

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
2019 -2020 FACT SHEET

GENERAL INFORMATION				
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
Application Deadline	March 15	October 1	January 1	February 1
Mandatory Orientation	<p>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.</p> <p>Please follow the link below for the orientation dates and schedules for each semester: http://www.wmich.edu/internationaladmissions/orientation</p>			
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

Nomination Deadlines	Fall	Spring
	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 scan of a photo ID. (Copy of passport or government- issued ID are accepted. Passport must be valid for a minimum of 6 months after the end of student’s last semester at WMU. The signature should be visible on the passport ID page.) • 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		
Incoming Exchange and Study Abroad at WMU Applications	After our office receives the nomination materials from partner universities, our online application link and the step-by-step application guide will be sent to each nominated student via email.	
Application and Admissions Process	<p>For details about the application and admissions process please go to: Incoming exchange students → http://www.wmich.edu/studyabroad/exchangeapplication Study Abroad at WMU students → http://www.wmich.edu/studyabroad/studyabroadatwmuapplication</p>	
HOUSING		
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. Students can explore meal plan options here: http://www.wmich.edu/dining/mealplans/halls</p>	
TRANSPORTATION		
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/broncotransit/</p>	
Public Transportation	<p>Metro Transit Buses - http://www.kmetro.com/ 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://www.kmetro.com/fares</p>	

Alternate Transportation Options	<p>Uber - https://www.uber.com/ Uber is a popular smart phone app that students can use as an alternate option to taxis.</p> <p>Lyft - https://www.lyft.com/ Lyft is also a popular smart phone app that students can use an alternate option to taxis.</p>
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ACADEMIC MATTERS

Subjects Available	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.
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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>
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Course Selection	<p>Undergraduate Course Catalog: http://catalog.wmich.edu/search_advanced.php?catoid=26 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. The Course Selection Form can be downloaded through their online application in Broncos Abroad.</p>
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Registration	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.
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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>
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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 .		
	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

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 <u>University cannot purchase health insurance on the student's behalf</u> 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> <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	<p>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.</p>
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,</p>

WMU requires the student to present a TB screen and radiology report in English when they arrive on campus.

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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.

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>

These flyers are also included in the WMU Promotional Materials digital folder:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B2iiaRLf5lXfS0xJeUZWRURwOVk>