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To: Exchange and Visiting Partners

From: Cindy Cullen

Regarding: Exchange Student Program

Enclosed, please find promotional materials for SUNY New Paltz. We have also prepared the following information that we hope you will find helpful. Please contact us at any time with questions or concerns, and remember you are always welcome to visit us in New Paltz!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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RE: Exchange application process, course registration, and DS-2019/immigration documentation

APPLICATION PROCESS: We use an online application process. Original documents are not required for admission to the Exchange program. However, students should keep their original financial records, transcripts, and other academic records and bring them to their visa interviews with the US Consulate.

COURSE SELECTION:

PLEASE NOTE: We are unable to register students for courses in Digital Media and Journalism (DMJ)

Course offerings are updated each semester and posted on the New Paltz website. Fall semester courses are posted at the end of March/early April. Spring semester courses are posted in early October. Please note that enrollment is subject to course availability and scheduling as well as the completion of prerequisites.

HOUSING: We encourage students to live in the campus residence halls while they are students at SUNY New Paltz. This arrangement gives them an opportunity to meet American and international students. Additionally, the halls are convenient to the campus and community.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES: Students with J-1 visa status may be eligible to accept internships after completing a semester of study in the United States through J-1 Academic Training. Some students would like to gain experience in their fields of study, and we support this goal, as long as there is no objection from the home university and the J-1 visa regulations are followed.

The internship must be an integral part of the academic program and we must have confirmation of this from the home university. The internship period may not exceed the study period.

PAYMENT: Students are billed online. There will be no paper invoices mailed to students, but they may receive an email about their charges for fees and living expenses. Please note that payment is due on the first day of class, but does not need to be paid in advance.

HEALTH INSURANCE: We require all international students to purchase the SUNY Health Insurance Policy. International students cannot waive this mandatory insurance, even if they provide documentation of alternative coverage. The SUNY policy provides access to excellent medical services in the local area, full coverage of prescription medication, and treatment for pre-existing conditions, as well as Medical Evacuation and Repatriation. It is readily accepted by physicians and hospitals throughout the United States.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Semester	Spring 2019
Official airport pick-up date	Wednesday, January, 16, 2019 or Thursday, January 17, 2019 *One date, to be determined*
On campus move-in day	Wednesday, January, 16, 2019 or Thursday, January 17, 2019 *One date, to be determined*
Off campus check in and orientation begins	Wednesday, January, 16, 2019 or Thursday, January 17, 2019 *One date, to be determined*
First day of classes	Tuesday, January 22, 2019
Last day of classes	Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Final exams	May 13 - May 17, 2019
End of semester	Friday, May 17, 2019
Residence halls close at 10:00 a.m.	Saturday, May 18, 2019

ESTIMATED COST OF EXCHANGE PROGRAMS per semester (Spring 2019 semester):

University Fees	\$163.00
Orientation Fee	\$100.00
Health Insurance	\$515.00
Room	\$4,431.00
Meals	\$2,300.00
ESTIMATED TOTAL:	\$7,509.00

Note: Students should estimate an additional \$2000 per semester for books, supplies and personal expenses.