

# WIDEN YOUR EDUCATIONAL HORIZONS

[nse.org](http://nse.org)

The **National Student Exchange (NSE)** provides opportunities for you to **study** for a semester or a year **at another NSE college or university in the United States, Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.**

With **nearly 200 universities** from which to choose, you should be able to find a campus with just the right combination of courses, facilities, and environment to meet your personal and academic needs and interests.

Students participate in NSE in order to:

- Broaden their perspectives
- Explore new cultures
- Explore new areas of study
- Learn from different professors
- Access new courses
- Break out of their comfort zones
- Experience personal growth
- Meet new people
- Make new friends
- Live in a different area
- Investigate graduate schools
- Seek future employment
- Become more independent

Each year, more than 3000 students participate in NSE. They continue to make progress toward home campus degree programs while studying in new places, meeting new people, and enrolling in specialized courses or unique academic options which may not be available on their home campuses.

## EXPLORING PARTICIPATION

The following are helpful resources as you consider your exchange participation and select an appropriate exchange location.

- NSE coordinator
- *NSE Directory*
- College catalogs (see [nse.org](http://nse.org))
- Academic adviser
- Faculty in your major
- Parents/friends
- Financial aid office

## ELIGIBILITY

Exchange participation is a privilege, not a right. Listed below are the minimum requirements for NSE participation.

- Full-time enrollment
- Cumulative 2.5 GPA
- Good standing (academic, personal and financial)

There may be additional requirements and/or restrictions on exchange participation. You can learn of these from your campus NSE coordinator and from the *NSE Directory*.

## LENGTH OF EXCHANGE

You may participate in NSE for a single term or a full academic year. Some campuses can accommodate summer exchange. The maximum cumulative total for exchange participation may not exceed one calendar year.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Apply for exchange through your home campus NSE coordinator. The process includes a non-refundable application fee, a transcript, recommendations, statement of goals, biographical data, and a personal interview.

## FINANCIAL AID

With some exceptions, U.S. federally-funded financial aid for eligible students is applied for, awarded by, and disbursed from the campus at which tuition/fees are paid.



## COST

There are two tuition payment plans utilized by NSE.

- Under Plan A, you pay the in-state (resident) or in-province tuition/fees to your host campus.
- Under Plan B, you pay your normal tuition/fees to your home university.

On both tuition payment plans, fees assessed as a condition of enrollment (e.g., fees for laboratory courses, general service, computer, technology, art and photography supplies) are always paid to your host campus.

If you reside on campus, you will pay for room and meals at your host campus. You will also be responsible for transportation, personal expenses, and sightseeing opportunities while on exchange.

## PLACEMENT

Most placements are made through the negotiation of home and host coordinators at NSE's annual conference in early March. Annually, 97% of the applicants are placed at one of their campus choices. Placement probabilities are governed by the number of openings at an institution and the number of students seeking that location.

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**Break out of your comfort zone and experience life from a different point of view!**

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