

SUNY OSWEGO INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE EXCHANGE STUDENTS

We are pleased you are considering studying at SUNY Oswego. Below are steps for you to complete before the fall 2013 semester **deadline of April 15**. To facilitate issuance of your identification number (ID) for registration into courses, we **highly recommend** that you submit the following documents **by March 15**

1. Academic Exchange Application
2. Transcript

You can send the remainder of the documents listed on the checklist in step 5 below along with the documents listed above, but we must receive all documents by **April 15**.

Step 1: Consider if you want to apply to Oswego: If you are in your senior year and you are required to take courses at SUNY to transfer back towards graduation please note *that there is no guarantee that you will get into all the courses you require as exchange students are the last cohort of students allowed to register into open courses.*

Step 2: 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 together with their application form. If your minimum score is 6.0 or 76iB, you will be registered into two English courses.

Step 3: Review our list of majors to see if there is an area of study that relates to your major at your home institution: A list of majors and minors at SUNY Oswego is available at: oswego.edu/majors

Step 4: Review the courses we offered in Fall 2012 (Fall 2013 course offerings are not available for viewing until late March, but course schedules from previous fall semesters will be similar) https://web-banner.oswego.edu/pls/prod/bwkschd.p_disp_dyn_sched Please note:

- **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. 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.
- **Major/Minor Restriction:** Courses may be limited in enrollment or closed to non-majors at the time when exchange students are allowed to register. Therefore, students in their final year will need to get information to us quickly. We will try to get you into your first choices of classes, but there are no guarantees. If you have specific requirements that **MUST** be completed while at Oswego, please work closely with your home campus advisor prior to coming to Oswego to be sure that you have met all prerequisites required to take the necessary courses.
- **Course Availability:** Courses are **not** offered every semester, furthermore, courses that are offered are not guaranteed to be available to you depending on capacity and restrictions. Please make sure you have alternate courses. The specific course offerings for Fall 2013 will not be available until late March.

Step 5: Download the Checklist, Application and Forms at this link:
http://www.oswego.edu/academics/international/ISSS/Exchange_Applications.html

Step 6: EMAIL your application form and transcript as an attachment **by March 15** Jo Ann Richardson. Her email address: jo.richardson@oswego.edu The sooner we receive your documents the better, but we should receive all the documents by **April 15**.

Important Dates and Information

Arrival: Students are expected to arrive into **Syracuse** Airport on **Monday August 19**. Transportation will be arranged to bring students from the airport to their residence halls.

Orientation: Students are **required** to attend a series of orientation sessions beginning on **Tuesday August 20** at 8:00a.m.

Walker Health Form: Students are required to fill out and return the Walker Health Center form as an attachment to intlhealth@oswego.edu that is available through the link in Step 4 above.

Medical Insurance: Students are required to purchase SUNY mandated HTH comprehensive insurance and advised to visit their optician for spectacles and 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.

Housing: We recommend students live on campus to fully experience studying and living in a college setting and to participate in extracurricular activities.

Residence hall: Submit a Room and Board agreement that can be downloaded from the link posted in step 4. Students will not be allowed to move off campus during the semester once they have signed their agreement. Students can elect to live in any residence hall of their choice. Typically, most international students choose to live in Hart Hall; however, they will be expected to register for a one credit course called IST(International Studies) 190/390 that requires them to attend six IST-approved events, write a one page paper on the event and provide 10 hours of community service.

Off-campus housing: Although we recommend that students live on campus, students may choose to live off campus. They will be responsible for securing their off-campus accommodations prior to their arrival in Oswego. Full-year students may apply to the office of Residence Life and Housing to move off campus for the second semester after they have had a chance to find off campus accommodations that meet their needs.

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

Email: After your application has been processed, you will receive an email with instructions on activating your Oswego.edu email address. You will receive further official information, including registration steps through your oswego.edu email account.

Registration: Registration into open courses for exchange students will begin in mid- April. After your application has been processed, you will receive an email informing you of the date and procedure to register into courses.

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 2013 semester.