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# Welcome to Rutgers University!

Congratulations on your admission to Rutgers University (RU)! We are thrilled that you will be joining us for the upcoming semester. This guide contains information to help you understand our institution, complete your exchange student application, and know what to expect before, during, and after your program.



## University Profile

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, established in 1766, is a leading national research institution and the state's premier public university. With more than 66,000 students and 22,000 faculty and staff, Rutgers operates across New Jersey and globally. Its campuses in New Brunswick, Newark, and Camden offer diverse academic and clinical health sciences programs, embodying Rutgers' reputation for excellence and innovation. <https://www.rutgers.edu/about-rutgers>

# Tentative Timeline

## Fall-Academic Year Students

<b>March 15</b>	Deadline to complete <b>Phase 1 Exchange Application.</b>
<b>March 30</b>	Acceptance Notification
<b>Early April</b>	Start <b>Phase 2 Exchange Application</b>
<b>Mid-April</b>	Receive email copy of immigration document. Apply for visa
<b>June - Aug</b>	Finish remaining <b>Phase 2 Exchange Application</b> documents
<b>July</b>	<b>MANDATORY</b> virtual Pre-Departure Orientation.
<b>Late August</b>	Move-in. <b>MANDATORY</b> in-person International Student Orientation
<b>Early September</b>	Classes Start
<b>October- November</b>	Academic Year Students: Register for Spring classes
<b>Late December</b>	Classes End. Fall Students move out of dorms

## Spring Students

<b>Oct 1</b>	Deadline to complete <b>Phase 1 Exchange Application.</b>
<b>Oct 15</b>	Acceptance Notification
<b>Oct - Nov</b>	Start <b>Phase 2 Exchange Application</b>
<b>Mid-November</b>	Receive email copy of immigration document. Apply for visa
<b>Nov - Dec</b>	Finish remaining <b>Phase 2 Exchange Application</b> documents
<b>Mid-Dec</b>	<b>MANDATORY</b> virtual Pre-Departure Orientation.
<b>Early January</b>	Move-in. <b>MANDATORY</b> in-person International Student Orientation
<b>Mid-January</b>	Classes Start
<b>May</b>	Classes End. Move out of dorms

# Academic Information

## Studying at Rutgers

You will have access to a wide range of disciplines and courses while attending Rutgers. For your first semester, you will submit course requests through your exchange application. Our office will then coordinate registration on your behalf. Academic Year students will self-register for the second semester (Spring).

## Important Considerations

It's important to remember that no course request is guaranteed, and a certain level of flexibility is necessary. Courses change each semester, certain sections may be full, and departments may have enrollment restrictions. It's not advisable to plan on taking all courses in a single discipline. A typical exchange student course schedule includes 2-3 courses in their major and 2-3 general courses. Course schedules will not be finalized until classes begin.

Exchange students are allowed to register for courses based on:

- Course limitations set by our office.
- Course restrictions set by academic departments.
- Successful completion of required prerequisites/faculty approval.
- Available space.

## Course Pre-Requisites

You must be able to demonstrate completion of all necessary prerequisites to enroll in a course. This is most often evaluated based on successful completion shown on an academic transcript. In some cases, syllabi of the prerequisite courses will be needed to better understand a student's background and preparation. This is particularly important in areas such as Business, Mathematics, Statistics, Engineering, Computer Science, and all lab Sciences, though it is not limited to these.

## Course Limitations for Exchange Students

The following courses are **restricted** and **not open** to exchange students:

- School of Communication and Information Technology (04:xxx:xxx) courses.
  - Note: You may be able to take some 100 level or intro classes in this school.
- Mason Gross School of the Arts (07:xxx:xxx) courses.
  - Note: Note: You may be able to take some 100 level or intro classes in this school.
- School of Pharmacy (30:xxx:xxx)
- School of Nursing (77:xxx:xxx)
- ALL Graduate-level courses

The following courses are **limited**. This means you may request a few of these courses, but they are harder to get into:

- Computer Science and Computer Engineering (01:198:xxx)
- Business (33:xxx:xxx)

## Internships and Independent Studies

Internships and Independent Study courses are available **only** for Academic Year exchange students during the Spring semester. If you are interested in participating in these opportunities, it will be your responsibility to secure an internship placement or obtain approval from faculty for an independent study during the Fall semester.

Students wanting to participate in an internship should coordinate these plans with Carissa McCarthy in the ISSS office for immigration purposes.

## Number of Classes

Exchange students must enroll in at least 12 credits (about 4 classes) per semester to maintain their visa status. The maximum number of credits per semester is 18 (approximately 6 classes).

Exchange students should prioritize in-person courses. Students are required to take at least 9 credits of in-person or hybrid courses. Online classes are permitted only as a supplement.

## Finding Courses

Exchange students have access to a wide range of disciplines. For an active listing of courses, please see the online schedule of coursework: <https://sis.rutgers.edu/soc>

Click:

- Term: Fall or Spring
- Location: New Brunswick
- Level: Undergraduate

Select a term, campus location, and level of study

Fall / Spring Term:  Spring 2023  Fall 2022

Location:  New Brunswick  Newark  Camden

Level:  Undergraduate  Graduate

Winter / Summer Term:  Summer 2023  Winter 2023

Previous Terms +

New Brunswick - Online and Remote Instruction Courses  
 Newark - Online and Remote Instruction Courses  
 Camden - Online and Remote Instruction Courses  
 Burlington County Community College - Mt Laurel  
 Camden County College - Blackwood Campus  
 County College of Morris  
 Cumberland County College  
 Denville - RU-Morris  
 Freehold WMEC - RU-BCC  
 Lincroft - RU-BCC  
 Mays Landing - RU-ACCC  
 McGuire-Dix/Lakehurst RU-JBMDL  
 Mercer County Community College  
 North Branch - RU-RVCC

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- Search by 'Keyword' or 'Subject'
- Section Status: This means the class is Open (still accepting students) or closed (already full)
- Level of Study: 100/200 are introductory courses. 300/400 are intermediate and advanced.
- Course Types:
  - Traditional/Face-to-Face: These should make up most of your course requests.
  - Hybrid: Partially face-to-face, partially online. You may request a few of these courses.
  - Online: These are limited to exchange students. You can only take an online course in addition to 12-credits of traditional/hybrid courses.

Search by:

Filters reset | hide

**Section Status**  
 Open  Closed

**Level of Study**  
 100  
 200  
 300  
 400

**Course Types**  
 Traditional/Face-to-Face  
 Hybrid  
 Online & Remote Instruction

To view all sections with **in-person meetings**, keep both **Traditional/Face-to-Face** and **Hybrid** checked.

**Day & Time**

## Understanding Course Information

Rutgers courses consist of 8 digits. The first two numbers indicate the school, the second three the department, and the last three the course level/number. Let's look at an example:

**01:080:210.**

**01** = School of Arts and Sciences

**080** = Political Science department

**210** = the specific course level and number

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POLITICAL SCIENCE							
▼	01:090:210	CAREER EXPLORATIONS IN ARTS AND SCIENCES	1.5 credits	Sections: 1 / 1	Synopsis		
SEC	INDEX	MEETING TIMES / LOCATIONS	EXAM	INSTRUCTORS	BOOKS	REGISTER	
<b>Section 95 Subtitle:</b> POLITICAL SCIENCE CAREERS <b>Section 95 Notes:</b> RECOMMENDED FOR SOPHOMORESRECOMMENDED FOR JUNIORSINTERESTED IN POLITICAL SCIENCEOPEN TO ALL MAJORS <b>Section 95 Restrictions:</b> ALL EXCEPT 1ST YEAR <b>Section 95 Comments:</b> Go to <a href="http://canvas.rutgers.edu">http://canvas.rutgers.edu</a> , Online Course							
95 OPEN	06517	Asynchronous content	Online	O	SILVERMAN	<a href="#">Books</a>	<a href="#">Register</a>
▶	01:790:101	NATURE OF POLITICS	3 credits	Sections: 7 / 9	Synopsis		
▶	01:790:102	INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS	3 credits	Sections: 7 / 7	Synopsis		
▶	01:790:103	COMPARATIVE POLITICS	3 credits	Sections: 3 / 3	Synopsis		

When you click on a specific course, you'll find helpful information, including:

- **Section Notes, Restrictions,** and **Comments:** Certain courses are only open to matriculated majors or 4-year students of a certain department.
- **Synopsis:** A brief description of the course.
- **Pre-Requisites:** Courses you must have on your transcript or have taken before.
- **Sections:** The number of sections available for a specific course.
- **Open** or **Closed:** You can only request open courses.
- **Books:** Required books for the course.

If you need more information, you should visit the [department website](#) to find more detailed course descriptions. Please note that not all faculty or departments publicly post their syllabi. Some will only release them to students after the semester starts. If available, they will be on the department website.





# Exchange Application

Your home institution must officially nominate you for study at Rutgers University. After nomination, your home institution advisor will give you a link to the Rutgers Exchange Application system.

This application is broken up into two parts:

**Phase 1:** Information and documents we require for initial acceptance.

**Phase 2:** Information and documents required to activate your Rutgers account, obtain a visa, and become a Rutgers student.

## Phase 1

Copy of Passport	Valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your stay
Statement of Interest	Let us know why you want to study at Rutgers!
Proof of English Proficiency*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 560+ on the paper and pencil test or 85+ on the Internet-based test.</li></ul></li><li>• International English Language Testing System (IELTS)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 6.5 or higher on either the academic paper and pencil test or the academic computer-based test.</li></ul></li></ul>
Official Transcript	Translated into English. If you do not yet have an official transcript, you can upload this during Phase 2.
Intended Field of Study	Your home institution major or discipline.

*\*Proof of English Proficiency is not required from native-English speakers or students currently enrolled in an institution with an official language of English.*

## Phase 2

Activate your Rutgers Account	Once accepted, we will send you a RUID (student number). You will use this to activate your student account.
Immigration Documents	Rutgers International Students and Scholars office will email you about this process once your student account is activated. You will be required to upload documents into another system directly.
Course Requests	Remember to stay flexible and that course registration for your first semester is an on-going process. Your final schedule will be available after your arrival at Rutgers.
Immunization and Vaccinations	You will submit proof of required immunizations and vaccinations through the Rutgers Health portal. Please email <a href="mailto:health@rutgers.edu">health@rutgers.edu</a> for any questions.
Housing	All exchange students are guaranteed housing on campus (and are required to live on campus). You will fill in a housing application and receive your housing assignment directly from Residence Life.
Flight Itinerary	Do not book your plane ticket until you know Rutgers Move-In Day because you cannot move into your dormitory before this date.
Emergency Contact Information	Please provide a contact in your home country who we should notify in case of emergency.
Disability, special needs, or medical condition accommodations	If you require disability, special needs, or medical accommodations, you will be asked to submit official documentation to process this request.

# Immigration

Most exchange students come to Rutgers on a J-1 visa. For a better understanding of the requirements to maintain J-1 visa status, [please visit this website](#).

You will work with **Rutgers Global-International Students and Scholars** office for this process. They will inform you how to submit the required documents and information used to create your DS-2019 (J-1 visa document).

If you have dual citizenship with the USA, please inform us immediately. You will not need to apply for a J-1 visa.

## Commonly Required Visa Documents/Procedures

Proof of Sufficient Funds	You must submit proof of personal, family, and/or financial aid (loans or scholarships) to verify that you have funds sufficient for your stay. This documentation may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bank statements</li><li>• Scholarship/loan letters</li><li>• Affidavits of financial support</li></ul>
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Required Fees	Additional fees related to the visa will be paid by the student and include a <a href="#">DHS SEVIS fee</a> and the cost of the <a href="#">DS-160</a> .
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Consular Interviews	Some consulates require a personal visa interview. Depending on the country and time of year, wait times for these interviews vary greatly. Students should check with their local U.S. Consulate as well as review information <a href="#">here</a> .
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For the most updated information on required documents, procedures, and timelines for obtaining a US visa, [please refer to the website of your local US Consulate](#).

## Immunizations and Vaccinations

Before enrolling, you must meet New Jersey State laws and University policies regarding health and immunization requirements. These are designed to protect your health and that of others, including fellow students, staff, and clinical patients. Immunization requirements are [accessible here](#).

During Phase 2, you'll need to upload proof of required vaccinations. For specific requirements for your program (School of Arts and Sciences/SAS), download the [immunization packet](#). Provide this packet to your healthcare provider to ensure all necessary tests are performed and records are included.

As an International Student, you must submit your documents to Rutgers Health Services by early June for Fall/Year or early December for Spring. Please bring the originals with you when you start your semester at Rutgers.

Any questions on documents or required vaccinations should be submitted to [health@rutgers.edu](mailto:health@rutgers.edu).

## International Student Orientation

The Rutgers Global-International Students and Scholars office will host a **mandatory** orientation for all new international students. This event introduces students to the Rutgers community, providing information about the campus, connecting them with departments, resources, and staff, and offering guidance from current Rutgers international students. For more information, [please visit their website](#).

Remember that you are required to attend this event so please book your plane tickets accordingly.

# Getting to Campus

## Airport Transportation

When you arrive at the airport, make sure you know how you will get to campus. Most students get to campus using a taxi, Lyft/Uber, or public transportation (train). See ISSS's link for more information about [getting to campus](#).

## Rutgers New Brunswick Addresses

College Avenue Residence Life Office  
Clothier Hall  
590 George Street  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

University Center at Easton Avenue Apts  
30 Easton Avenue  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

# On-Campus

## Accommodations

On-campus Housing is guaranteed and required, with no exceptions. Students are typically housed in [University Center at Easton Avenue](#) apartments, where they have access to shared kitchen facilities and can remain on campus during breaks and holidays. Check their website to see what facilities and amenities are included to help you pack.

Detailed move-in information and schedules will be posted by [Residence Life](#) on their website shortly before the semester begins.

Remember that moving into housing before the official move-in date is not allowed. If you arrive early, you'll need to arrange a hotel or place to stay beforehand. Consider asking for hotel recommendations in a walkable area close to campus. New Jersey is not walkable between cities and public transportation is limited beyond campus.

## Health Insurance

All Rutgers students must have adequate health insurance. Rutgers University provides health insurance and will automatically bill you for it unless you provide proof of other coverage that meets Rutgers' standards.

You can find [a guide to the minimum insurance requirements](#) at Rutgers here, but students will not be considered exempt until their policy has been reviewed by Rutgers.

## Disability Accommodations and Special Services

You will have access and are encouraged to use the [Office of Disability Services](#) if needed. The ODS team will work with you individually to develop an effective and comprehensive plan for appropriate services and reasonable accommodation.

## Campus Mail

To receive mail and packages on-campus, login to the My Rutgers Portal, go to the Dashboard, find your profile widget, and click the 'mail opt-in' icon. You can then download the Rutgers Student Package Locker app.

For more information on mail services including your mailing address format, go here:

<https://ipo.rutgers.edu/business-services/mail-services/students-nb>

## Campus Organizations and Resources

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# Term Bill

Rutgers Global covers the following charges based on our agreement with your home university: **Tuition, Student fee, School fee, and Technology fee.**

You will be responsible for: **Housing, Course/Other fees, Student Health Insurance, and a Meal plan.**

- **Housing:** To get an idea of how much your housing charge may be to reside at Easton Ave Apartments, please go [here](#).
- **Course Fees:** Certain courses may have an additional fee- this depends on your final course schedule.
- **Other Fees:** For example, your SEVIS fee. For more details on possible fees please go here: <https://finance.rutgers.edu/student-abc/tuition-fees/fee-descriptions>
- **Student Health Insurance.** This is mandatory unless you are approved for a waiver. <https://global.rutgers.edu/international-scholars-students/health-insurance>
- **Meal Plan.** This is not mandatory. It will appear on your term bill initially, but you can submit a request to cancel it upon your arrival. Since you will be living in a residence hall with a kitchen, you may choose to remove the meal plan option. <http://food.rutgers.edu/new-brunswick>

Before your arrival, our office will email you to confirm the portion of the bill we will cover. Upon receiving your term bill from the Office of Financial Services, you will be responsible for submitting payment for the remaining balance. Exchange students can pay their term bills on arrival on campus.

## TIP!

Rutgers publishes upcoming tuition and fees for the Academic Year term mid-July. If you are planning to attend Rutgers in the fall, please expect the housing and all fees to increase between 2-5%.

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