

FALL 2014 INFORMATION SHEET

We are pleased you are considering studying at SUNY Oswego. Before you submit your application, **please read through the information below carefully**, so you can determine if you wish to proceed with your application as an exchange student at SUNY Oswego.

Consider if you want to apply to SUNY Oswego. Since exchange students are the last cohort of students to register into open courses with available seats, there is **NO GUARANTEE** that you would be able to register into courses that you are required to or desirous of taking because courses would either be closed or restricted by the time you are allowed to register. There would be restrictions such as reserved seating, major/minor and special population courses that may prevent you from registering. Additionally, **please note** that courses within the following majors are of high demand **and it is unlikely that you will be able to register into courses in Business, Biology and Chemistry**. If you are required to take courses in these majors or plan to transfer credits towards graduation, you are advised to reconsider if you wish to proceed with your application.

Determine if you have satisfied the English proficiency requirement: Students from countries that do not offer university courses in English must provide minimum English proficiency scores of either 80iBT TOEFL or 6.5 IELTS. If your minimum score is 6.0 IELTS or 72iBT, you will be pre-registered into two English courses.

Review courses we offer in Fall 2014: Courses are **not** offered every semester. Fall 2014 course offerings will be available for viewing on March 10 at this link:

https://web-banner.oswego.edu/pls/prod/bwckschd.p_disp_dyn_sched

Process to register into courses: After your application and documents have been processed, you will receive an email from the Registrar's Office with your ID number, instructions on how to activate your Oswego email account, and steps to submit a pre-requisite waiver to register into courses through myoswego. **Registration will open for you to begin registering into courses with available seats on April 28.** You will be notified by email with instructions on how to register into open courses with available seats. **You must register into a minimum of 12 credit hours to maintain your status as a full time student at Oswego. Please note that you will NOT be able to register into courses that are closed, courses that have a major/minor restriction, courses that have a time conflict or courses that have a letter next to the section number (for example, 80H,80C,80S,80F.)**

Academic Advisor: You will be assigned to an advisor and provided with your advisor's email address after your application materials have been processed. Your **academic advisor will NOT be able to register you into closed or restricted courses. Your academic advisor will only be able to advise you if the courses you plan to take would be suitable for you given the courses you have taken at your home university.**

For your reference, below is an explanation on some of the restrictions that you may encounter when you try to register.

Prerequisite: A "prerequisite" means a course or other requirement that a student must have completed prior to enrolling into a specific course or program at SUNY Oswego. On the first day of class, you will be required to provide course descriptions in English of any courses you have taken at your university that meet SUNY Oswego's prerequisite requirement. The registrar's email will advise on the process to override pre-requisites when you register for courses.

Closed Course: The course is full and there are no available seats in the course

Major/Minor Restriction: Courses may be closed to non-majors. There is a slim chance that **some courses may have seats available by the time you meet your advisor during orientation, but you should not rely on this remote possibility.** If you have decided to apply, please note the following:

1. Deadline: The deadline for the spring semester is **April 1, 2014**

2. Submission of application and required documents: Submit the application and required documents by April 1 as an attachment to an email to jo.richardson@oswego.edu

3. Download the Checklist, Application, Acknowledgment, Forms and at the link below:
http://www.oswego.edu/academics/international/ISSS/Exchange_Applications.html

Important Dates and Information

Arrival: Students are expected to arrive into **Syracuse** Airport on **Monday August 18**. Transportation will be arranged to bring students from the airport on that date to their residence hall.

Required Orientation: Students are **required** to attend a series of orientation sessions beginning on **Tuesday August 19** at 8:30 a.m.

Housing: **ALL** exchange students **must live on campus for their first semester of study**. One semester exchange students **will be housed in Waterbury Hall**. Two semester exchange students can elect to live in any residence hall on campus. Students electing to live in Hart Hall will be expected to fulfill the one credit academic community service requirement. Submit the Residence Life and Housing Agreement as an attachment to jo.richardson@oswego.edu

Walker Health Form: Students are required to fill out and return the Walker Health Center form as an attachment to intlhealth@oswego.edu. The form is available through the link in item 3 above.

Medical Insurance: Students are required to purchase SUNY mandated HTH comprehensive insurance and advised to visit their optician for spectacles and their dentist for oral care in their home country before departure. You will **automatically be enrolled into the insurance plan** and you will receive your insurance cards at orientation.

Student Accounts: Students **must pay their bill in full within five days of the start of classes**. Students will be expected to settle their accounts directly during this period, unless direct payment has been arranged in advance by their home universities.

Campus Dining: Students living on campus must purchase a meal plan. Details are available at this site: http://www.oswego.edu/administration/auxiliary_services/resident_dining.html

Questions: Please send an email to gurdeep.skolnik@oswego.edu if you have any questions on applying to SUNY Oswego as an exchange student for the fall 2014 semester.