

# WIDEN YOUR EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS

The **National Student Exchange (NSE)** provides opportunities for you to **study** for a semester or a year **at another NSE college or university in the United States, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.**

With **nearly 200 universities** from which to choose, you should be able to find a campus with just the right combination of courses, facilities, and environment to meet your personal and academic needs and interests.

Students participate in NSE to:

- Broaden their perspectives
- Explore new areas of study
- Learn from different professors
- Access new courses
- Break out of their comfort zones
- Experience personal growth
- Make new friends
- Live in a different area
- Investigate graduate schools
- Seek future employment
- Become more independent
- **Experience life from a different point of view**

Each year, more than 2500 students participate in NSE. They continue to make progress toward home campus degree programs while studying in new places, meeting new people, and enrolling in specialized courses or unique academic options which may not be available on their home campuses.



nse.org

## RESOURCES

The following are helpful resources as you consider your exchange participation and select an appropriate exchange location.

- NSE coordinator
- *Exchange Policies and Procedures* (nse.org, Students)
- *Campus Profiles* (nse.org, Students)
- Academic adviser
- Faculty in your major
- Parents/friends
- Financial aid office

## ELIGIBILITY

Exchange participation is a privilege, not a right. Minimum requirements are:

- Full-time enrollment
- Cumulative 2.5 GPA (4.0 scale)
- Completion of Expository Writing
- Good standing (academic, personal and financial)

There may be additional requirements and/or restrictions on exchange participation. You can learn of these from your campus NSE coordinator and from the *Campus Profiles* at nse.org.

## LENGTH OF EXCHANGE

Students are typically placed for an academic year; however, in some circumstances, a one semester exchange is allowed. Some campuses can accommodate summer exchange.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Apply for exchange through your home campus NSE coordinator. The process includes a non-refundable application fee, biographical data, and a personal interview.

## FINANCIAL AID

U.S. federally-funded financial aid for eligible students is applied for, awarded by, and disbursed from the host campus. Ask your Program Coordinator.

RUTGERS

School of Arts and Sciences



## COST

There are two tuition payment plans utilized by NSE. Rutgers participates only in Plan A, in which you pay the resident (in-state) tuition/fees to your host campus.

Fees assessed as a condition of enrollment (e.g. fees for laboratory courses, general service, computer, technology, art and photography supplies) are always paid to your host campus.

If you reside on campus, you will pay for room and meals at your host campus. You will also be responsible for transportation, personal expenses, and sightseeing opportunities while on exchange.

## PLACEMENT

Most placements are made by the Rutgers Program Coordinator at NSE's annual conference in early March. Annually, 97% of the applicants are placed at one of their campus choices.

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**For me, going abroad seemed too far away; staying home seemed too close. NSE was the perfect choice!**

Lauren Flaherty, Sonoma State University to the University of Northern Colorado