

# Lehigh University

## Incoming Student Exchange Information Sheet 2018-2019

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**Exchange Student Online **Application** and Information Website:**  
<http://global.lehigh.edu/experiences/exchange>

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### TERM DATES:

#### Academic Year 2017-2018

Fall semester: August 27 – December 19

Spring semester: January 21 – May 13

### ORIENTATION PROGRAM:

The Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) coordinates and runs the incoming exchange orientations. The orientation programs are typically the week prior to the start of classes. **Orientation is mandatory for incoming exchange students, so students must make travel arrangements to arrive in time for orientation check in.**

### ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to submit TOEFL scores to be considered for admission.

TOEFL score requirements:

Reading: 24

Listening: 17

Speaking: 24

Writing: 25

**TOTAL SCORE: 90**

### EXCHANGE APPLICATIONS DEADLINE:

Fall: March 16, 2018

Spring: October 13, 2018

### HEALTH INSURANCE:

Exchange Students are required to have insurance during their stay in the U.S. and studies at Lehigh University. Coverage for a comprehensive set of services includes doctors' visits, hospital admissions, day surgery, emergency services, mental health and substance abuse, and prescription drug coverage. If a student is not covered by health insurance in his/her host country, he/she may enroll in Lehigh University's student health insurance program administered by University Health Plans, Inc. (<http://www.universityhealthplans.com/> click on "Lehigh University")

### EXPECTED ARRIVAL DATE:

**For students living on-campus, arrival dates usually depend on dorm check-in dates.** At such an early date, these dates have not yet been confirmed for 2018-2019 academic year but are most-likely the dates.

Fall semester **August 22, 2018**

Spring semester **January 17, 2019**

Students living off-campus and arranging their own housing can arrive up to three weeks prior to the start of classes, as per the J-1 visa regulations.

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## **HOUSING DESCRIPTIONS**

**Exchange students who choose to live on campus will be assigned to Lehigh's themed residential communities based on their choice and availability of space.** [Themed communities](#) provide students options to live in dynamic groups intended to connect students with similar passions. Each community is advised by a staff or faculty member, mentored by a student resident assistant (Gryphon), and developed through community experiences outside of the traditional curriculum which include group meals, discussions, speakers, off-campus trips, and many other opportunities.

After exchange students are notified of their acceptance and have activated their Lehigh email accounts as their "preferred" account, they will be contacted by Residential Services to complete a housing application.

**Housing Choices and Rates:** Rates listed are per person, per semester.

### **ACTS II: A Christian Live Lehigh, \$4,070.00**

Students participating in the Acts 2 community will learn to integrate Christ throughout every aspect of their lives. They will grow in their faith as they engage with a community of believers. The students focus on the importance of prayer, Sabbath, and quiet time. Community members will have access to weekly bible studies right in their own residence. In addition, the community will offer weekly fellowship dinners and will serve the local Bethlehem and Lehigh community through outreach programs.

### **CHOICE: A Substance Free Community, \$3,795.00**

This community is committed to healthy, substance-free living and active engagement. The residents are connected with one another and are involved in enhancing the Lehigh community as a whole. The advisor and the Gryphon plan extra/co-curricular activities that promote a sense of community and foster individual success.

"The diversity and kindness that exists within this community made my transition to college effortless, and I am so happy to have made friends that will last a lifetime. CHOICE has become my family, and I am grateful to be a part of it." - Grace Lin, CHOICE, Class of 2019

### **CREATIVE VIBES: \$4,070.00**

Creative Vibes is a community that is based on combining Music and Community. With our in-house studio constructed by Creative Vibes members, artists will be able to freely record and create when they please. We have a vision where our community can be a real true family, meaning creating music together, eating together, grinding together and creating a long lasting bond between one another. We know that there are some artists that need some time alone so they can be able to get in their creative mindset, which is why multiple places are set up to accommodate that need. This will be key in developing our artists to be what they hope to become in the long run.

The artists from Creative Vibes will come out knowing and understanding how music impacts the world. In addition to this, our artists will also figure out who they really are, as human beings, and what purpose they have, while learning how they can use their talents to fulfill that purpose, whether it being for themselves, for the community, or for the world.

### **CULINARY HOUSE: \$4,070.00**

The Culinary House is an inclusive community full of food lovers. If you love to cook, bake, eat, or watch the Food Network, then this community is for you. We host many events such as sit down dinners, bake sales, and friendly competitions like Chopped - Lehigh Edition. Students involved in the Culinary House also give back to the South Bethlehem community by volunteering at soup kitchens and promoting local restaurants. As a house focused on the culinary arts, the Culinary House has connections with local farms where students harvest locally grown, organic ingredients. The Culinary House is a very fun, accepting, and delicious community.

**ECO HOUSE: \$4,070.00**

Eco House unites a community of students with a passion for sustainable engineering. As a close knit community sharing similar interests, the Eco House community plans to apply knowledge they have obtained from their studies to hands-on engineering projects in which they work as a team to exercise and expand upon their engineering skills to contribute to environmental awareness. Projects will include hosting campus speakers, building rockets, utilizing a solar shed and composting program, and making physical improvements to their house in order to minimize their impact on the environment. Members of the community hope to collaborate with other campus organizations, such as EcoReps and Green Action, in order to engage the Lehigh community in sustainable programs.

**FIRST GENERATION: \$3,795.00**

The First Generation housing community's mission is to constantly provide first generation college students with additional resources and communal support, all while celebrating the diversity and richness of each individual's background. This community aims to empower first generation students by supplementing education in a way that is conducive to different learning styles, alleviating family stress and pressures by providing a supportive and stress free environment, and celebrating the richness and privileges of being a first generation college student.

**FIT LIVING: \$4,070.00**

The Fit Living community is based on the goal of attaining a healthy lifestyle in all aspects of the idea. Members will practice regular physical activity and eat a balanced and healthy diet to keep their physical being in a manner that allows them to live life to its fullest. A healthy mind and social life will also be achieved through hard work in the classroom and creating a community of like-minded individuals who act as both a support and guidance system for one another. Community members learn to take advantage of the resources on campus to help them lead a full and healthy life as well as strategies and ideas that will go beyond their time here at Lehigh.

**GAMING: \$4,070.00**

The Gaming community fosters and grows individuals within the community by focusing on areas and skills involving management of time and priorities, as well as effective communication; an important skill in both gaming and life. This community creates the opportunity to bring together individuals from various places across campus with similar tied interests into one space to create a close-knit community with a high time commitment hobby of gaming.

**GLOBAL LEHIGH: \$3,795.00**

Global Lehigh is a community of domestic and international students interested in exploring different countries and cultures through events, meals, guest speakers, film, and more. Students will connect with Lehigh's resources for globalization, including the Office of International Students & Scholars, the Study Abroad Office, and the Lee Iacocca Institute. Participation in immersive events and discussions celebrating international cultures will expand students' worldviews and prepare students for leadership roles in the global community.

**MUSIC APPRECIATION: \$4,070.00**

The Musical Appreciation community strives to spread the joy, passion, and artistry that can be created through music. Our community not only listens to music, but performs as a group, learns how to play different instruments, and immerses themselves into culturally diverse genres. Here in the Music Appreciation House we embrace the unique gifts that Lehigh's student body has, and we also work to foster a talent in those willing to learn. Our primary goal is to foster a setting where those who are musical performers (and those who are looking to become musical performers) can feel comfortable and involved in a community where there is adequate practice space for the campus' growing musicians.

**RESIDENTIAL FELLOW COMMUNITY: IT TAKES A VILLAGE: \$4,415.00**

The 2017-2018 academic year will be Professor Heather Johnson and her family's six year participating in Lehigh's Residential Fellow Program. The Johnson-McCormicks live in Sayre Park Village as a Faculty Family in Residence. Students living in Sayre are able to participate with the Johnson-McCormicks in exploring the theme: 'It Takes a Village!' This program centers on the African proverb, "It takes a village to raise a child," with the fundamental idea being that we, in community, are responsible for the well-being and

potential of each individual. In addition to living in Sayre Building B, and regularly teaching her courses in the classroom located in Sayre Lodge, Professor Johnson and her family regularly welcome students into their lives through daily interaction in Sayre and around campus, gatherings in their home, and discussion series focused on the question “Does It Take a Village?” They are especially interested in issues related to community, diversity, identity, and the common good, and they organically explore these subjects through their daily interactions with students. Heather is an Associate Professor of Sociology. She adopted her twin sons, Kyle and Owen, from Haiti in 2005. Her daughter, Meera, was born in 2008.

### **STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics: \$3,795.00**

Supported in part by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, the STEM living community will develop students for leadership roles in their chosen field. STEM housing features programming with experts, peer-to-peer mentoring, and close faculty advising for residents.

"We have been able to partake in scientific seminars, colloquiums, tours, and social events that have provided us the opportunity to embrace our interest for the fields of sciences, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The environment is absolutely inclusive, and provides students the opportunity to flourish while meeting more students." -Patricia Morales, Class of 2019

### **UMOJA: \$4,070.00**

This community helps residents explore diversity and multiculturalism. Throughout the year, the UMOJA family becomes a center of mentorship and support that is committed to identity development and learning about others' experiences. UMOJA is sponsored by The Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Diversity, and the Office of Residence Life.

**Meal Plan Rates:** Rates and Dining Dollar amounts listed are per semester.

### **Drinker, House 087, House 104, Richards, Taylor, UMOJA, Warren Square A-F**

Category IA (include 5 guest meal passes for use in student restaurants)

Carte Blanche: Unlimited Board meals per semester including \$100 Dining Dollars: \$3,045.00

Category I (include 5 guest meal passes for use in student restaurants)

19 Meal Plan: Any 19 meals per week including \$50 Dining Dollars: \$2,765.00

225 Block Plan: Any 225 meals per semester including \$50 Dining Dollars: \$2,765.00

200 Block Plan: Any 200 meals per semester including \$150 Dining Dollars: \$2,765.00

Category II (include 5 guest meal passes for use in student restaurants)

150 Block Plan: Any 150 meals per semester including \$150 Dining Dollars: \$2,435.00

125 Block Plan: Any 125 meals per semester including \$250 Dining Dollars: \$2,435.00

### **Sayre Park Village**

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125 Block Plan: Any 125 meals per semester including \$250 Dining Dollars: \$2,435.00

Category III

75 Block Plan: Any 75 meals per semester including \$250 Dining Dollars: \$1,480.00

**Category IV**

50 Block Plan: Any 50 meals per semester including \$250 Dining Dollars: \$1,155.00

**Category V**

25 Block Plan: Any 25 meals per semester including \$25 Dining Dollars: \$475.00

**Category VI**

\$350 Dining Dollar Plan: \$350 Dining Dollars per semester: \$350.00

This contract is a legally binding contract with Lehigh University to reside in Residential Housing for the full academic year consisting of the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters. By signing this contract and intending to be legally bound, I agree to abide by the regulations of Lehigh University and particularly those listed in the Residence Hall General Provisions for Student Occupancy incorporated herein and as published in the University Handbook. I also acknowledge and understand that I will be billed based upon the final 2018-2019 Housing and Meal Plan rates.

**APPROXIMATE LIVING COSTS:**

- **Mandatory Health Insurance:** approx. U.S. \$1954 for academic year, \$900 +/- for Fall Semester only, \$1054 +/- for Spring semester only.  
([https://www.universityhealthplans.com/letters/letter.cgi?group\\_id=4](https://www.universityhealthplans.com/letters/letter.cgi?group_id=4)). The requirement is waived for students showing proof of coverage.
- **Meal Plan Options:** [https://financeadmin.lehigh.edu/content/housing-and-meal-plan-rates#2016-17 Meal Plan Rates](https://financeadmin.lehigh.edu/content/housing-and-meal-plan-rates#2016-17%20Meal%20Plan%20Rates)
  - **Students MUST have a meal plan if living on campus**
    - **(Cost range for traditional dorms: \$2436-\$3045; Cost range for apartments: \$350-\$3,045)**
- **Books & Class Reading Materials:** approx. \$550 per semester
- **Local Transportation:** Varies depending on travel preferences
- **Miscellaneous expenses:** \$1,000 - \$5,000

**LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:**

- **CLASS FORMAT:** Lectures, discussions, papers, presentations, projects.
- **ATTENDANCE:** Required; typically influences final grade.
- **PARTICIPATION:** In-class participation usually expected, except for large lectures.
- **GRADING:** 4.0 scale; A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D, F. Typically based on several components (papers, quizzes, homework, attendance, projects, etc.)
- **CLASS SIZE:** Depends on the class level and department. 100 level courses are typically larger lectures. 200 and 300 level courses are typically smaller (up to 40 students).
- **COURSE LOAD:** 4-5 classes; 12-16 credits.
- **COURSE CHOICES:** Exchange students can take whatever undergraduate courses are offered by the university as long as they can meet the prerequisite requirements of the courses and there are vacancies available in those courses. Graduate level courses are subject to availability and department approval.
- **EXAMINATIONS:** Format of exams varies. Exams are administered the last 9 days of each semester.

**AREAS OF CONCENTRATION / MAJORS:**

Africana Studies, American Studies, Anthropology, Architecture, Art, Arts and Engineering, Asian Studies, Classical Civilization, Classics, Cognitive Science, Design Arts, Ecology, Economics, English, Environmental Studies, French, German, History, International Relations, Journalism, Music, Music Composition, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religion Studies, Russian Studies, Science Writing, Science-Technology-and-Society, Sociology & Anthropology, Sociology & Social Psychology,

Spanish, Theatre, Urban Studies, Women Studies. Astronomy, Astrophysics, Applied Life Science, Applied Mathematics, Applied Science, Behavioral Neuroscience, Biochemistry, Bioengineering, Biology, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Civil and Environmental Sciences, Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Ecology, Electrical Engineering, Electrical Engineering & Engineering Physics, Engineering Mechanics, Engineering Physics, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Science, Geological Sciences, Industrial Engineering, Information and Systems Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Molecular Biology, Optoelectronics Science and Engineering, Physics, Statistics, Structural Engineering. Accounting, Business Economics, Economics, Finance, Management, Marketing, Information Systems, Supply Chain Management. Counseling and Human Services, Educational Technology, School Psychology, Special Education. Pre-Dental Science, Pre-Medical Science, Pre-Optometry Science.

**LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION:** English

**STUDENT SERVICES AVAILABLE:**

- Academic Advising

Students are assigned a faculty member in their major area who will be the student's advisor for their duration at Lehigh, unless the student prefers to request a specific faculty member to act as his or her advisor.

- International Students Service (ISS)

The Office of International Students and Scholars runs events and programming for all International Students (<http://global.lehigh.edu/oiss>)

- Computer Services

Computing facilities are found all around campus, and all students have e-mail accounts, access to online libraries and journals, online registration, etc.

- On-campus facilities

With an ID card, students can use all sporting and athletic facilities, receive free and discounted tickets to events at Zoellner Arts Center, receive free general medical treatment, counseling, lectures, trips, etc.

- Other Services

Numerous student clubs and organizations including academic, cultural, linguistic, political, athletic, recreational and social.

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Bethlehem is located in eastern Pennsylvania, convenient to New York City, Philadelphia, PA, and Newark, NJ. Students who do not fly directly to the Lehigh Valley International Airport (ABE) are encouraged to use an airport in any of the three cities mentioned. A bus station is located in south Bethlehem two blocks from campus, making travel to and from these cities easy.