



NAZARETH COLLEGE

THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION



FACT SHEET

Prospective Exchange Students

Nazareth College, founded in 1924, is a co-educational, independent college located on 150 scenic acres near Rochester, N.Y., offering undergraduate and graduate studies. Nazareth has a strong commitment to experience-based learning and civic engagement. Nazareth College's academic strengths cross an unusually broad spectrum of 60 majors in the fields of education, health and human services, liberal arts, management, math and science, and the visual and performing arts.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students, we invite you to make Nazareth your university home for a semester or a year while you study in the United States. In the ever-changing economic, cultural, and educational landscape of the 21st century, it is imperative that your experiences reflect what it takes to be a successful global citizen: exceptional critical thinking skills, communication & teamwork skills, cross-cultural competence, and professional experience.

At Nazareth College, you'll be immersed in a learning environment that is strong on advisement, highly collaborative, and offers abundant hands-on experiential learning. Before you know it, you'll find yourself fully engaged in something you love.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Find this semester's calendar by going to: www2.naz.edu/registrar/academic-calendar



APPLICATION PROCESS TIMELINE

Nomination Deadline:

All applicants must be nominated by the international office at their home institution (due April 1st for Fall; due September 15 for Spring)

Application Deadline:

Applications are due May 1st for Fall; due October 1st for Spring

The link to the Application for Exchange Status can be found on our website.



APPLYING

Exchange students wishing to apply to Nazareth College do so through the Center for International Education, NOT the Admissions Office. Exchange students must send the following documents via the online application found on our website: <https://www2.naz.edu/international-education/international-students/exchange-students-scholars>

- Application for Exchange Student Status (found on our website)
- Financial information in US Dollars, translated to English (Room and Board costs, plus health insurance and books)
- Copy of all student transcripts, translated to English if necessary
- Copy of passport (photo page)
- An objective test result (TOEFL, IELTS, Common European Framework exam) indicating appropriate English language proficiency to study

ACCEPTED STUDENTS

Tuition (<https://www2.naz.edu/tuition-aid/costs/>)

- Tuition is waived for exchange students.
- Visiting students pay tuition to their home institution only.

Meal Plan (<https://nazdining.sodexomyway.com/my-meal-plan/>)

- Meal plans are required. All exchange students are automatically enrolled in the "Freedom Naz" meal plan.

Room and Board (<https://www2.naz.edu/residential-life/new-students/>)

- Exchange students are required to live on campus.
- All students are placed in a standard double-occupancy dorm room unless a single room is requested (limited availability).
- No additional applications are required because the CIE will coordinate housing for each student.

Health Insurance (<https://www2.naz.edu/international-education/international-students>)

- All F-1 international students and J-1 exchange visitors (and accompanying dependents) are required to have health insurance recognized by the USA in order to study at Nazareth. If you have questions about your health insurance, or need help finding appropriate medical coverage, please email the Center for International Education.
- Please ensure that your health insurance, at minimum, has the following:
 - Major medical benefits must be at least \$100,000 for each accidental illness
 - Repatriation benefits must be at least \$25,000
 - Medical evacuation must be covered for at least \$50,000
 - Deductible for each accident or illness may not exceed \$500
 - Policy may not unreasonably exclude coverage for perils inherent to the activities of the exchange program



For more information, please email global@naz.edu or visit:
<https://www2.naz.edu/international-education/international-students>

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What courses can I take?

Every student is required to take 12-15 credit hours (4-5 courses) per semester to maintain full-time student status. For registration, we work individually with each student to choose classes that best fit their needs. To explore Nazareth's class options, please visit: <https://www2.naz.edu/majors>

Are there language requirements?

We recommend that students have a TOEFL score of at least 79 or an IELTS score of 6.5 or above. In addition, the European framework (CEFR) is accepted for students who have a B2 level or above.

What date can I move in on campus?

Exchange students should plan to arrive no earlier than the day before the mandatory orientation date specified by the CIE. The F-1 and J-1 visas will allow students to arrive to the USA up to 30 days before the start of the semester; however, students are responsible for their own accommodations prior to Nazareth's official move-in date. No check-ins will be permitted before this.

What is the arrival process like?

New international students are required to attend an orientation session that is held one or two days before the start of every semester. This mandatory orientation will prepare students for their time spent at Nazareth and the USA.

Nazareth can sometimes offer arrival transportation from Rochester's airport, train, and bus stations during arrival week (during select hours). Students are required to fill out the arrival form at least 2 weeks prior to their arrival. Students should schedule their flights to Rochester, New York (ROC) as college transportation is not available from New York City, Syracuse, or Buffalo.

Can I work?

Employment is not permitted without authorization from the CIE and the US Citizenship and Immigration Services Office (USCIS). After authorization is obtained, F-1 and J-1 students are permitted to work on-campus for up to 20 hours per week during the academic year and 40 hours per week during vacations. Contact our office for further information.

VISA PROCESS

1. **Make sure your passport is valid.** Your passport must be valid for the entirety of your stay and at least six months after your planned date of departure.
2. **Check your I-20 or DS-2019 form for accuracy and completeness.** Make sure all information is correct and your expected completion date matches the one on your document. If you have dependents (spouse or children under 21) who will come with you to the USA, each of them will receive their own dependent I-20 or DS-2019 that they will need to apply for their respective F-2 or J-2 visa. As the student, you will need to sign all forms (not the dependent).
3. **Pay the SEVIS fee and print the receipt.** To pay online via credit/debit, visit the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) SEVIS I-901 Fee website (see link below). After you submit your payment, make sure you print at least two copies of the confirmation receipt.
4. **Complete the online non-immigrant visa application.** All F-1 student & J-1 exchange visitor visa applicants should complete the DS-160 online New Non-immigrant Visa Application (see link below). Remember to print the form upon completion.
5. **Pay any visa fees required in advance of your appointment.** Procedures may vary depending on location (see link below).
6. **Make a visa application appointment at a US Consulate in your home country.** Do NOT make an appointment until you have received your I-20 or DS-2019. The US Consulate will not issue a student visa until 120 days before the start of your intended program.
7. **Obtain a passport-sized photo less than six months old.** See link below. This photo must fulfill the following requirements: 2"x2" square dimensions against a light background showing your full face (no head coverings).
8. **Prepare for your interview appointment.** Read NAFSA's "10 Points to Remember When Applying for a Student Visa" for some tips (see link below).
9. **Arrive at the US Consulate or embassy on time and well-prepared.** See the CIE's website for tips and specifics.

Website resources:

- **SEVIS I-901:** <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html>
- **DS-160:** <https://evisaforms.state.gov/Instructions/SchedulingSystem.asp>
- **Visa fees:** <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/fees/fees-visa-services.html>
- **Passport photo requirements:** <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/photos.html>
- **"10 Points to Remember When Applying for a Student Visa":**
<https://www.nafsa.org/professional-resources/browse-by-interest/10-points-remember-when-applying-student-visa>
- **The Center for International Education (CIE) Website:**
<https://www2.naz.edu/international-education/international-students>