



**ABOUT MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY**

- Founded in 1908, Montclair’s campus encompasses 252 acres through the New Jersey communities of Montclair, Little Falls, and Clifton
- 14 miles/22 kilometers away from New York City (bus and direct train from campus into Manhattan)
- Only thirty minutes from the nearest international airport (Newark Liberty International Airport) by bus or train
- 13 colleges that host more than 300 majors, minors, concentrations, and certificate programs
- Approximately 22,570 total students, 18,061 undergraduate students, 4,509 graduate students
- Approximately 5,000 students live in campus community
- Student to teacher ration of 17 to 1 and average class size of 24.5 students



**Fall 2024 Inbound Exchange Students at their Inbound Orientation on Campus with the Office of International Academic Initiatives (IAI).**



**Fall 2024 Inbound Exchange Students visit the Chelsea High Line and connect with Study Abroad Peer Advisors who have participated in a study abroad programs while attending Montclair State University.**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**

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.

Partner universities and students must follow these deadlines in order to ensure time to process course requests, campus housing, and to secure a visa.

**Nomination Deadlines:**

- **Deadline for Fall 2025 and/or Fall 2025 - Spring 2026**
  - Student Nominations are due on March 1, 2025
  - Nominated Student Applications are due on March 15, 2025
- **Deadline for Spring 2026 and/or Spring 2026 - Fall 2026**
  - Student Nominations are due on October 1, 2025
  - Nominated Student Applications are due on October 15, 2025





## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Exchange and visiting students, in most cases, may select courses in any of Montclair's Schools and Departments. There are a few exceptions, for example:

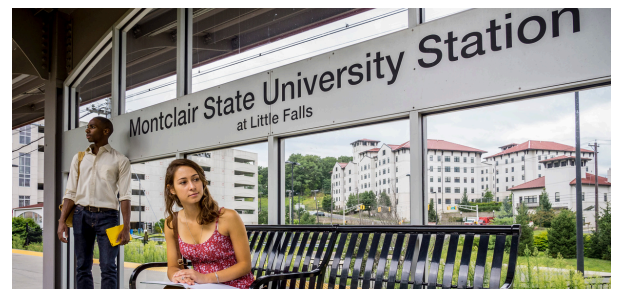
- Prerequisites must be satisfied for some higher level courses. These are courses of equivalent value at a student's home university.
- Writing Samples and Placement exams may be required for some courses including but not limited to writing, world languages, math, and more.
- Classes within the College of the Arts and the John J. Cali School of Music may require auditions or portfolios for certain courses.
- **MBA and graduate courses are not available to exchange students due to their cohort nature.**
- **Students may not enroll in accounting, nursing, and most education courses due to certification requirements within the department. Students cannot enroll in classes at the Bloomfield Campus.**

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Unless Exempt, students must demonstrate English language proficiency with these scores:

- TOEFL iBT test minimum score: 70 (see [www.toefl.org](http://www.toefl.org))
- Minimum IELTS score of 6.0 (see [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org))
- English3 Placement Test minimum 55 (see English3)
- Duolingo test minimum: 95

Applicants who are citizens of the U.K., Canada, and Australia, and/or have studied four years in their home country in English are exempt from this requirement. **As per University agreements, students from the following partner universities are also exempt from language exam requirements: University of Agder, University of Graz, Kristianstad University, and UniCollege.**



Students have access to two different train stations on campus that take them directly into Manhattan. The Global Village student housing where exchange students live can be seen in background.

## TUITION AND FEES

### Tuition and Fees (Exchange Students)

- Waived per terms of Exchange Agreement

### Tuition and Fees (Visiting Students)

- Discounted per terms of Exchange Agreement

## CREDITS AND CONTACT HOURS

### Credit Load per Semester

- 12-18 Credits (4-6 classes) are allowed, a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 18 credits

### Contact Hours Per Semester

- 45 hours for each 3 credit course spread across a 15 week semester.





## COURSE ENROLLMENT

Most students will work with our Program Associate for Inbound Exchange to register for classes in advance of their semesters of study. Business students will work with the Feliciano Global Team. Coordinators abroad can help students register by looking at last year's course offerings in order to determine what they should take for their upcoming semester. View the [Schedule of Courses](#) here.

Fall courses are published in late March for April registration. Spring courses are published in late October for November registration. Be mindful of prerequisites and note that even though every department is open to exchange/visiting enrollment, some courses have limitations.



Fall 2024 Business Exchange Students and Rocky, Montclair's mascot, at the Feliciano School of Business



Exchange Student Kushtrim Mehmeti (University of Graz, 2023-24) enjoys an his lecture being held outdoors.

## NOMINATION

Students from partner universities wishing to study at Montclair State University 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 institution's International Office or NSE Coordinator to apply. Graduate students are not being accepted for exchange at this time.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

### Fall 2025

- **Semester Dates:** August 29 - December 17, 2025
- **Arrival Dates:** August 25 - 27, 2025
- **Fall Break:** October 18 - 26, 2025
- **Thanksgiving Break:** November 26 - 30, 2025

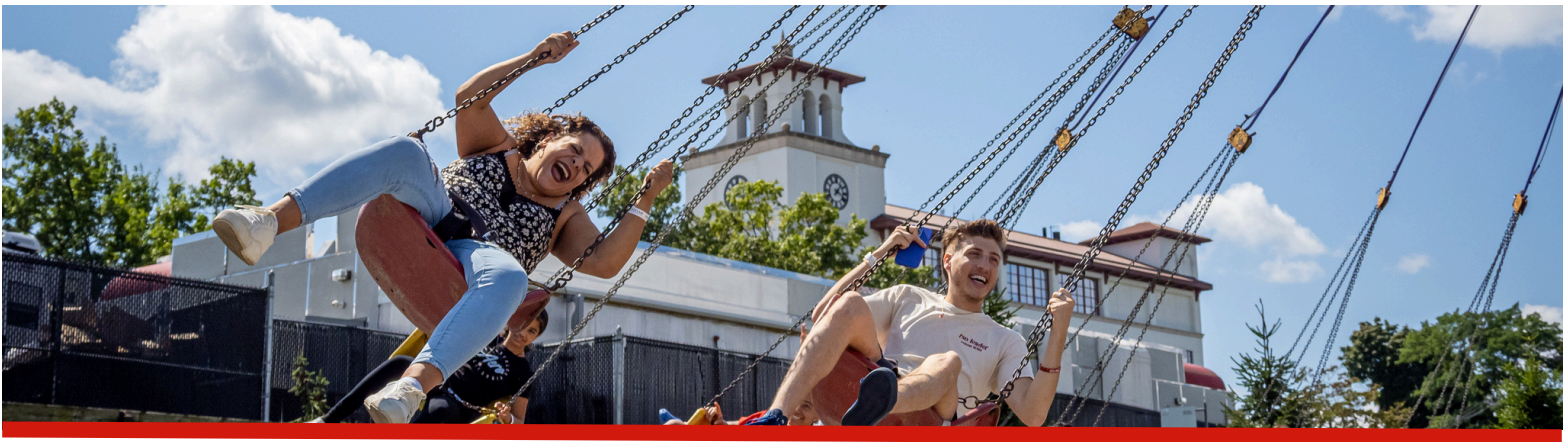
### Spring 2026

- **Semester Dates:** January 16 - May 4, 2026\*
- **Arrival Dates:** January 12 - 14, 2026
- **Spring Break:** March 7 - 15, 2026



University of Konstanz student Sophie Souvignier represents her home university on top of the Empire State building during her Fall 2023 exchange semester.





## HEALTH INSURANCE

Montclair State University students are required to have health insurance. The US State Department requires that all J-1 students must carry medical and accident insurance coverage that meets the minimum requirements set by the Department of State. Not doing so is a violation of their status and can result in the termination of their SEVIS record. Montclair State requires that all J-1 students have medical and accident insurance coverage at all times.

Students will be automatically enrolled in and billed for the student health insurance for the duration of their program.



Fall 2023 Performance of Disney and Pixar's *Coco* with live music performed by Orquesta Folclórica Nacional de México in Montclair's amphitheatre.



Spring 2024 Inbound Exchange Students enjoy an end of year excursion to Central Park with IAI staff.

## VISA TYPE AND PROCESS

**Students must apply for and receive a J-1 Visa to be eligible to study in the USA.** After acceptance as an international Exchange/Visiting Student, you will be asked to submit a copy of a current passport and financial documents to demonstrate sufficient funding to cover programs cost 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 University will then issue form DS-2019 which confirms your acceptance into an Exchange Visitor Program. Further instructions are sent after acceptance.

## STUDENT ORIENTATION

Our mandatory orientation provides essential information about your J-1 visa, campus organizations/activities, academic requirements, adjusting to life in the US, and several other topics. It provides a great opportunity for you to meet other exchange or visiting students. Weather pending, we also plan an excursion into New York City to learn how to navigate local culture and transportation.



Inbound Exchange students and IAI staff enjoying the Museum of Natural History in Spring 2024 as a part of their Inbound Exchange Orientation.





## CAMPUS HOUSING

Living on campus is the best way to get the most out of campus life! Since Montclair is close to New York City, off-campus housing that is within commuting distance and affordable is very hard to find. While there is reliable public transit to New York City, there are almost no transit options from off-campus apartment complexes to the Montclair campus. All exchange students are encouraged to live on campus and deeply immerse themselves into our campus community in our residence halls.



**Most exchange students live in the Global Village apartments on campus. Amenities include a basketball court, a pool, private kitchens, and a direct train to NYC.**

International exchange/visiting and NSE students will be given priority placement in our Global Village, which is in one of our best dormitories and very close to the train to NYC. These are apartments where students are not required to have a meal plan and can choose to either stay in a single room or share a room with a fellow student to lower their costs of living. Students will have the opportunity to live with other exchange students (both domestic and international), Study Abroad Peer Advisors, and other Montclair students within the Global Village which will allow cultural exchange. Students can either walk to class or utilize a free campus shuttle.

If students want a more traditional American college experience, students also have the option to live in one of eight other residence communities on campus with a variety of experiences where they can immerse themselves amongst in a traditional university dormitory with shared rooms and communal spaces.

All students are also invited to utilize Global Belongings, a sustainability effort, that allows students to borrow lightly used goods such as bedding, kitchen supplies, and more that were donated to our global community.

Students will receive more details in their Montclair State email after they have a "NetID" and pay the housing deposit. Students are responsible for reading the entire housing guide and contractual policies but will be placed by the Program Associate for Inbound Exchange and Campus Engagement into campus housing.

## 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. This card can also be used for dining services.

These ID cards can sometimes be used off campus for discounts to local museums and sites.



**Fall 2023 students and IAI staff celebrate Red Hawk Day with an activities fair, dance parties, musical performances, games, food, and more.**





## ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

International Exchange/Visiting students can apply for on-campus work, for up to 20 hours per week maximum during the semester, or full time when class is not in session. All such work must be approved by the Office of Global Engagement (OGE) and students must apply for and receive a Social Security Number (SSN) prior to beginning work.

If feasible, Students can also participate in an **academic training** program, which J-1 Exchange Visitor Program uses for off-campus employment or practical experience related to your field of study. Students must receive permission from OGE.



Fall 2023 Exchange Student Liv Martinez participating in an Academic Training at New York Fashion Week

## PAYMENTS

Students can make payments by international wire transfer or by credit card (fee applies). Minus required housing deposits, students will need to wait until their tuition waivers have been implemented before beginning their payments to Montclair. Students will have the option to either pay at once or set up a payment plan.

Most international students will opt to use PayMyTuition which allows payment by bank transfers, debit/credit cards in your home currency, eWallet payments and other local options.

## ARRIVAL TO MONTCLAIR

When purchasing a plane ticket, please note that International students are NOT allowed to enter the U.S. more than 30 days before the start date listed on the DS-2019.

Students will be notified of move-in dates and are encouraged to fly into Newark, as it is the closest airport to Montclair State University. John F. Kennedy and Laguardia Airport are approximately an hour from campus and will have additional costs for ride shares/taxis.

## DEPARTURE FROM MONTCLAIR

Students living on campus will be required to move out of campus housing by 11am on the day after the official semester ends. The J-1 visa allows a 30 day grace period after the last scheduled day of the exam period. International students must depart the US within those 30 days. Extended stays in campus housing must be discussed and approved by Residence Life.



Fall 2023 exchange students with IAI staff on tours of the Brooklyn Bridge, World Trade Center, and Wall Street.





## NEW YORK CITY EXCURSIONS

The Office of International Academic Initiatives is pleased to offer exchange and visiting students three free excursions per semester to destinations such as Ellis Island, the Brooklyn Bridge, Wall Street, Greenwich Village, Times Square, Central Park, and Harlem.

We will use the convenient train to Penn Station in midtown Manhattan, which gets students from campus to many NYC neighborhoods in less than one hour. These trains are found in two locations on campus including near historic Cole Hall and across the street from the Global Village.

Our valued inbound exchange and visiting students will have their train tickets paid for and will benefit from tours by highly trained and academically qualified tour guides. Not only will you leave these experiences with a better understanding of the area's cultural framework, but you will also have the opportunity to make once in a lifetime memories with your classmates and the team at the Office of International Academic Initiatives.

Students are also able to connect with Study Abroad Peer Advisors, who are Montclair study abroad alumni who may have studied at your university. These Study Abroad Peer Advisors have international education experience and are invited to connect with our exchange students to act as liaisons to the community and have been positively impacted by their own experiences abroad.

## COURSE SELECTION

Students will work with the Program Associate Inbound Exchange and Campus Engagement or Feliciano Global to register for classes in advance of their semesters of study.

View the [Course Catalog in NEST](#) for a list of all available classes. Fall Courses are published in late March and Spring Courses are published in late October. Students can review the previous years' course to have an idea of what will be offered the semester that they are attending. Other online locations for classes may not be accurate.

We will make every effort to secure you a spot in all courses requested, but please understand that due to retiring professors, curriculum adjustments, pre-requisites, and some full courses, not all requests can be met.



Fall 2024 Inbound Exchange Students enjoy Horchata with IAI Staff and Study Abroad Peer Advisors on a Chelsea High Line excursion in September 2024.



News Lab: the headquarters of Montclair's journalism and digital media programs, where students get hands-on training in media and news production.





## LIVING COSTS

Estimated 2025-2026 per semester housing costs will be roughly \$6,000-\$6,500 for a shared room (one roommate) in the Global Village to \$7,000-\$7,500 for a single room in the Global Village. All of these rooms are apartment style with fully functioning kitchens, a shared bathroom among suite mates (maximum 4), and shared common space in the suite.

A free shuttle service normally operates each Wednesday Saturday during semesters to a local shopping center. There is also a food pantry that is complimentary for students and campaigns that notify you whenever there is free food on campus. For Global Village students, meal plans are optional, ranging from \$3,000 for unlimited meals to the minimum \$250 Flex Dollar Meal Plan.



Exchange students are eligible to join almost 200 student organizations, ranging from professional interest, to sports, culture, music, and much more.

## 2025-2026 ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Tuition, fees, housing and health insurance will be billed directly to the student account. International exchange and NSE students who pay their tuition at the home university will have a tuition and fee waiver applied to their account manually. They will receive notice when that waiver has been applied to their account.

Note that Non-degree graduate students are not being accepted for exchange at this time. *The following costs are subject to change and are current estimations as of the Fall 2024 semester.*

Expenses	Exchange Students	Visiting Students
Estimated Tuition 12-18 Credits	\$0	Per terms of agreement
Estimated Fees 12-18 Credits	\$0	Per terms of agreement
Estimated Housing in Global Village	Approx. \$7,000-7,500 for Single Room Approx. \$6,000-6,500 for Double Room	Approx. \$7,000-7,500 for Single Room Approx. \$6,000-6,500 for Double Room
Estimated Health Insurance	Approx. \$1900 Fall only / \$1900 Spring only \$3000-\$3200 for year	Approx. \$1900 Fall only / \$1900 Spring only \$3000-\$3200 for year
Estimated Living Costs	Approx. \$3850 All Students will be required to have \$250 Flex Dollar Meal Plan	Approx. \$3850 All Students will be required to have \$250 Flex Dollar Meal Plan
Estimated Books	\$700 Per Semester	\$700 Per Semester
Estimated Cell Phone Plan	\$60 Per Month	\$60 per month.



## CONTACT US:

For questions associated with Exchanges, please contact:

**[studyabroad@montclair.edu](mailto:studyabroad@montclair.edu)**

For questions associated with Feliciano School of Business Exchanges, please contact:

**[felicianoglobal@montclair.edu](mailto:felicianoglobal@montclair.edu)**

For questions associated with F-1 and J-1 visas, please contact:

**[oge@montclair.edu](mailto:oge@montclair.edu)**

*Advisors:* For all nominations and exchange balances, please contact:

**[epsteinj@montclair.edu](mailto:epsteinj@montclair.edu)**

- *Reminder, nominations are due on March 1, 2025 and October 1, 2025*

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Office of International Academic Initiatives**
  - [montclair.edu/international-academic-initiatives/](https://montclair.edu/international-academic-initiatives/)
- **Inbound Exchange Student Overview**
  - [montclair.edu/international-academic-initiatives/inbound-exchange-students/](https://montclair.edu/international-academic-initiatives/inbound-exchange-students/)
- **Feliciano Global**
  - [montclair.edu/business/global-programs-and-partnerships/](https://montclair.edu/business/global-programs-and-partnerships/)
- **Office of Global Engagement (all J-1 visas)**
  - [montclair.edu/global/](https://montclair.edu/global/)
- **Residence Life and Campus Housing**
  - [montclair.edu/residence-life/](https://montclair.edu/residence-life/)

