

EXCHANGE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM FACT SHEET

2025-2026



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Since 2019, we have welcomed over 500 students to study at our university as a visiting international student on an F-1 non-degree student visa or J-1 exchange visitor visa. Students can earn university credit or complete a short-term English program in the US, and return to their home university to complete their degree.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

Visiting students may study at Minnesota State University Mankato for either **1 semester** (fall OR spring), or **1 academic year** (fall AND spring).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All applicants must have completed at least 2 semesters and hold a 2.5+ GPA TOEFL iBT score 61 and above, or IELTS score 5.5 and above:

enroll as regular students and take 12-16 academic course credits of per semester.

TOEFL iBT score 54-60, or IELTS score 5.0:

Placed in the Advanced level of the Intensive English Program (IEP) in first semester before regular admission in second semester. Can take **3-4 English courses** (12-16 hours per week), and up to **2 academic courses** for a maximum of 8 credits (8 hours per week).

TOEFL iBT score between 20-54 or IELTS score between 3.5-4.5:

Placed in the Intermediate or Beginner levels of the IEP and take **5 English courses** for 20 hours per week.



HOW TO APPLY

Step 1: University Nomination

University Outgoing Exchange coordinator must send a letter, which nominates the student(s) who will study abroad. The nomination letter should include the following information:

- Student's full name.
- Student's date of birth.
- Intended term of study at MSU Mankato (e.g. Spring 2025). Summer terms are not available.
- Student's personal email.
- Student's intended field of study at MSU Mankato.

Email the nomination letter to: globalexchange@mnsu.edu and anna.ochs@mnsu.edu

Step 2: Student Application

Upon receipt of the nomination letter, MSU Mankato Center for Global Engagement office will send the nominated students a link with instructions to complete the online application. Students will need to prepare the following documents to apply online:

- Copy of valid passport
- Current university transcripts
- Proof of English proficiency (e.g. TOEFL or IELTS)
- Proof of financial resources (see estimated costs on the following page)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

For Spring Semester Study

Nomination and priority application deadline is **October 15**. Final application deadline is **November 1**.

For Fall Semester Study

Nomination and priority application deadline is **March 1**. Final application deadline is **May 1**.

Term	Fall 2025	Spring 2026
Nomination deadline	March 1	October 15
Priority application deadline	March 1	October 15
Course approval forms due	March 15	October 15
Final application deadline	May 1	November 1
Orientation Check-in	August 15	January 5
Classes Begin	August 25	January 12
Final Exams End	December 12	May 8





Where is Mankato, MN?



Mankato

130 kilometers southwest of
Minneapolis/St. Paul &
MSP International Airport &
Mall of America
Population of 60,000+

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

A safe and welcoming community for ALL students. We are proud to have over 1,700 international students from 100+ countries on our campus! Approximately 15,200 students with more than 2,000 faculty and staff



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[Click here to view MSU-Mankato's campus welcome video](#)

[Click here to view MSU Mankato's Intensive English Program video](#)

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

University-wide exchange agreements allow visiting international students to enroll in courses in any academic department on campus regardless of their declared major. Admission to upper division courses will be determined by the academic qualifications of the student. Students need to meet all pre-reqs for upper division courses and must transcripts in English during the admission process. Some courses will be closed to exchange students. Students studying Business may request to be apart of the College of Business IBE (Integrated Business Program) in the nomination. Review our 130 undergraduate programs 80 graduate programs below:

- [College of Allied Health and Nursing](#)
- [College of Business](#)
- [College of Education](#)
- [College of Humanities and Social Sciences](#)
- [College of Science, Engineering and Technology](#)



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TUITION & FEES

Exchange Student Tuition Waiver Condition

*Exact fees for the upcoming academic year have not yet been released; costs below are estimates

1 SEMESTER

Semester Study abroad fee.....	\$60
Int'l student fee.....	\$200
Books and supplies.....	\$700
Int'l student insurance.....	\$1000
Personal expenses.....	\$1000
On-campus housing & meal plan.....	\$5500
Total Student Cost.....	\$8,460

ACADEMIC YEAR (2 SEMESTERS)

Semester Study abroad fee.....	\$60
Int'l student fee.....	\$200
Books and supplies.....	\$1400
Int'l student insurance.....	\$2640
Personal expenses.....	\$2000
On-campus housing & meal plan.....	\$11,260
Total Student Cost.....	\$17,560

Visiting Student Fee Paying Condition

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1 SEMESTER

Semester Study abroad fee.....	\$60
Int'l student fee.....	\$200
Books and supplies.....	\$700
Int'l student insurance.....	\$1000
Personal expenses.....	\$1000
On-campus housing & meal plan.....	\$5500
Tuition & Fees.....	\$5766
Total Student Cost.....	\$14,226

ACADEMIC YEAR (2 SEMESTERS)

Semester Study abroad fee.....	\$60
Int'l student fee.....	\$200
Books and supplies.....	\$1400
Int'l student insurance.....	\$2640
Personal expenses.....	\$2000
On-campus housing & meal plan.....	\$11,260
Tuition & Fees.....	\$11,532
Total Student Cost.....	\$29,092

LIVING IN MANKATO - A SAFE & FRIENDLY COMMUNITY!

Affordable housing options both on and off campus

Pick your dorm room option in **5 university residence halls**

Students can choose from a variety of **meal plan options**

Off campus student housing is also available close to the university

Learn more about life in the safe and friendly city of Mankato

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ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

*Visiting international students have the option of taking the TOEFL ITP upon arriving in Mankato. Please notify us when the student is nominated if they intend to take a TOEFL ITP placement exam upon arriving in Mankato.

	TOEFL iBT	TOEFL ITP	IELTS	CEFR
<u>Regular Admission</u> <i>Undergraduate Coursework</i>	61+	500+	5.5+	B2+
<u>Conditional Admission</u> <i>Advanced Level IEP</i>	54-60	480-499	5.0	N/A
<u>Conditional Admission</u> <i>Intermediate/Beginner IEP</i>	25-53	340-479	3.5-4.5	N/A

INTENSIVE ENGLISH PROGRAM (IEP) COURSES

IEP courses available during 16 week semester in Fall (Aug-Dec) and Spring (Jan-May) or during 10 week semester in Summer (May-July). TOEFL ITP offered at the end of each semester for regular admission. [Learn more here](#)

INTENSIVE ENGLISH REGISTRATION PATHWAYS					
Advanced Level Option 1		Advanced Level Option 2		Intermediate & Beginning Levels	
4 English Courses 16 hrs/wk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading & Vocabulary • Writing • Listening & Speaking • Special Topics 	3 English Courses 12 hrs/wk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading & Vocabulary • Writing • Listening & Speaking • Special Topics 	5 English Courses 20 hrs/wk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading & Vocabulary • Writing • Listening & Speaking • Special Topics
3-4 Credits 3-4 hrs/wk	1 General Education Course	6-8 Credits 6-8 hrs/wk	2 General Education Courses		

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We look forward to welcoming you to campus soon!

