BILATERAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS 2017/2018

TYPE OF AGREEMENT

Student Exchange
Student Exchange Double-Degree

REQUIRED APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- Application Form
- Certificate of Financial Responsibility and Bank Statement(s)
- Official Transcript (in English)
- Copy of Passport
- Official English Language Proficiency Exam Results

VISa J-1

☑ Required ☐ Optional

Students must comply with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s procedures and regulations. They must register through SEVIS (www.ice.gov/sevis) upon acceptance, prior to their visa appointment.

COURSES

Course Information & Syllabus
Course information can be found at the Mason Study Abroad website: studyabroad.gmu.edu/students/incoming
Details on specific courses can also be found on individual departmental websites: www.gmu.edu/academics

Course Selection & Procedure
Students register themselves online once admitted. All classes in the School of Business and most in the School of Engineering require prior departmental approval. After initial registration, students can add or drop classes online, generally for the first couple of weeks each semester.

Course Load per Semester
12 - 16 credit hours (undergraduate)
9 credit hours (graduate)

Language of Instruction
English

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

TOEFL
Internet-based
Undergraduate
Req. min. in each section: 18 points
80 pts

Graduate
Req. min. in each section: 20 points
88 pts

IELTS
Academic
Undergraduate
Graduate
6.5 score

DATES AND DEADLINES

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<th>Application Deadlines</th>
<th>FA16 / First Semester</th>
<th>SPI7 / Second Semester</th>
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<td>Orientation Session Dates</td>
<td>March 1, 2017</td>
<td>October 1, 2017</td>
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<td>☑ Compulsory ☐ Optional</td>
<td>August 22, 2017 (undergraduate)</td>
<td>Estimated Dates: January 17-18, 2018</td>
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<td>August 24, 20167(graduate)</td>
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<td>Class Start Date</td>
<td>August 28, 2017</td>
<td>January 22, 2018</td>
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<td>Exam Period</td>
<td>December 13-20, 2017</td>
<td>May 9-16, 2018</td>
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**ADMINISTRATIVE FORMALITIES**

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**CAMPUS FACILITIES & RESOURCES**

- Wi-Fi connection throughout campus
- 5 libraries and online library systems
- Aquatic Fitness Center with Olympic-sized swimming pool
- 9 recreation facilities
- On-campus Student Health Center with physician on staff
- University Cinema
- Free campus shuttle and local public bus with access to metro train station (approx. 20 minutes from campus) that leads to Washington, DC

**HOUSING**

- On-Campus
- Off-Campus

- Guaranteed for undergraduate students. Students are generally placed in double occupancy rooms in on-campus student dormitories. Students may view options and rates on the Office of Housing and Residential Life’s website: [housing.gmu.edu](http://housing.gmu.edu). Students can opt out to live off-campus, but should consult with the Mason Study Abroad when making arrangements.
  - Students wishing to remain on-campus during winter break should live in the following residence halls: Eastern Shore, Hampton Roads, Whitetop, Liberty Square, Northern Neck, Potomac Heights, Rogers, or the Student Apartments, Townhouse

- Graduate students find accommodations off-campus on their own.

**MEAL PLANS**

Meal plans are required if students live in the following residence halls: Blue Ridge / Sandbridge, Commonwealth, Dominion, Eastern Shore, Hampton Roads, Piedmont / Tidewater, Whitetop. Students may view options and rates on the Campus Dining website: [masonid.gmu.edu/mealplans](http://masonid.gmu.edu/mealplans).

**MISCELLANEOUS**

OIPS (Office of International Programs and Services) assists all international students on campus; Mason Study Abroad specifically assists exchange students. OIPS runs various events and programs throughout the year that exchange students are encouraged to participate in, from tours of Washington, DC to shopping excursions, and internationally themed festivals and discussions. A pre-arrival guide for visiting students can be found on OIPS’s website [oips.gmu.edu/prepare-for-your-stay-at-mason/](http://oips.gmu.edu/prepare-for-your-stay-at-mason/).

**ESTIMATED EXPENSES**

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<td>Administrative Fee</td>
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<td>On-Campus Housing</td>
<td>$3,780 - $4,480* per semester (double occupancy)</td>
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<td>$4,165 - $5,000* per semester (single occupancy)</td>
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<td>Health Insurance</td>
<td>$1,194* (Fall) $1,856* (Spring)</td>
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<td>Food</td>
<td>$400 - $700 per month</td>
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<td>Public Transportation</td>
<td>Free with Mason ID Campus shuttle and local CUE buses $3 - $5 /one-way Metro train to Washington, DC</td>
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<td>Personal Expenses</td>
<td>$350 - $450 per month</td>
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<td>Books and Supplies</td>
<td>$750 per semester (some books can be bought used or rented for less)</td>
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*Amounts are estimated based on the 2016-2017 rates.*