

Fact Sheet 2020/2021

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About

Since its founding in 1889 as a teaching college, SUNY Plattsburgh has had a strong history of meeting regional and statewide needs for higher education. It is also a major driver of the economic and cultural well-being of the community. Set in a small city on the shore of Lake Champlain, between the Adirondacks and Green Mountains, Plattsburgh is rich in regional interests. The residential campus is clean, safe and easy to walk. Montreal is just an hour's drive away, as is the Olympic Village of Lake Placid and Burlington, Vermont.

The curriculum spans diverse majors that prepare students to stand out as scholars, professionals and citizens. Internships offer students valuable career experiences. The campus itself is about 300 acres and has just over 5,000 students.

Mission & Vision

SUNY Plattsburgh is a public, comprehensive college that prepares students for academic, professional and personal success. SUNY Plattsburgh will be a model comprehensive college for a student-centered approach to higher education. The "Plattsburgh Experience" will be recognized as one that matches student talents and abilities with pathways to academic, professional and personal success.

Our Pledge:

- You will be welcomed and supported by faculty, friends, staff, and our community.
- You will be challenged to learn, think, and excel through close interactions with an outstanding faculty and staff.
- You will be taught by committed and respectful faculty members.
- You will experience a diversity of cultures and perspectives.
- You will discover and develop your personal potential.

Important Dates 2020/2021

Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Arrival: August 16 th -18 th * Orientation: August 18 th -22 nd Teaching: August 24 th -December 4 th Exams: December 5 th -December 11 th Departure: December 12 th	Arrival: January 18 th -20 th * Orientation: January 20 th -22 nd Teaching: January 25 th -May 7 th Exams: May 8 th -14 th Departure: May 15 th
Nomination Deadline: March 15 th , 2020 Application Deadline: April 15 th , 2020	Nomination Deadline: October 1 st , 2020 Application Deadline: October 15 th , 2020
<p><i>*Arrival and Departure Dates are subject to change so stay in tune to email from our office for most updated information.</i></p> <p><i>This is our international orientation website, https://www.plattsburgh.edu/admissions/international/accepted-students/orientation-schedules.html.</i></p>	



Academics

Language of Instruction - English

SUNY Plattsburgh offers more than 60 degree programs within three academic schools:

- [Arts and Science](#)
- [School of Business and Economics](#) (AACSB accredited)
- [Education, Health, and Human Services](#)

Our expansive [internship programs](#) provide students with practical experiences and important job connections.

Companies such as IBM and the Washington Internship Institute actively recruit our students for both internships and jobs. These experiences often lead to successful career opportunities and quick advancement for our alumni, who have ended up landing positions such as the Vice President of Morgan Stanley in New York City.

For more information about our Programs:

<https://www.plattsburgh.edu/programs/index.html>

Course-load Requirements

Students are required to carry a full course load to meet US visa requirements. A full course load is usually made up of four 3-credit classes or 12 US credits per semester.

Course Registration Information

As Exchange students, you will have be put into courses by returning the course preference form along with your online application by the application deadline. Some of the courses may have time conflicts and you may need to choose alternative courses. Your courses are finalized during international orientation. You will have the opportunity during the first week of class to switch courses, if needed.

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College Grading System

At Plattsburgh, your program or major is divided into courses. The following formula is used to calculate a cumulative grade: for every class, quality points are multiplied by credit hours. The products are added together, and the sum is divided by the total number of credit hours.

Quality Points	Letter Grade
4.0	A
3.7	A-
3.3	B+
3.0	B
2.7	B-
2.3	C+
2.0	C
1.7	C-
1.3	D+
1.0	D
0	E

The majority of students receive marks in the B range. A grade below D for an individual course is a fail and no credits are awarded for the course.

Accommodation & Meal Plans

Housing at SUNY Plattsburgh offers a safe, secure, well-maintained environment. In our 12 residence halls, we address the academic, personal and social needs of our students. Our residence halls provide opportunities for students to engage in leadership roles, interact with other students by attending activities, seek academic support services such as advising and tutoring, or just hang out with friends in lounges equipped with TVs, pool tables, ping-pong tables, and a variety of other fun stuff! Living on campus is fun, exciting and challenging! We have a strong sense of community, which values understanding and respect, and students play a central role in creating it.

For our guide to on-campus housing: <https://www.plattsburgh.edu/plattslife/housing/residence-halls/guide-to-on-campus-housing.html>

For FAQs and what to bring: <https://www.plattsburgh.edu/plattslife/housing/housing-faqs.html>

If you live on campus, you will be required to have a meal plan. This may be different than your home institution. If you live off campus, there are “off-campus” meal plans that you can purchase, if you’d like but they are not required.

Meal Plan Information and Cost: <https://www.plattsburgh.edu/cost-aid/tuition/housing-meal-fees.html>



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Arrival and Orientation

Immigration Requirement

The U.S. Department of State requires that you have an exchange visitor visa to study in the United States.

There is an expectation of reciprocity with the Exchange Visitor Program. The SUNY Office of Global Affairs (OGA), an administrative unit within SUNY System Administration, has been designated by the Department of State as an exchange visitor sponsor on behalf of the SUNY J-1 Exchange Visitor Program Consortium. This designation authorizes SUNY OGA to issue the DS-2019 Certificate of Eligibility forms on behalf of consortium member campuses to invite exchange visitors to the U.S. for educational and cultural exchange.

This requires that you will need to submit materials to our office for your Exchange Visitor. It is important to submit these materials on time as documentation must be submitted **3 months before the anticipated program start** date. While not all requests will take the three months to process, it is essential to plan in advance to allow the best possible preparation for your Exchange Visitor's arrival. Please submit all materials together. Your Exchange Visitor Advisor (EVA) will also be able to explain any costs associated with requesting a DS-2019. This is the Coordinator in the Global Education Office.

After obtaining their J-1 visa and making travel plans, the Exchange Visitor will enter the U.S. using their valid passport, J-1 visa, and DS-2019. J-1 visa holders **are not allowed to enter the U.S. more than 30 days before their program start date.**

Arriving in the US

International Student Services operates our new student international orientation. We arrange for airport and bus station pick up on specific dates before orientation starts. Our pickups are from Burlington International Airport (BTV) or Plattsburgh International Airport (PBG).

On these days, our friendly student Orientation Staff will welcome you to the US and ensure you are safely transported to the Plattsburgh campus.

Information on Arrival:

<https://www.plattsburgh.edu/admissions/international/accepted-students/traveling-to-us.html>

Orientation

There will be a **mandatory** orientation program for all exchange students in August and January. You will join other full-time degree-seeking international students and some domestic exchange students. During orientation, there will also be some individual sessions just for exchange and study abroad students.

More Information on International Student Orientation:

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