State University of New York at New Paltz

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE & VISITING STUDENTS
CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

DISCOVER YOU.
DISCOVER THE WORLD.
The State University of New York (SUNY) at New Paltz boasts a large and diverse international student population with students on long and short-term high quality undergraduate and graduate programs from 50+ countries. You are welcome here!
The Center for International Programs will serve as your home away from home while you are in New Paltz. By promoting cross-cultural encounters, outreach, and participation, we contribute to the diverse multicultural character of the campus and community.

We are situated in New York State’s Hudson Valley region. Our campus offers easy access to outdoor recreation, and provides a friendly, safe, and clean campus with residence halls and dining facilities.

We offer airport pickup to all international students.

Students are provided unique opportunities to perform service learning in the community and develop relationships with residents of the surrounding region.

New Paltz is a part of the State University of New York (SUNY).

Business Insider ranked SUNY New Paltz as one of the top 104 smartest public colleges in the nation.

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Business Journal ranked New Paltz among the top 75 public colleges in the nation.

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Traditional Holiday Celebrations • Intramural Sports • Orientation
200+ Clubs, Societies and Organizations including the International Student Union
• International Education Week • Multicultural Festival

Intramural Sports

Orientation

International Student Programs — facebook.com/internationalstudentprograms

ON-CAMPUS EVENTS

Excursions to New York City, Washington, D.C., and Boston • Day trips to historical and cultural landmarks including: West Point, Home of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Vanderbilt Mansion, Woodbury Commons Premium Outlets® • Outdoor pursuits including amusement parks, hiking and apple picking

OFF-CAMPUS EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Student Activities & Union Services — newpaltz.edu/saus
Campus Events — newpaltz.edu/events
International Student Union — facebook.com/SUNYNewPaltzISU

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

HOW TO GET
“WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO GO AND DISCOVER THE WORLD? WHAT DREW YOU TO NEW PALTZ?

You can be very unique and present yourself in whichever way you want in front of everyone without judgement.

I got the chance to be an exchange student in New Paltz and went to class with American students who impressed me with eloquence and their respect for differences among individuals. SUNY New Paltz is a great place to learn, to explore, to live, and to make friends, so I am very happy I chose to come to New Paltz!

Which experiences stand out to you?

I would show my gratitude to the staff of the Center for International Programs because they did a great job arranging various activities for us to explore American culture.

What are your plans for the future, and how do you think your New Paltz education and studying abroad will help make them possible?

I took several courses related to the field of human resource management. I have learned not only from the books, but also the practical experiences shared by the professors and the students in class. We usually have a lot of time for discussion in which students can share ideas and experiences. I think I changed my way of learning from passive to active.

As a result, I think the experience here would expand my knowledge and expertise in my field and have influence on my future career. The other thing I learned in my overseas experience is to be proactive to solve my problems. I met some difficulties here in the beginning of the semester, but I realized people here were so friendly and willing to help as long as you have a open mind. And don't be shy!

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PEIYEN CHEN

Home Country: Taiwan
Major: Business Administration

“WHILE STUDYING IN AMERICA, I FOUND MYSELF BRAVER THAN I THOUGHT BECAUSE I SOLVED A LOT OF PROBLEMS BY MYSELF.”
RONAN BUCKLEY

Home Country: Ireland
Major: History, Politics, Sociology & Social Studies

“What inspired you to go and discover the world? What drew you to New Paltz?

Always wanted to see Billy Joel live from the Madison Square Garden as all I ever knew about New York City and state was from the discography of the Piano Man – New Paltz was that stepping stone towards fulfilling a lifetime ambition!

Which experiences stand out to you?

Boston international student trip was a standout experience as it reminded me so much of a conglomeration of Irish cities and towns! The visit to Boston showed me that you can travel the world and find a piece of home nearby.

What did you discover about yourself while studying in America?

I can do laundry for myself without supervision and I can only describe the international exchange adventure as a coming-of-age experience, learning how to conduct myself in a place I had never been to before!

What are your plans for the future, and how do you think your New Paltz education and studying abroad will help make them possible?

I was chosen as one of the delegates from the Center for International Programs to visit the United Nations Headquarters in New York. I have a deep interest in international politics and through this experience, I hope to return to the New York headquarters as a diplomat someday.

Would you recommend students study abroad at SUNY New Paltz?

I recommend SUNY New Paltz to people who want to visit the States as it really was the first port of call to exploring a new continent – its pleasant landscape and environment, the friendliness and helpfulness of university staff and the student body. It wasn’t only studying but also a broadening of my horizons!

“THE MOST VALUABLE LESSON I’VE LEARNED WHILE STUDYING ABROAD, OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM, IS THAT WHEREVER YOU GO BECOMES A PART OF YOU SOMEWAY SOMEHOW.”

“THREE ADJECTIVES I WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE MY TIME STUDYING ABROAD WOULD BE... HAPPY... FUN... EDUCATIONAL.”

Above: International student trip to Boston, Massachusetts organized by the Center for International Programs at SUNY New Paltz.

Above: International student trip to the United Nations in New York City.
The Center for International Programs at SUNY New Paltz was awarded the prestigious Andrew Heiskell Award for Innovation in International Education.

SUNY New Paltz is rated as one of the top 8% hardest New York colleges to get into.

The Princeton Review ranked New Paltz as one of the “Best Colleges for the Northeast”.

SUNY New Paltz offers affordable international education opportunities at a public university.

Studying abroad adds value to your degree.

Our staff will walk you through the application process.

English proficiency test given on campus.

Student-run International Student Union (ISU) provides leadership opportunities as well as friendship with students from around the world.

There are 140+ major programs available across 6 schools.

Small student to faculty ratios to ensure quality instruction.

Academic training and internships are available after completion of one semester.

Certificates of Enrollment provided at the end of each term.

Transcripts are mailed to home institution at the end of each term.

Some of our most popular academic majors*:

- Art-Graphic Design, Metal, Visual Arts
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Chemistry
- Communication
- Computer Science
- Computer Engineering
- Education
- Electrical Engineering
- Gender Studies
- Geology
- History
- International Relations
- Liberal Arts & Sciences
- Music and Music Therapy
- Physics
- Psychology
- Theatre

For a complete list of academic majors available, please visit newpaltz.edu/ugc/programs.html.

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SUNY NEW PALTZ

ACADEMIC & SUPPORT PROGRAMS

SUNY NEW PALTZ DIVERSITY:
WHERE STUDENTS COME FROM

UK/IRELAND
15%

EUROPE
21%

ASIA
32%

CENTRAL/SOUTH AMERICA
15%

AFRICA
8%

AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND
9%

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SUNY New Paltz
New Paltz offers an array of modern and safe on-campus housing options with meal plans included for undergraduate and ESL students.

Our Residence Life Program strives to enhance each resident’s university experience by providing a variety of Living and Learning Communities, including opportunities for personal development, leadership, civility and cross-cultural friendships.

newpaltz.edu/reslife

SUNY NEW PALTZ
LIVING & LEARNING COMMUNITIES

- International and American students share living and learning communities.
- Your Community creates an ideal environment for you to practice your language skills and learn about other cultures.
- Participation in the Community provides excellent preparation for American students who will study abroad. Students returning from study abroad are also invited to join the Community so that they can maintain their language skills.
- Throughout the semester, you and your fellow Community members will plan events and activities that highlight your Community and culture. These may be a film series, guest speakers, performances, exhibits, presentations, website development, a newsletter, off-campus cultural tours, special meals and cuisine, and much more.
- Living in the Community gives students the opportunity to make friends with American students and learn about American student life.

newpaltz.edu/reslife

HOW DO I BECOME AN EXCHANGE OR VISITING STUDENT?

To study at SUNY New Paltz as an exchange or visiting student, your home university must select you and recommend you to New Paltz. Enrollment is usually limited to a few students and spaces fill up quickly, so it is necessary to speak to the International Office at your home university.

Once you have been nominated by your home university, they will provide you with an application link specific to our Exchange and Visiting programs. You should complete this online application only. Please do not apply directly to SUNY New Paltz admissions.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I APPLY?

SUNY New Paltz will review your application. If you are accepted you will receive an acceptance package from us that will include immigration documents and pre-arrival information. Your online application will have all the information you need to prepare you for your arrival to New Paltz and you will communicate directly with our International Programs staff.