



Millersville University EXCHANGE PROGRAM GUIDE





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ABOUT

Millersville University of Pennsylvania (commonly known as Millersville University, The Ville, or MU) is a public university in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE). Founded in 1855, Millersville is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

LOCATION

Millersville University (MU) is located on the east coast of the U.S. in the state of Pennsylvania (PA). The campus is conveniently located **within 3 hours of New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington D.C.**, giving students the ability to travel to top destinations while living within the safety of a college town.

Visit millersville.edu/directions to view the campus map.

EPPIC VALUES

Our core values serve as guiding principles to help fulfill our institutional mission.

- EXPLORATION
- PROFESSIONALISM
- PUBLIC MISSION
- INCLUSION
- INTEGRITY
- COMPASSION





CAMPUS RESOURCES

Millersville University offers a variety of resources for supporting international students who are navigating a new academic environment.

The **Tutoring Center** provides academic support for content knowledge of various academic disciplines in addition to workshops on time-management, organization, and study skills.

The **Writing Center** provides academic support specifically in writing skills for homework, essays, or class papers.

The **English Language Institute (ELI)** provides support via language tutoring or formal ESL classes.

The **Experiential Learning and Career Management** office assists students in locating internships and reviewing resumes. Students may also seek on-campus employment in various campus offices and academic departments.

The university **Library** has many welcoming study spaces as well as a Starbucks café. There is a computer lab, which includes printers and scanners as well as a number of computer programs to complete projects and assignments.

The **University Store** sells textbooks, Millersville University clothing, gift items and general supplies. On the lower level, a Copy Shop provides photo copying services, lamination, printing, and UPS mail shipping.

Several **gyms and fitness areas** are located across campus and are free for student use.



TRANSPORTATION

- Public transportation includes a local and intercity bus system. The main campus bus line is free with an MU Student ID during the fall and spring semesters. This line provides access to a nearby shopping center with a grocery store, some restaurants, and shops. The line also brings students to downtown Lancaster where you can access other bus lines.
- The Amtrack train station in downtown Lancaster provides access to major cities including New York City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington D.C., and other locations.
- International students with a driver's license may park their cars on campus in designated areas by purchasing an on-campus parking pass.
- Rideshare is a common alternate method of transportation to get around locally.
- All campus buildings are accessible by walking. It takes about 10-15 minutes to walk across campus.



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

MU has over 130 different student clubs and organizations! Visit the Involvement Fair each term to learn about various clubs.

The Global Marauders Club promotes cultural exchange activities between international and local students.

The Global Ambassador Program offers part time paid international leadership opportunities.

The Office of International Programs & Services (IPS) offers a variety of events and activities each term including trips to New York City, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C., local cultural tours, holiday gatherings, sporting events, game nights, and more!

Lancaster has a booming arts and culture scene that includes monthly "First Friday" events and musical shows and concerts that are popular with MU students. Concerts, live theatre, and other performances are hosted on campus throughout the year.

International students can work on campus, including with the Office of International Programs & Services.



At the heart of Millersville University's 250-acre campus is the pond which is home to our two swans named Miller and S'ville.

TRADITIONS

Every fall semester MU hosts a Community-University Parade. International students usually participate in the parade or attend one of the various parties hosted that day for free food, music, and games!

Every spring semester, International Programs and Services hosts a formal dinner to celebrate international education.

Millersville University has two mascots: Skully and The Marauder





CAMPUS RESOURCES

The **Center for Counseling & Human Development** provides counseling to help students make the most of their college experiences. The office is staffed by trained and licensed psychologists and will meet with students for free by appointment.

The **Title IX Office** assists students with discrimination or harassment concerns. The University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, age, disability, pregnancy, any other protected category.

Millersville University's **Health Services** is located in the Witmer Building and provides a variety of free services to all students. Services include evaluation and basic treatment, health exams, some laboratory testing and cooperative care.

Health Services professionals coordinate and communicate with regional and local healthcare professionals if students need advanced or specialized care. The **MedExpress Urgent Care** center is about 10 minutes from campus while the **Lancaster General Hospital** is about 15 minutes away from campus.



SAFETY

LiveSafe is a mobile application that focuses on campus safety. LiveSafe can be used in various ways to promote and enhance student's safety and provide important information:

- **Stay Updated:** Get important safety notifications from University Police, including when the campus is closed due to unsafe weather conditions.
- **Emergency Options:** Phone calling is available to directly speak with 9-1-1 and University Police in the event of an emergency along with live location tracking.
- **Fast access to Safety Resources:** Quick access to essential emergency information, telephone numbers, and campus resources.
- **Connect with University Police:** Share information and safety issues with police via text and the ability to add multiple pictures, videos, and audio attachments while having the power to remain anonymous.
- **Help your Friends:** Use optional peer-to-peer location tracking to monitor your friends or family as they move towards their destination. Group chat and 9-1-1 is readily available to remain in constant communication or alert authorities in emergency situations.
- **Interact with the Safety Map:** See where the latest campus incidents have occurred, emergency blue phone locations, and safe locations established by University Police.

HOUSING & DINING

DINING

The main dining hall is called the Upper Deck and has numerous food stations and can accommodate a vegetarian and gluten-free dietary needs.

The dining hall has a grill area, stir-fry or pasta areas, soups, oven baked pizza, egg and omelet bar, self-serve waffle bar, fresh salad bar, deli, and MU Bake Shop for dessert choices.

A secondary dining option includes The Galley, which offers a wide range of food including salad bar, wood stone pizza and pasta stations, made-to-order deli sandwich or hot soup.

For drinks and quick snacks, other locations include, Saxbys, Starbucks, The Anchor, and The Juice Bar.



HOUSING

International students are guaranteed on-campus housing in MU's residence hall. Most students reside in The Villages. It is within walking distance of the main dining hall and the Student Memorial Center, which houses the gym, several eateries, school store, club offices, computer lab and study space.

The Villages each have a shared kitchen and lounges for students to enjoy. Shared laundry facilities are also available.

Single Suite:

A single room has one bed, desk, dresser, and a closet. Two single rooms share a bathroom.

Double Suite:

A double room has two beds, two desks, two dressers, and closets. Two double rooms share two bathrooms. This is the default housing option.

Full Suite:

This option is a double suite with an additional shared space with a table and kitchenette.



OFF CAMPUS HOUSING

- Student Lodging housing options are located right next to campus within walking distance. These apartments do not provide furniture. <http://www.studentlodginginc.com>
- Immerse International includes furniture and students have access to a shared kitchen. The complex is located 7 minutes away from campus by bus, in a residential area. <http://www.immerse-us.com>



TRANSCRIPTS

The Office of International Programs & Services (IPS) will provide a Millersville University (MU) transcript to all Exchange students. Transcripts are mailed to the home institution.

Fall Term	Spring Term
Transcripts mailed in January	Transcripts mailed in June

CREDIT

Undergraduate students must register for a minimum of 12 credits and can take up to 18 credits. Graduate students need a minimum of 9 credits. Most classes are 3 credits; mathematics and science classes are 4 credits.

Millersville University	Teaching Hours	ECTS (Recommendation)
3 credits	45 hours	6 credits
4 credits	60 hours	8 credits

GRADES

Students studying at MU for more than one semester must maintain a GPA of at least 2.0. Millersville uses the following grading scale:

Letter Grade	Number Grade	GPA Scale
A	93-100	4.0
A-	90-92	3.7
B+	87-89	3.3
B	83-86	3.0
B-	80-82	2.7
C+	77-79	2.3
C	73-76	2.0
C-	70-72	1.7
D+	67-69	1.3
D	65-66	1.0
E / F	Below 65	0.0

SAMPLE ACADEMIC AREAS

Students may take courses from multiple academic departments as long as they meet the pre-requisite requirements of the courses.

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| Art & Design | English |
| Biology | History |
| Business (Accounting, Finance, Management, Marketing) | International Studies |
| Chemistry | Mathematics |
| Communication | Music |
| Computer Science | Philosophy |
| Earth Sciences (Geology, Meteorology) | Physics |
| Economics | Psychology |
| Education (Limited availability) | Sociology |
| | Theatre |

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

<p>Address: Millersville University International Programs and Services Lyle Hall, First Floor 40 Dilworth Rd. Millersville, PA 17551</p> <p>Phone: +1 717-871-7506 Emergency Phone Line: +1 717-871-5506 Email: International@millersville.edu</p> <p>Partnership Inquiries and Nomination Email: International.Partnership@millersville.edu</p> <p>Website: www.millersville.edu/internationalprograms</p>	<p>DR. CHRISTINA KINNEY Associate Director of Education Abroad & Partnerships Email: Christina.Kinney@millersville.edu Phone: +1 717-871-7475</p> <p>MS. DAWN WHARRAM (Millersville Outbound) Education Abroad Advisor Email: Dawn.Wharram@millersville.edu Phone: +1 717-871-4042</p> <p>DR. CHARITY ALINDA (Millersville Inbound) Associate Director of International Student & Scholar Services Email: Charity.Alinda@millersville.edu Phone: +1 717-871-5358</p>
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HOW TO NOMINATE:

The home university can nominate a student by emailing International.Partnerships@millersville.edu with the following information and materials:

- Information: First Name, Last Name, Email, Start Term, Length of Study, area of study
- University transcripts (English and native language versions)
- Proof of English Proficiency

HOW TO APPLY:

Once the nomination is accepted, detailed information will be emailed to each student. Students will:

1. Complete the **Online Application Form**
2. Upload the following documents to the application:
 - a. Copy of Passport (biographical page)
 - b. Proof of Financial Support (bank statement)



PROGRAM DATES

Fall Term (Semester 1): Late-August to Mid-December (17 weeks: Includes orientation and final exams)

Spring Term (Semester 2): Mid-January to Early-May (17 weeks: Includes orientation and final exams)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall Terms: April 1st

Spring Terms: October 1st

Late applications accepted. Exchange students can be nominated at any time prior to the application deadline.



PROGRAM COSTS (Spring or Fall Term)

Costs are updated every July. Below costs are based on Academic Year 22-23

TUITION & FEES

Exchange Program	No tuition charge
Visiting Program (Non-Partner)	\$11,116
Visiting Program (Partner)	\$6,735
English Language Institute (ELI)	\$5,563

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

Double Suite	4 students, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms <i>This cost may be waived for select exchange students.</i>	\$4,040
Full Suite	4 students, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room	\$4,555
Single Suite	2 students, 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom	\$4,555

The building includes study lounges, common areas, a shared kitchen, and laundry facilities. Rooms are air-conditioned and smoke-free. Each room comes with beds, dressers, desks, and chairs. A student ID is required for building access.

ON-CAMPUS MEAL PLAN

Ville 19 Plan	19 Meal swipes per week with \$100 Flex <i>This cost may be waived for select exchange students.</i>	\$2,200
Ville 14 Plan	14 Meal swipes per week with \$100 Flex	\$2,040
180 Block Plan	180 Meal swipes per semester with \$150 Flex	\$2,040
150 Block Plan	150 Meal swipes per semester with \$150 Flex	\$1,885

ESTIMATED OTHER EXPENSES

International Student Fee	\$100
Airport Pickup Fee <i>This cost may be waived for select exchange students.</i>	~ \$25-\$75
Health Insurance	~ \$375
Textbooks and Supplies	~ \$300

NOTE: Some costs may be waived per the agreement between your home university and Millersville University.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Tuition for Non-Partner Visiting Program students is a set cost for 12-18 credits.

Tuition for Partner Visiting Program students is charged per credit. Cost shown is for 15 credits.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Any student whose native language is English or who attends an institution where the language instruction is in English, is not required to provide proof of English proficiency during admission.

Students may waive submission of English proficiency scores. All students who do not submit scores will be tested upon arrival by the English Language Institute (ELI). Depending on the results, students may be ineligible to take academic classes and may be required to attend the ELI at an additional cost.

UNDERGRADUATE SCORES:

TOEFL iBT - 70
IELTS - 6.0 Overall
Duolingo - 95
CEFR - B2

GRADUATE SCORES:

TOEFL iBT - 81
IELTS - 6.5 Overall
Duolingo - 100
CEFR - B2

Note: Partner Exchange students may provide official language scores or designations from their home university if the documentation includes information that aligns with the CEFR levels A1-C2.

PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Course Registration

IPS staff will reach out to Exchange and Visiting students to select preliminary courses after they have been admitted. IPS staff will work with the academic departments to approve the preliminary courses. Students can make changes to their schedule through the first week of classes. English Language Institute (ELI) students are registered for their courses after they have taken the placement test and interview.

Housing & Meal Plans

IPS staff will reach out to Exchange and Visiting students to select housing and meal plan options after they have been admitted. Select Exchange students will be automatically registered for a specific housing and meal plan per the agreement between their home university and Millersville University.

Health Insurance & Medical Forms

All international students are required to have health insurance while studying at MU. Health documentation is also required of all students attending MU and living on-campus. Specific information will be provided to prior to arrival.

MU Accounts & Paying MU Bill

Students will be provided MU ID numbers and a MU email account. Bills are finalized after course registration and should be paid prior to arrival if possible. Changing housing, meal plan, and class schedule may change the final bill amount. The cost difference should be paid as soon as possible.

Arrival Information

Millersville can provide pickup service for airports in Harrisburg (recommended), Baltimore, and Philadelphia. Pickup can also be provided from the Amtrak train station in Lancaster, PA, which connects to the Philadelphia airport.

Orientation

The required International Student Orientation (ISO) is typically held the week before classes start. ISO includes educational workshops, meetings with representatives of the campus community, tours, and fun excursions to get to know the Lancaster County area. In addition, ISO gives important information about immigration, getting involved in campus activities, academic differences in American classrooms, and other resources and services available for our students.



Millersville University
English Language Institute

The English Language Institute (ELI) provides intensive English training during the fall and spring semesters. This program is designed to meet the academic needs of international students wanting to improve their English proficiency. ELI participants are considered “non-degree” students at Millersville University. All participants are provided access to full student services on campus and all activities and events through the Office of International Programs and Services (IPS).

Information	English Language Institute (ELI)		
Levels	Students are placed into one of six levels after taking a placement test and interview.		
	ELI Level	CEF Equivalent	Other Names
	Level 1	A1	Low beginner
	Level 2	A1	High beginner
	Level 3	A2	Low intermediate
	Level 4	B1	Intermedia
	Level 5	B1	High intermediate
	Level 6	B2	Advanced
Core Courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Written Literacies • Academic Oral Interactions • Grammar for Oral Interactions • Grammar for Written Literacies 		
Elective Courses	Possible elective courses include American Literature, American Movies, Pop Culture, Creative Writing, Business Communication, and more.		
Credits	Non-credit; Certificate of Completion Students receive 18 hours per week of English instruction with 4 additional hours of language lab.		