Admissions

Montclair State University welcomes and values international students on our campus and we encourage you to apply for admissions. We are currently accepting applications for all levels of study including undergraduate (Bachelors degree), graduate (Masters degree or Professional Certificate Programs), and for the Doctoral degree. We also welcome inquiries from Exchange Students who wish to study for one or two semesters and then return to their home country universities.
Undergraduate Application Requirements

- Online application
- Application fee (non-refundable)
- Scores from Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL www.toefl.org) OR the International English Language Testing System (IELTS www.ielts.org). Montclair State University’s institutional code for test reporting is 2520.
  - TOEFL Computerized test minimum score: 213
  - TOEFL iBT test (internet) minimum score: 80
  - IELTS minimum score: 6.5
- Foreign credential evaluation by any accredited foreign credential evaluation service. A listing of suggested evaluation services that you can use can be found at http://www.naces.org/members.htm

Application Deadlines
March 1 (For Autumn) and October 1 (For Spring)

Undergraduate Admissions Office
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Fax: +001 973-655-7700
Email: undergraduate.admissions@montclair.edu
Website: www.montclair.edu/undergraduate
Important Note About Certificate Programs

Students applying for certificate programs should be aware that an I-20 Form for the F-1 student visa can only be issued for full time certificate programs (9 credits or more per semester). Part time certificate programs are not eligible for the I-20 Form and the Student Visa. For further information as to whether a certificate program is eligible for the I-20 Form and student visa, contact International Services before applying for admission to a certificate program.

Graduate Application Requirements:

- Online application
- Application fee (non-refundable)
- Scores from Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) OR English for International Opportunity (IELTS). Montclair State University’s institutional code for test reporting is 2520. Submit your scores to The Graduate School at Montclair State University.
  - TOEFL Masters – Computerized test minimum score: 213
  - TOEFL Masters – iBT (Internet) test minimum score: 83
  - IELTS Masters – minimum score: 6.5
- Course by course foreign transcript evaluation by a member of the National Association of Credit Evaluation Services (NACES) www.naces.org/members.htm. The Graduate School does not evaluate transcripts of non-U.S. degree programs and coursework.
- Graduate admissions exams required by the program to which you are applying. All required test scores must be submitted to The Graduate School. You may qualify for a standardized test waiver.
  - GMAT or GRE exam is required for School of Business programs. The Montclair code for test reporting is 1T2-NK-86 for GMAT.
  - GRE exam, required for all other programs. The Montclair code for test reporting is 2520.

Application Deadlines
June 1 (For Autumn) and November 1 (For Spring)

Graduate Admissions Office
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Email: graduate.school@montclair.edu
Website: www.montclair.edu/graduate
PhD Degree

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- Online application
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- Scores from Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) OR English for International Opportunity (IELTS). Montclair State University’s institutional code for test reporting is 2520. Submit your scores to The Graduate School at Montclair State University.
  - TOEFL Doctorate – Computerized test minimum score: 213
  - TOEFL Doctorate – iBT (Internet) test minimum score: 117
  - IELTS Doctorate – minimum score: 6.5
- Course by course foreign transcript evaluation by a member of the National Association of Credit Evaluation Services (NACES) www.naces.org/members.htm. The Graduate School does not evaluate transcripts of non-U.S. degree programs and coursework.
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Most International students enter the United States on the F-1 Student Visa. In order to apply for and be granted the F-1 student visa status, international students must obtain the I-20 Certificate of Financial Eligibility Form from the International Services office. In order to obtain the I-20 Form, a student must show that they have sufficient financial support to cover 12 months of expenses, among other pertinent information.

There are also other visa types that are allowed for study in the United States. If you have another visa and wish to know whether you can study full-time or part-time with that type of visa, contact International Services.

Step 1: Complete and submit admissions application.

Step 2: Complete and submit the I-20 application to the International Services Office. It is highly recommended the I-20 application is submitted either at the same, or directly after submitting the admissions application.

Step 3: Wait for admissions decision.

Step 4: If/When accepted, obtain I-20 form from International Services Office. A student can only obtain the I-20 form when they are accepted into a full-time matriculated program, and have completed the I-20 application along with submitting all supporting documents.

Step 5: After receiving the I-20 form, you will need to schedule an appointment at your local U.S. Consulate or Embassy in order to obtain your F-1 visa. The visa is necessary to enter the United States. At the time of your appointment you will be given an interview, and it is very important all supporting documents are with you. To find the U.S. Consulate or Embassy nearest you, please go to http://www.usembassy.gov.

Immigration regulations require all F-1 students to:

- Enroll for a full-time course load each semester. Full-time for undergraduate students is at least 12 credits for each fall and spring semester. Full-time for graduate students is at least 9 credits for each fall and spring semester. (Summer session enrollment is optional)

- Sufficient financial support to attend classes and live in the U.S. The I-20 application contains detailed instructions on what financial documents should be submitted with the application.

Please make sure to submit the I-20 Form application to International Services and not to any other admissions office:

International Services, Global Education Center
Montclair State University
22 Normal Avenue
Montclair, New Jersey 07043 U.S.A.

Phone: 001-973-655-6862
Fax: 001-973-655-7726
Email: interserv@montclair.edu
Website: www.montclair.edu/international
PARENTS

As a parent of an international student, you may have concerns about your child’s education abroad. We hope the following information is helpful.

Our University

Founded in 1908, Montclair State University is a four-year comprehensive public institution. The University combines the instructional and research resources of a large public university in a dynamic, sophisticated, and diverse academic environment.

- 19,000+ undergraduate and graduate students
- 300 majors, minors, concentrations, and certificate programs
- 17 to 1 student-to-faculty ratio
- 23 students in an average class size
- Nearly 5,000 students live on campus
- 120 student clubs and organizations
- 12 dining options
- 40+ countries represented
- 250-acre safe suburban area on a beautiful campus in Montclair, New Jersey
- 14 miles west of New York City
- Affordable tuition
- State-of-the-art facilities equipped with wireless internet
- Bus and train stops on campus to access surrounding towns and NYC
- Surrounding towns offer restaurants, shopping, movie theaters, parks, stadiums and more

Rankings

- Forbes' annual list of the best colleges and universities in the nation ranked Montclair State University as the “Top Public Institution in New Jersey”.
- U.S. News & World Report consistently ranks the University in the top tier of Northern Regional Universities.
- U.S. News & World Report 2014 Best Graduate Schools ranked the Montclair State’s graduate program in elementary education #18 in the country.
- The Global Education Center at Montclair State was named by IIE (Institute of International Education) as one of the 16 strongest international education initiatives in the U.S.
Health
It is important for your child to maintain healthy habits throughout his or her stay in the United States. Montclair State students can utilize Counseling and Psychological Services for free, as well as our University Health Center on campus, which functions in the same manner as a private medical office and served by master’s prepared Nurse Practitioners. Health insurance is mandatory for all full-time undergraduate and graduate students as defined by the University (12 or more credits for undergraduate, 9 or more credits for graduate).

Safety
Montclair State University is located in a very safe suburban area. The University has a fully certified and operational law enforcement agency of 30 full-time police officers. All Police Officers are trained and certified by the New Jersey State Police Training Commission. Officers respond to calls for service, criminal investigations, traffic enforcement, medical emergencies and mutual aid calls with surrounding law enforcement agencies. They are available 24 hours to escort students walking on campus at night. Students should be reminded to practice common sense behavior about locking doors, protecting their property and being aware of their surroundings.

Academic Support
Your child is supported by a range of academic services. Any MSU student can use the Center for Writing Excellence, Red Hawk Math Learning Center, Tutorial Services, Learning Competencies Workshops, language labs, computer labs, and more. To help keep on track with graduation requirements, each student is assigned an academic advisor. The Center for Advising and Student Transition serves as the primary advising resource for freshmen and sophomore students by helping them make informed decisions about their courses and major choices, to think critically about their future goals, and to develop an understanding of their responsibilities as involved global citizens. Many students meet with an advisor regularly throughout the duration of study.
Sprague Library
The Sprague Library is centrally located in the heart of campus. The library subscribes to over 70 databases, allowing our students access to over 30,000 online journals and magazines. The Sprague Library also offers an interlibrary service, which allows Montclair State to borrow books from other institutions for our students. Our library also offers late hours, as well as an attached café, for those late-night study sessions.

Careers
Students at Montclair State University are going places: they have interned at great companies such as CNN, Louis Vuitton, Nets Basketball, Mercedes Benz, Merrill Lynch, NJ State Police, Novartis Pharmaceutical Corp, The New York Times, United Nations, and many more. Recent graduates have gained employment with impressive companies, such as Prudential, Target, Vantage Apparel, New York Life, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, and more. Each College and the School of Business has a designated Director of Career Services who works with students to provide assistance for career development, advising and cooperative education.

Housing
Approximately 5,000 students live on campus. Many international students are housed in the “Global Living Community”, either with other international students or with American students. The global living community is located in Alice Paul Hall in the Village Apartments. All apartments are shared between 4 people, and have a common living area, kitchen, and 2 bathrooms. Students in the Village Apartments may opt to have a double bedroom or single bedroom. If your child is coming to Montclair State as a freshman or sophomore, they will be placed in Bohn Hall, Blanton Hall or The Heights.

Climate
New Jersey experiences all four seasons: hot and humid summer, pleasant spring and fall, cold and snowy winter. In New Jersey in the summer months, it will range from about 61°Fahrenheit (16 Celsius) and a high of 84° Fahrenheit (28 Celsius). In the winter, it will range between about 26 ° Fahrenheit (-3 Celsius) and 41° Fahrenheit (15 Celsius). Depending on the duration of your child’s stay, he or she should bring comfortable walking shoes, and appropriate clothing for the seasons.

Orientation
International Services hosts a special orientation for international students which includes topics such as maintaining F-1 or J-1 status, employment, social security numbers and travel. Information is also provided on U.S. culture, academic success, staying healthy and health insurance, opening a bank account, campus life, and more. Spouses are invited to attend. Other orientations held by other departments on campus include: undergraduate students, transfer students, and graduate students. This is the perfect opportunity for your child to make their first friendships with both U.S. and other foreign students.

Culture Shock
Culture shock can be understood as a set of feelings a person has when faced with a very new living situation. Montclair State University International Services offers intercultural counseling and programs to help students adjust to U.S. Culture, understand academic practices, and participate in social, cultural, and adjustment programs. Our highly experienced staff listens to the needs of our students during the phases of culture shock. If your child lives on campus, they have many more wonderful opportunities. Most students make friends quickly.
Social Life
There are many ways for your child to have a robust social life at Montclair State University. Assign-
ments, discussions, and projects in the classroom will facilitate interaction with American students. Ad-
ditionally, your child can join more than 120 clubs and organizations, exercise at our Student Recreation
Center, attend music and dance performances at our theaters, go to sports events on campus, choose
from 12 dining locations to eat meals, study in the library, or simply relax outdoors.

Student Recreation Center
The new construction of the Student Recreation Center, opened in 2008, offers student programs and
services to develop healthy living styles. The building is a full 2-level gym with basketball courts, rac-
quetball rooms, lounge areas, a swimming pool, and more. The programs and services include personal
training, group exercise classes, intramural sports, club sports, hikes, special events, and off campus trips.
The Student Recreation Center is free of charge to all Montclair State Students as long as they have a
valid Montclair State University ID.