Exchange Scheme with Wesleyan University

Where is Wesleyan University? - Founded in 1831 - Wesleyan University is a leading private liberal arts college in Middletown, Connecticut. Located 2 hrs from Boston and 2 ½ hrs from New York. Wesleyan, along with Amherst College and Williams College, is a member of the Little Three colleges, an unofficial athletic conference of liberal arts colleges, and is considered a "Little Ivy".

Who can go?

● Two places will be made available to York undergraduate students in 2017/18, with priority for Politics students.
● 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 8 credits during their year at Wesleyan (4 credits a semester) in order to achieve the equivalent of 120 York credits.
● The course catalogue serves as a general guide to the courses available. However, not all courses may be available in each semester and some may be restricted. You should check with Wesleyan for a directory of courses available in the following academic year
● Most courses and all departments are open to exchange students although some may require prerequisite confirmation.
● For more information on courses (majors and minors) see http://www.wesleyan.edu/admission/academics/majorsminors.html

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 Wesleyan 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 students) 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:** Wesleyan requires all students to maintain health insurance coverage annually. During the summer before their freshman year, all students receive information on the Gallagher Koster insurance plan offered by Wesleyan. They must either enrol in the insurance plan (fees will appear on the student’s account) or submit proof of private insurance based in the U.S. (submissions can be made online). For more information, visit Health Service’s "Insurance & Fees" page. Current annual cost $2,045 (2016/17)

Students are not expected to take this cover, but if not they must provide information to Wesleyan on another insurance policy based in the USA.

4) **Other Wesleyan Fees:** General fee $300, Green Fund Fee $30. More information can be found at: [http://www.wesleyan.edu/finaid/prospectiveapplicants/prospectivecost17-18.html](http://www.wesleyan.edu/finaid/prospectiveapplicants/prospectivecost17-18.html)

5) **Additional costs to consider:** flights, accommodation, travel insurance, living costs (food, books, money for additional travel/activities). Wesleyan suggest approx. $1,200 for books and supplies and $1,465 for personal expenses (2016/17)

**Visa**

- Wesleyan 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 Wesleyan 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: All first-year students at Wesleyan live on campus in the Foss Hill residence halls, the Butterfield residence halls, the all-frosh Clark Hall, 200 Church, Writer’s Block, or West College. Transfer students will also be assigned to residential halls on campus. The preference sheets you fill out will be used by Residential Life staff to match you up as closely as possible with the residence hall and room of your choice. If you have any questions, contact Residential Life by email at reslife@wesleyan.edu. More information is online at [http://www.wesleyan.edu/reslife/](http://www.wesleyan.edu/reslife/)

Students will also be expected to pay the Residential Comprehensive Fee charged to all Junior and Senior students, which encompasses room and dining costs, directly to Wesleyan University. The fee is currently $13,950 (sophomore) and $15,858 (junior and seniors) in 2016/17. Full details of the costs are at [http://www.wesleyan.edu/studentaccounts/tuition.html](http://www.wesleyan.edu/studentaccounts/tuition.html)

**Contact details at Wesleyan**

Your principal source of general advice at Wesleyan will be Janice Watson, Coordinator of International Student Services

Address: Office of International Student Affairs, 237 High Street, North College Room 123, Phone: 860/685-3704, Email: jwatson@wesleyan.edu

**Useful web links:**

Main Wesleyan site: [http://www.wesleyan.edu/](http://www.wesleyan.edu/)

Incoming Exchange Students: [http://www.wesleyan.edu/oisa/index.html](http://www.wesleyan.edu/oisa/index.html)

International student orientation: [http://www.wesleyan.edu/orientation/iso.html](http://www.wesleyan.edu/orientation/iso.html)

Support for Disabled Students: [http://www.wesleyan.edu/studentaffairs/disabilities/disabilities_notification.html](http://www.wesleyan.edu/studentaffairs/disabilities/disabilities_notification.html)
Insurance Information: http://www.wesleyan.edu/oisa/contact.html
Visa application: http://j1visa.state.gov/participants/how-to-apply/
Global Graduates (the new name for Third Year Abroad): https://globalgraduates.com/
Foreign Commonwealth Office: https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/usa

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