

FACT SHEET

BILATERAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS 2017/2018

TYPE OF AGREEMENT

Student Exchange Student Exchange Double-Degree

REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- Application Form
- Certificate of Financial Responsibility and Bank Statement(s)
- Official Transcript (in English)
- Copy of Passport
- Official** English Language Proficiency Exam Results

VISA J-1

Required **Optional**

Students must comply with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's procedures and regulations. They must register through SEVIS (www.ice.gov/sevis) upon acceptance, prior to their visa appointment.

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COURSES

Course Information & Syllabus	Course information can be found at the Mason Study Abroad website: studyabroad.gmu.edu/students/incoming Details on specific courses can also be found on individual departmental websites: www.gmu.edu/academics
Course Selection & Procedure	Students register themselves online once admitted. All classes in the School of Business and most in the School of Engineering require prior departmental approval. After initial registration, students can add or drop classes online, generally for the first couple of weeks each semester.
Course Load per Semester	12 - 16 credit hours (undergraduate) 9 credit hours (graduate)
Language of Instruction	English

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

TOEFL	Internet-based	Undergraduate <i>Req. min. in each section: 18 points</i>	80 pts
		Graduate <i>Req. min. in each section: 20 points</i>	88 pts
IELTS	Academic	Undergraduate	6.5 score
		Graduate	

DATES AND DEADLINES

	FA16 / First Semester	SP17 / Second Semester
Application Deadlines	March 1, 2017	October 1, 2017
Orientation Session Dates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compulsory <input type="checkbox"/> Optional	August 22, 2017 (undergraduate) August 24, 2017 (graduate)	Estimated Dates: January 17-18, 2018
Class Start Date	August 28, 2017	January 22, 2018
Exam Period	December 13-20, 2017	May 9-16, 2018



ADMINISTRATIVE FORMALITIES

Upon Arrival	Required	Optional
Administrative Fee (\$500)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health Insurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Liability Insurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bank Account	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

CAMPUS FACILITIES & RESOURCES

- Wi-Fi connection throughout campus
- 5** libraries and online library systems
- Aquatic Fitness Center with Olympic-sized swimming pool
- 9** recreation facilities
- On-campus Student Health Center with physician on staff
- University Cinema
- Free campus shuttle and local public bus with access to metro train station (approx. 20 minutes from campus) that leads to Washington, DC

MISCELLANEOUS

OIPS (Office of International Programs and Services) assists all international students on campus; Mason Study Abroad specifically assists exchange students. OIPS runs various events and programs throughout the year that exchange students are encouraged to participate in, from tours of Washington, DC to shopping excursions, and internationally themed festivals and discussions. A pre-arrival guide for visiting students can be found on OIPS's website oips.gmu.edu/prepare-for-your-stay-at-mason/.



ESTIMATED EXPENSES

Administrative Fee	\$500	to be paid to the Mason Study Abroad upon acceptance
On-Campus Housing	\$3,780 - \$4,480* \$4,165 - \$5,000*	per semester (double occupancy) per semester (single occupancy)
Health Insurance [estimated]	\$1,194* (Fall)	\$1,856* (Spring)
Food	\$400 - \$700	per month
Public Transportation	Free with Mason ID \$3 - \$5 /one-way	Campus shuttle and local CUE buses Metro train to Washington, DC
Personal Expenses	\$350 - \$450	per month
Books and Supplies	\$750	per semester (some books can be bought used or rented for less)

*Amounts are estimated based on the 2016-2017 rates.

HOUSING

On-Campus **Off-Campus**

- Guaranteed for undergraduate students. Students are generally placed in double occupancy rooms in on-campus student dormitories. Students may view options and rates on the Office of Housing and Residential Life's website: housing.gmu.edu. Students can opt out to live off-campus, but should consult with the Mason Study Abroad when making arrangements.
 - *Students wishing to remain on-campus during winter break should live in the following residence halls: Eastern Shore, Hampton Roads, Whitetop, Liberty Square. Northern Neck, Potomac Heights, Rogers, or the Student Apartments, Townhouse*
- Graduate students find accommodations off-campus on their own.

MEAL PLANS

Meal plans are required if students live in the following residence halls: Blue Ridge / Sandbridge, Commonwealth, Dominion, Eastern Shore, Hampton Roads, Piedmont / Tidewater, Whitetop. Students may view options and rates on the Campus Dining website: masonid.gmu.edu/mealplans.