

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 35,000 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 4,800 international students are currently enrolled at NC State, and our international students and faculty represent over 120 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)
- DS-2019 Request process

DEADLINES

Nomination Period

Fall Semester/Academic Year: February 1 – March 1

Spring Semester: September 1 - October 1

Student Application Deadline

Fall/Academic Year: March 15

Spring Semester: October 15



ACADEMICS

COLLEGE

Agriculture & Life Sciences
Design
Education
Engineering
Humanities and Social Science
Management
Natural Resources
Sciences
Textiles
Graduate School

WEBSITE

<http://cals.ncsu.edu>
<http://design.ncsu.edu>
<http://ced.ncsu.edu>
<http://engr.ncsu.edu>
<http://chass.ncsu.edu>
<http://mgt.ncsu.edu>
<http://cnr.ncsu.edu>
<http://sciences.ncsu.edu>
<http://www.tx.ncsu.edu>
<http://www.ncsu.edu/grad>

INFORMATION

- A list of all academic departments can be found at <https://www.ncsu.edu/majors-and-careers/>
- Course offerings can be browsed at <https://www.acs.ncsu.edu/php/coursecat/>
- The College of Veterinary Medicine does not accept exchange program students
- Biomedical Engineering does not accept exchange program students
- Students are not recommended to study at NCSU during the final semester of their degree if they have very specific requirements to fulfill such as a specific course or an Independent Study/Thesis Project

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.
- Students must choose a major field of study at NC State, and must take a majority 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 to an academic advisor at NC State in their major field of study. The Study Abroad Office will register students for courses and will consult with the academic departments regarding prerequisites.
- Students will have an opportunity to meet with the major Academic Advisor during the semester.
- Some majors like Computer Science are competitive and have limited space. Not all student's course requests are guaranteed.

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)



LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS

All international students must meet the NC State English Proficiency Requirements

Ways to meet English Proficiency Requirements

- Being a resident of a country where English is the official language of instruction in higher education
- Being currently enrolled in or have successfully completed the equivalent of one semester of instruction in English at a four-year college or university (must provide a letter of support from the home institution)
- Submitting English proficiency exams scores that meet the minimum requirements in the table below:

	UNDERGRADUATE	GRADUATE	MBA
TOEFL IBT	80 (min. of 18 in each sub score)	80 (min. of 18 in each sub score)	100
IELTS ACADEMIC	6.5 (min. of 6.0 in each sub score)	6.5 (min. of 6.5 in each sub score)	7.5
DUOLINGO	110 minimum score on the DET Scale	110 minimum score on the DET Scale	

*An institutional TOEFL cannot be accepted.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

All students with scores in the lower range will be strongly encouraged to take English language coursework in addition to courses in their field of study.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

SPRING 2026

Arrival	January 7, 2026
Orientation	January 8-9, 2026
First day of classes	January 12, 2026
Spring break	March 16-20, 2026
Spring holiday	N/A
Last day of classes	April 28, 2026
Exams	April 30 - May 6, 2026

FALL 2026

Arrival	August 12, 2026
Orientation	August 13 - 14, 2026
First day of classes	August 17, 2026
Fall break	October 19-20, 2026
Thanksgiving break	Nov 25-27, 2026
Last day of classes	December 1, 2026
Exams	December 3-9, 2026

IMPORTANT:

- The residence halls will be CLOSED during Winter Break.
- The Wolf Village and Wolf Ridge Apartments do not close during semester breaks.



HOUSING

GLOBAL VILLAGE

Exchange students are encouraged to apply 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. This popular housing option is very competitive (even among exchange students), so students are advised to apply early and take the application very seriously. GV is located in Alexander Hall. <https://housing.dasa.ncsu.edu/>

OTHER RECOMMENDED LIVING AND LEARNING VILLAGES

- **S.T.A.T.E. Village:** Connects transfers, sophomores, and exchange students for career and academic exploration
- **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

- The application to live anywhere on campus is competitive. The Study Abroad Office works with University Housing to reserve a select number of spots. Students should apply early to secure on campus housing.
- 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.
- If living off-campus, students must find their own housing. The Study Abroad Office can offer general advice.
- 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 insurance plan administered by Student Blue, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina. The cost of the insurance plan is **approximately \$1,400 per semester**. This cost typically rises each year but ensures students have the full coverage needed for the US Healthcare system. The Study Abroad Office strongly recommends this plan.

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](#).

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.



FOOD

MEAL PLANS

Students may choose to purchase a meal plan for the university dining facilities <http://www.ncsudining.com/campus-dining/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

**Subject to change

SEVIS Fee	\$220
Housing	\$3,525 / semester – Shared room in residence hall \$4,150/ semester – Apartment in Wolf Village
Meal Plan	\$870 - \$2,860 / semester – Meal plans vary upon choice
Health Insurance	\$1,400 / semester – Mandatory health insurance (Option to waive)
Student Fees	\$140/ semester – Resnet Data Network Connection (Internet)
Books and supplies	\$400 - 600 / semester – Varies
Personal Expenses	\$500 - \$800 / semester – Varies

OTHER INFORMATION

VISAS

NC State can only issue documents for exchange students to obtain a J-1 student visa. The benefits associated with J-1 visas include the option to work on campus starting the first semester and eligibility for internships after the first semester. We cannot issue F-1 visas for short-term visits.

UNIVERSITY SERVICES:

List of activities and services available to international students

Services	Website
Computer labs	http://oit.ncsu.edu/
Intercollegiate Sports	http://gopack.com/
Recreational Sports	http://recreation.ncsu.edu/
Student Health Services	http://healthypack.dasa.ncsu.edu/
Gym	http://recreation.ncsu.edu/facilities
Student Publications/Newspaper	http://technicianonline.com/
Union Activities Board	http://uab.ncsu.edu/
Campus and city bus transit	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

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