019 and you may stay in the US for up to 30 days after the program end date listed on your DS-2019. **Please note that the Program Start Date will be the first day of classes, not the arrival date.**
STUDY ABROAD OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME       | ADDRESS                                                                 | WEBSITE                                      | EMAIL                           | PHONE                      | FAX                        |
-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
NC State Study Abroad Office | 315 University College Commons                  | http://studyabroad.ncsu.edu/incoming-exchange/ | saoincoming@ncsu.edu           | +1 (919) 515-2087           | +1 (919) 515-6021 |
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Raleigh, NC 27695-7344 U.S.A. |  |                                              |                                |                             |                             |

REGIONAL ADVISORS & INCOMING COORDINATOR

The staff at the Study Abroad Office is here to help you throughout your exchange. If you have questions or concerns, and are unsure who to talk to, start with your study abroad advisor or the incoming coordinator. We are happy to help you, answer questions, and guide you through the procedures of NC State so that you can enjoy your experience here in the United States.

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