

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
2018 -2019 FACT SHEET

| GENERAL INFORMATION | | | | |
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| Full Name of University | Western Michigan University | | | |
| Websites for Incoming Exchange and Study Abroad at WMU Students | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange Students: http://www.wmich.edu/studyabroad/incoming/exchange • Study Abroad at WMU Students: http://www.wmich.edu/studyabroad/studyabroadwmu | | | |
| WMU Student Population | University wide: 23,250+ International Students: 1,830+ | | | |
| Nearest Airports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kalamazoo/Battle Creek (AZO) – 6.5 miles/10.5 km • Grand Rapids (GRR) – 51.4 miles/82.7 km • Detroit Airport (DTW) – 123 miles/198 km • Chicago O’Hare (ORD) – 168 miles/271 km | | | |
| Contact for WMU Incoming Exchange and Study Abroad at WMU Students | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jane Blyth, executive director of the Haenicke Institute for Global Education, is the main contact for international exchange and Study Abroad at WMU students applying to WMU. Email: jane.blyth@wmich.edu • All incoming exchange and Study Abroad at WMU application materials and routine questions should be addressed to WMU study abroad specialist Yumi Takahashi-Ede. Email: yumi.takahashi@wmich.edu Office email: study-abroad-incoming@wmich.edu | | | |
| Emergency Contact | Western Michigan University Public Safety Phone: +1 269 387-5555 | | | |
| IMPORTANT DATES | | | | |
| | Fall Semester | Spring Semester | Summer I Session | Summer II Session |
| Course offerings open for viewing | Mid-February | Late September | Late January | Late January |
| Registration Begins | Mid-March | Early October | Early February | Early February |
| Classes Begin | Late August | Beginning of January | Beginning of May | Late June |
| Final Exam Period | Mid-December | Late April | N/A | N/A |
| End of Term | Mid-December | End of April – Beginning of May | End of June | Mid-August |
| Priority Application Deadline | March 15 | October 1 | January 1 | February 1 |
| Mandatory Orientation | International Student Orientation is designed specifically to assist newly admitted international students in adjusting to WMU. University departments and staff make special arrangements to meet students, share important information, and answer questions during orientation. It is held prior to the beginning of the enrollment semester, and attendance is mandatory. Please follow the link below for the orientation dates and schedules for each semester: http://www.wmich.edu/internationaladmissions/orientation | | | |
| Academic Calendar | Please follow the link below for the most up to date information: http://www.wmich.edu/registrar/calendars/academic | | | |

NOMINATION PROCESS FOR INCOMING EXCHANGE AND STUDY ABROAD AT WMU

| Priority Nomination Deadlines | Fall | Spring |
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| | February 15 | September 1 |
| Nomination Process | <p>Please send the Nomination form and the documents listed below for each student to study-abroad-incoming@wmich.edu by the appropriate deadline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A completed signature verification form. • A scan of a photo ID. • A scan of official university transcript(s). * • A scan of TOEFL or IELTS official test results* for non-native English speakers. <p>*Transcripts and TOEFL results may be submitted later by your office if the results are not available yet.</p> | |

APPLICATION PROCESS

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| Incoming Exchange Application | Our application for incoming exchange students can be found online here: http://brncosabroad.wmich.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10006 |
| Study Abroad at WMU Application | Our application for Study Abroad at WMU students can be found online here: http://brncosabroad.wmich.edu/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&Program_ID=10001 |
| Starting an Application | <p>How to apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Select Apply on the webpage of their program (Exchange or Study Abroad at WMU) 2. Indicate that you do not have login credentials to this site and select Submit. 3. Complete the New User Form and select 'Create Account'. 4. Check your email inbox for your user ID and temporary password. 5. Click the verification link in the email to verify your account. 6. Select, "I have login credentials to this site that I received by email and select 'Submit'. 7. Enter your username and temporary password from the verification email. 8. Select Login. 9. Complete and submit all fields required to set up student profile. 10. Read and complete all application materials required within the application by the appropriate deadline. <p>*NOTE* <u>The signature verification should already be submitted with the nomination and may take several days to be marked as complete once the student starts an application.</u></p> |
| Application Process | For details about the application process please go to: Incoming exchange students → http://www.wmich.edu/studyabroad/exchangeapplication Study Abroad at WMU students → http://www.wmich.edu/studyabroad/studyabroadatwmuapplication |

HOUSING

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| Housing Information and Rates | <p>Exchange and Study Abroad at WMU students are required to live on campus. Students should apply online for campus housing as soon as they have been accepted to Western Michigan University and have received their Bronco NetID and password.</p> <p>Website to apply for housing: http://www.wmich.edu/housing/signup</p> <p>Room and Board rates: http://www.wmich.edu/housing/info/rates</p> <p>Residence Hall options: http://www.wmich.edu/housing/options/halls</p> |
| Meal Plans | <p>Western Michigan University offers meal plans at any of the 4 dining halls located on campus.</p> <p>Students can explore meal plan options here: http://www.wmich.edu/dining/mealplans/halls</p> |

TRANSPORTATION

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| Transportation on Campus and the Surrounding Area for Students | <p>Most classes are within walking distance from on-campus housing, making walking the most common transport for students to get to class.</p> <p>Students can also use the Bronco Transit bus system to get around campus and Kalamazoo for free with a student ID. https://wmich.edu/brancotransit/</p> |
| Public Transportation | <p>Metro Transit Buses - http://kmetro.org/bus-routes</p> <p>Kalamazoo offers transport in town and the surrounding towns via bus to a wider area of locations than the Bronco Transit system. Students can ride Kalamazoo Metro buses for free with their student IDs. You can check the latest fare here: http://kmetro.org/fares/fares</p> |
| Alternate Transportation Options | <p>Uber - https://www.uber.com/</p> <p>Uber is a popular smart phone app that students can use as an alternate option to taxis.</p> <p>Lyft - https://www.lyft.com/</p> <p>Lyft is also a popular smart phone app that students can use an alternate option to taxis.</p> <p>Drive Safe Kalamazoo (DSK) - http://drivesafekalamazoo.com/</p> <p>This is a non-profit organization that provides a free, safe ride home to Western Michigan University students and their guests during late night & early morning hours.</p> |

ACADEMIC MATTERS

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| Subjects Available | <p>Exchange and Study Abroad at WMU students are eligible to take courses in all programs at Western Michigan University contingent on the student having completed the appropriate prerequisites, having acquired the appropriate level of English-language proficiency, and having submitted all paperwork prior to deadlines.</p> |
| Credits Required for Enrollment | <p>Undergraduate students may take 12 to 15 credit hours per semester. A minimum of 12 credit hours is needed to maintain visa status.</p> <p>Graduate students may take six to nine credit hours per semester. A minimum of six credit hours is needed to maintain visa status.</p> |
| Course Selection | <p>Undergraduate Course Catalog: http://catalog.wmich.edu/search_advanced.php?catoid=26</p> <p>Graduate Course Catalog: http://catalog.wmich.edu/search_advanced.php?catoid=27</p> <p>WMU recommends that students verify that desired courses will be offered during the semester of study by checking WMU's online course offerings database: https://www.wmich.edu/classlookup/</p> <p>Students must complete the Course Selection Form as soon as possible after being admitted. Students should list double the number of required courses to allow for scheduling and capacity conflicts.</p> <p>http://www.wmich.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/u532/2016/Fillable%20Course%20Selection%20Form%20rev.%20Jan%202016.pdf</p> |
| Registration | <p>Once the Course Selection Form has been submitted by the student via online application, the student will be registered by WMU in courses in order of preference based on availability and eligibility.</p> |
| Transcripts | <p>Students will need to order and send their official transcript to their home institution after grades have posted. Due to U.S. privacy law (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act), WMU Study Abroad cannot send the transcript on the student's behalf.</p> <p>Instructions on how to order their transcript: http://www.wmich.edu/registrar/transcripts</p> <p>Electronic Copy – an electronic copy can be sent directly to a third party for \$7.50.</p> <p>Paper Delivery – a paper copy can be mailed via USPS directly to any destination for \$9.50.</p> |

| Grading Scale at WMU | The student receives one grade in each course taken. This grade combines the results of course work, tests, and final examinations. Grades are indicated by letters, each of which is assigned a certain value in honor points per hour of credit. For more information on grading system at WMU, please go to http://www.wmich.edu/registrar/policies/grades . | | |
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| | Grade | Honor Points | Significance |
| | A | 4.0 | Outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary |
| | BA | 3.5 | |
| | B | 3.0 | Very good, high pass |
| | CB | 2.5 | |
| | C | 2.0 | Satisfactory, acceptable, adequate |
| | DC | 1.5 | |
| | D | 1.0 | Poor |
| | E | 0.0 | Failure |
| | X | 0.0 | Failure (unofficial withdrawal) |
| | W | | Official withdrawal (no academic penalty) |
| | I | | Incomplete |
| | AU | | Audit |
| CR | | Credit under credit/no credit system | |
| NC | | No credit under credit/no credit system | |

WELL-BEING & HEALTH INSURANCE

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| Health Services | <p>Sindecuse Health Center - http://www.wmich.edu/healthcenter/ Located on the main campus, WMU's Sindecuse Health Center offers convenient, cost-saving services with an experienced, multidisciplinary staff dedicated to maintaining and improving patient health.</p> |
| Counseling Services | <p>Counseling Services at Sindecuse Health Center - http://www.wmich.edu/healthcenter/counseling/ Counselors help students identify challenges and make changes to manage the emotional and social difficulties that might complicate college life.</p> |
| Exercise and Recreation | <p>The Student Recreation Center - http://www.wmich.edu/rec/ This center promotes healthy life-style choices, team building, leadership skills, and opportunities for positive social interaction.</p> <p>Lawson Ice Arena and Gabel Natatorium - http://wmich.edu/lawson/lawson-ice-arena-and-gabel-natorium Students access facilities at this location for free or at a discount with their WMU ID cards. Students can use the pool, go ice skating and watch hockey games.</p> |
| Health Insurance | <p>All international students must have health insurance coverage in effect on the first day of classes. The University cannot purchase health insurance on the student's behalf and apply the cost to their student account.</p> <p>J-Visa Holders Insurance Requirements Students that will enter the United States on a J-Visa must have health insurance that meets the minimum requirements as set by U.S. Department of State regulations: http://j1visa.state.gov/sponsors/how-to-administer-a-program/</p> <p>Other International Students Not on J-Visa Health insurance for all other international students must meet the same requirements as the J-Visa holders, plus:</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inpatient and outpatient medical coverage for hospitalization, emergency room, urgent care, maternity, physical therapy, and mental health services. • Prescription (medication) coverage. • Pre-existing condition clause not greater than 6 months. <p>The insurance policy must be written in English, in U.S. currency, and have a U.S. billing address and phone number.</p> |
| Special Needs and Accommodations | Any student with special needs accommodations must submit this information in the Applicant Information portion of their online application so that we can make necessary arrangements. |
| Tuberculosis Screening Requirement | <p>International students from countries where tuberculosis is prevalent must be screened before traveling to the United States. Students should visit the Sindecuse Health Center website to determine if they need to have a screening: http://www.wmich.edu/healthcenter/clinic/services/tb</p> <p>WMU requires students arriving from countries where tuberculosis is prevalent to present proof that a TB screen has been completed within the last year; if the test result was positive, WMU requires the student to present a TB screen and radiology report in English when they arrive on campus.</p> |
| Estimated Student Expenses | |
| Estimated Student Expenses | <p>Please refer to the flyers on the following webpages for the information on estimated student expenses for exchange students and Study Abroad at WMU students.</p> <p>Exchange students: http://wmich.edu/studyabroad/incoming/exchange Study Abroad at WMU students: http://wmich.edu/studyabroad/studyabroadwmu Study Abroad at WMU CELCIS students: http://wmich.edu/studyabroad/studyabroadwmu</p> <p>These flyers are also included in the WMU Promotional Materials digital folder: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B2iaRLf5lXfS0xJeUZRURwOVk</p> |