Exchange Scheme with the Beloit College

Where is Beloit?

Beloit is a private liberal arts college in Beloit, Wisconsin just over the border from Illinois. Founded in 1846 Beloit has an enrolment of roughly 1,300 undergraduate students.

Who can go?

- One place will be made available to York undergraduate students in 2017/18.
- This will replace your 2\textsuperscript{nd} year of study at York for integrated programmes (or the 2\textsuperscript{nd}/3\textsuperscript{rd} year of study if you're on a 4 year programme). Please speak to your department about the availability of extended degrees that allow you to take an additional year to study abroad.
- Please consult the opportunities by department webpage to see if your subject is eligible for exchange.
- \url{https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/}

Courses

- We recommend York students will enrol in 4 courses per term at Beloit.
- Most Beloit courses are worth 4 Beloit credits and each course carries 4 or more teaching hours.
- Beloit students take 4 courses or sixteen credits per term or 16 or more teaching hours. This would mean students take 32 Beloit credits per year, which is the equivalent of 120 York credits.
- A catalogue of courses (or prospectus) is available online \url{http://www.beloit.edu/oie/international_students/exchange/course_selection/} Click on ‘course schedule in the Portal’ no log-in required.
- When reading the catalogue, bear in mind that York students will take mostly 200-300 level courses while on exchange at Beloit, although it may be possible to take one or two courses at 400 level.

How will my marks be assessed/converted?

- Grade Conversion Tables for each institution will be made available to successful applicants.
- Please ensure that you are fully aware of how your grades will be converted on your return to York.
  Students on additional years will have different arrangements to those on integrated study.

Costs

1) \textbf{Tuition Fees}: Students will pay no tuition fees to Beloit and in 2016/17 their University of York fees were reduced to 15\% of the full academic fee.
2) **Visas:** There are two fees associated with the visa application. The application fee itself is approximately $160. There will also be a $180 (J-1 and F-1 student's) SEVIS fee payable in advance of the visa application. SEVIS is the US immigration system that tracks foreign and exchange students. (Further information below.)

3) **Medical insurance:** International students are required to purchase the student medical insurance offered by Beloit College and may not waive the college health insurance online. Further information about the health care offered can be found [here](#). Costs are listed with the [housing costs](#).

4) **Health and Counselling fee:** Health Insurance 2016-17 $1,502 (approx), Health/Wellness Fee $184

5) **Additional costs to consider:** flights, accommodation, travel insurance, living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities)

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**Visa**

- Beloit will ask you to complete an application form for the Certificate of Eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019) which, together with your passport and other supporting documentation including the letter from Beloit offering you a place and a photocopy of your completed financial resources form, will enable you to obtain a visa from the United States Embassy in London (or the United States Consulate General in Belfast).
- You will be required to go to the US embassy in London (or your home country) in order to process your visa application, which you are responsible for organising.
- International students going on exchange are advised to apply for a US visa in their home country and not in the UK.
- In order to receive a visa you must show that you have sufficient funds available in your bank account, or are able to supply details of a third person who will support you.
- A full list of costs including books and personal expenses are listed with the [housing costs](#).

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**What’s it like to study there?**

2016/17 is the first year of the Beloit College exchange; therefore we haven’t any journal entries from a student. We do currently have a student at Beloit and will be happy to put you in touch with them if you have any specific questions.

**Where will I live?**

- Exchange students live in Beloit College residence halls, which are located on campus.
- Most often, they live in double rooms due to a limitation in the number of single rooms. However, they may apply to live in a single room as although these are limited there is no extra cost.
- Details of the housing available to you can be found in their web pages: [https://www.beloit.edu/reslife/housingoptions/](https://www.beloit.edu/reslife/housingoptions/)
- Meal plans are compulsory but there is a variety to choose from.
- Examples of the costs including housing and health insurance: [https://www.beloit.edu/prospective/afford/costs/](https://www.beloit.edu/prospective/afford/costs/)

**Contact details at Beloit**

- Your principal source of general advice at Beloit College is Barb Seymour ([seymour@beloit.edu](mailto:seymour@beloit.edu))
- Office of International Education, 700 College St. Beloit, WI 53511 email: [oie@beloit.edu](mailto:oie@beloit.edu)
Useful web links:

Main Beloit site: https://www.beloit.edu/
Incoming Exchange Students - https://www.beloit.edu/oie/international_students/exchange/
FAQ’s Incoming Exchange Students - https://www.beloit.edu/oie/international_students/exchange/faq/
Visa application - http://j1visa.state.gov/participants/how-to-apply/
Beloit Visa Info - https://www.beloit.edu/oie/international_students/exchange/j1/j1_info/
Third Year Abroad - http://www.thirdyearabroad.com/
Foreign Commonwealth Office - https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa

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