

STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

University Profile

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is a leading national research university and the state of New Jersey's preeminent, comprehensive public institution of higher education. Established in 1766, the university is the eighth oldest higher education institution in the United States. More than 66,000 students and 22,000 faculty and staff learn, work, and serve the public at Rutgers locations across New Jersey and around the world.

<http://www.rutgers.edu/about>

Location

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**Note: Nominated students can email Maire O'Donnell for questions about admissions and acceptance materials, billing, housing, and academics.*

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Admission Requirements and Immigration Information

Initial Online Application Documents

After being nominated by their institution, students apply online using our digital application system. A .pdf guide with instructions will be provided at the start of each academic term. Students will submit the following initial documents:

- Copy of Passport- *valid at least 6 months in the future from the time you enter the U.S.*
- Statement of Interest
- TOELF or IELTS Proof of English Proficiency (if not a native English speaker)
- Transcript (minimum GPA = 3.0/4.0)
- Additional Questionnaires (English Language, Intended Field of Study)

*We also advise students to start gathering **Proof of Funding in US dollars** as this document will be important after acceptance.*

Language and Testing Requirements

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)

Acceptable TOEFL scores for Rutgers schools are 560+ on the paper and pencil test or 85+ on the Internet-based test.

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

An IELTS score of 6.5 or higher on either the academic paper and pencil test or the academic computer-based test is acceptable for Rutgers University-New Brunswick

Official University Documentation

A certificate, diploma or transcript demonstrating academic success at an English-language school or an academic institution where English is the language of instruction

For a more detailed breakdown of Rutgers international student language requirements please check [here](#).

PARTNER NOMINATION FORM (TO NOMINATE STUDENTS)

Partners should submit all reviewed candidates for nomination to Rutgers University via the following form: [2025-2026 Nominations](#)

NOMINATION DEADLINE

February 1 (Fall and AY students)

September 1 (Spring students)

STUDENT APPLICATION DEADLINE

March 1 (Fall and AY students)

October 1 (Spring students)

NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION

Usually two weeks after the deadline

J-1 Visa process

Students are required to submit personal, family, and/or financial loans to prove they have sufficient funds for living expenses to support their stay. The DS-2019 (J-1 visa document) and supporting details are emailed and a hard copy of the DS-2019 is mailed abroad (at the student's own cost). Additional fees related to the visa will also need to be paid, including a [DHS SEVIS fee](#) and the cost of the [DS-160](#). Most countries will require a personal interview at the U.S. consulate and wait times for these interviews will vary, depending on the location and time of year. Review visa wait times [here](#) and information on pre and post arrival, see [here](#). Finally, be sure you understand what is required to maintain your J-1 visa [here](#).

Immigration Contact person:

Carissa McCarthy

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Academic Information

Course Selection and Scheduling

Students must be able to demonstrate completion of all necessary pre-requisites to be enrolled in a course. This most often is evaluated based on successful completion on an academic transcript. Areas this is particularly important, but not limited to – Business, Mathematics, Statistics, Engineering, Computer Science, and all lab Sciences.

To ensure best chances of enrollment, students must have syllabi prepared with necessary prerequisites at the time they apply to study at Rutgers. Exchange students are enrolled at the end of the registration period, thus courses offered may not be open or available for registration once they are eligible.

Students should anticipate enrolling in a variety of courses during their time of study at Rutgers. A typical course load would be 2 to 3 courses in a student's major or intended area of study, with 2 to 3 courses that support a student's general studies or serve as degree requirements.

Students should NOT plan to take 4+ courses in their major, primary field of study, or single discipline. No course listed in the Schedule of Classes is guaranteed to be offered each semester, nor do we guarantee space/availability at the time of exchange student enrollment.

Course listings for exchange students

Students have access to a wide range of disciplines. For an active listing of courses, please see our online schedule of coursework: <https://sis.rutgers.edu/soc/> Students will be allowed to register based on completion of the necessary prerequisites. Prior to registration, some courses are subject to departmental evaluation.

FULL-TIME CREDIT / WORKLOAD

Exchange Students must take a minimum of 12 credits per semester. The maximum number of credits per semester is 18.

Course Restrictions

RESTRICTED (not open to exchange students)

- School of Communication and Information Technology (04:xxx:xxx) courses.
 - Note: Select 100 level or intro classes may be an option.
- Mason Gross School of the Arts (07:xxx:xxx) courses.
 - Note: Select 100 level or intro classes may be an option.
- School of Pharmacy (30:xxx:xxx).
- School of Nursing (77:xxx:xxx).
- ALL Graduate-level courses.

LIMITED DISCIPLINES

- Computer Science and Computer Engineering (01:198:xxx).
- Business (33:xxx:xxx).
- ALL Internships and Independent Studies**

**Internships and Independent Studies

- Internships and Independent Study courses are **only for Academic Year** exchange students **during the Spring** semester.
- It is the **student's responsibility** to find an internship placement. Internship placements are not guaranteed and the Rutgers Global Office cannot assist with finding an internship.
- Students who want to participate in an internship are required to work closely with Carissa McCarthy in the ISSS office for immigration purposes.

University and Campus Information

Accommodations

On-campus Housing is **guaranteed** and **required**. Students coming to Rutgers must live on-campus. No exceptions will be made.

Students are usually housed in University Center at Easton Avenue apartments. In the university apartments, students will have access to shared kitchen facilities and be able to remain on campus during breaks and holidays.

Health Insurance

All incoming exchange students are required to carry adequate health insurance. Rutgers University offers health insurance and will automatically bill you for this insurance, unless you show proof of other coverage that is equal to Rutgers insurance coverage. A guide to minimum insurance requirements at Rutgers can be found here, but students will not be considered exempt until their policy has been reviewed by Rutgers. Prior to arrival, students will have the opportunity to complete an Insurance Waiver form and to submit a copy of their current coverage.

Disability Accommodations and Special Services

At Rutgers, students have access and are encouraged to use the Office of Disability Services if needed. The ODS team will work with each student individually in order to develop an effective and comprehensive plan for appropriate services and reasonable accommodations.

<https://ods.rutgers.edu/students/documentation-guidelines>

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

Orientation is a MANDATORY part of the Rutgers University Exchange Program. Students are required to arrive on move-in day and attend the University / International Students and Scholar Services Orientation Program.

Fall Semester 2025 (*tentative dates*)

- Move In: August 24 (Students should plan to arrive **and** be on campus by no later than 5:00pm)
- **MANDATORY** Orientation: August 25 – August 27th
- Classes Begin: Tuesday, September 2
- Semester Ends: Monday, December 22

Spring Semester 2026 (*tentative dates*)

- Move In: January 18
- **MANDATORY** Orientation: January 19
- Classes Begin: Tuesday, January 20
- Semester Ends: Wednesday, May 13

**Note: Students are not permitted to enter the residence halls prior to the move in dates, nor stay past the end of the academic dates for each term.*