Exchange Scheme with Rutgers University

Where is Rutgers? — Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey is an American public research university located in the centre of the Washington/Boston corridor between Philadelphia and New York. Established as Queen’s College in 1766 it currently has approximately 67,000 students. Spread over several campus’ York students will be based at Rutgers - New Brunswick.

Who can go?

- One place will be made available to York undergraduate students in 2017/18.
- This will replace your 2nd year of study at York for integrated programmes (or the 2nd/3rd 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. https://www.york.ac.uk/students/study-abroad/opportunities/

Courses

- Students will be expected to take 24 credits during their year at Rutgers (i.e. 12 credits per semester).
- All 24 credits should be taken in the student’s degree subject in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits.
- If a student wishes to take extra courses in other non-degree related subjects, they should limit this to an additional 3 credits per semester.
- A catalogue of courses (or prospectus) is available online – please note that not all of the classes listed online at http://catalogs.rutgers.edu/generated/nb-ug_current/index.html are necessarily offered every semester.
- Visiting undergraduate exchange students at Rutgers are admitted to programs provided by the Academic Colleges and Schools on the New Brunswick/Piscataway campus only according to the terms of the agreement between Rutgers and York.
- Some Studio Art, Drama, Dance and Graduate courses are restricted. Businesses courses are normally only open to Business majors/minors. Some upper level Business courses have limited seats so students are encouraged to choose a few backup courses.
- The best way to view the exact classes offered at RU for any particular semester is to go to: https://sis.rutgers.edu/soc/
- When reading the catalogue, bear in mind that York students will take mostly 200-300 level courses while on exchange at Rutgers, 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) Tuition Fees: Students will pay no tuition fees to Denver 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 and waiver:**

- All incoming exchange students are required to carry adequate health insurance.
- Rutgers University offers health insurance and will automatically bill you for this insurance unless you show proof of other coverage that is equal to Rutgers insurance coverage. Current costs can be found here [http://globalservices.rutgers.edu/content/Center_Staff_Services_and_Programs/Health_Insurance_Program/Current_Costs_for_Health_Plan.html](http://globalservices.rutgers.edu/content/Center_Staff_Services_and_Programs/Health_Insurance_Program/Current_Costs_for_Health_Plan.html)
- A guide to minimum insurance requirements at Rutgers can be found here, but students will not be considered exempt until their policy has been reviewed by Rutgers.
- During the application process students will have the opportunity to complete an Insurance Waiver form and to submit a copy of their current coverage.

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

- 2016-17 accommodation charges can be found at [http://ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/apply-for-housing/rates-and-billing/](http://ruoncampus.rutgers.edu/apply-for-housing/rates-and-billing/)
- Meal Plans are optional but can be found here [http://food.rutgers.edu/dining-plans/new-brunswick-campus/](http://food.rutgers.edu/dining-plans/new-brunswick-campus/)

**Visa**

- Rutgers 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 Denver 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.

**Where will I live?**

On-campus Housing is guaranteed. Students are asked to select housing preferences during our application process and are placed based on those preferences by University Housing and Residence Life. In the university apartments, students will have access to shared kitchen facilities.


**Contact details at Rutgers**

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**Useful web links:**

Main Rutgers website — [http://www.rutgers.edu/](http://www.rutgers.edu/)
International Students at Denver - https://globalservices.rutgers.edu/
Visa application - http://j1visa.state.gov/participants/how-to-apply/
Third Year Abroad - http://www.thirdyearabroad.com/
Foreign Commonwealth Office - https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa

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