


UNION COLLEGE

PARTNER Fact sheet 2016/2017

Name of Institution	UNION COLLEGE
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International Students Services	<p>Shelly Shinebarger Director of Accommodative Services shinebas@union.edu</p> <p>Michelle Pawlowski, Coordinator of Accommodative Services and Campus Life pawlowsm@union.edu</p>	<p>Hours: M-F: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. Location: Reamer 304 Phone: (518) 388-8785 Fax: (518) 388-7151 Web: www.union.edu/is</p>

Exchange Coordinators :

Contact(s) for Incoming Students		<p>Lara Atkins Director, International Programs T : 518-388-6002 F : 518-388-7124 E : intlprograms@union.edu</p>
Contact(s) for Outgoing Students		<p>Ginny Casper Program Specialist T : 518-388-6002 F : 518-388-7124 E : intlprograms@union.edu</p>

Academic Information: 2016/2017

Application Deadlines	Term 1 (Fall) :	Term 2 (Winter) :	Term 3 (Spring) :
Arrival Date	Aug 29 - 30	n/a	n/a
Mandatory Orientation Seminar	Aug 31 - 02	n/a	n/a
Beginning and end of Semesters (including examination dates)	<i>Starts : Sep 7, 2016 Ends : Nov 22, 2016</i>	<i>Starts : Jan 03, 2016 Ends : Mar 17, 2016</i>	<i>Starts : Mar 27, 2016 Ends : Jun 9, 2016</i>
Academic Calendar	http://www.union.edu/offices/registrar/_documents/2016-17-final-academic-calendar.2.pdf		
Campus	www.union.edu		

Academic Level(s) offered to Exchange Students Language of Instruction	Undergraduate - Yes	Postgraduate - Students are able to take one course at Union Graduate College as per US Visa regulations. Course dependent upon Graduate College approval.
Main study fields (majors) at our university.	http://www.union.edu/academic/majors-minors/	http://www.uniongraduatecollege.edu/pdf/admissions/catalog/Catalog_UGC_2013_2014.pdf
Language Requirement	English: TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) IBT (internet based) 90, TOEFL PBT (paper based) 600, IELTS 7, Cambridge CAE-C (equivalent to a TOEFL 90)	
Information on courses / electives	http://www.union.edu/offices/registrar/course-exam-schedules/	
Course Enrolment	Tentatively, cannot choose classes until May 2, 2016 for Fall 2016: http://www.union.edu/offices/registrar/course-exam-schedules/ The course registration form should be uploaded by Friday, May 20, 2016.	
Course Load	Three courses per term.	
Exams	A mid-term and at the end of each 10-week trimester, a final.	
Learning expectations	http://www.union.edu/Resources/Campus/assessment/outcomes/academicaffairs/gened.php	
When will transcripts be sent to the partner university?	Approximately two to three weeks after the final exam period.	

Exchange Students Information :

Information for Exchange students	Click here: Exchange Student Information
Application Materials	Click here: Exchange Student Application Information
Student nominations	Student nominations should be sent to: Lara Atkins and Ginny Casper

What Housing is provided by our university?	The University will provide dormitory housing for the students.
Approximate cost of accommodation?	\$2318/term
Housing Insurance	Not applicable
Cost of Living	Approximately \$275-\$500/month
Academic Expenses	Approximately \$635/term
Food	\$1910/term
Health Insurance	Costs are approximate. \$525 for one term; \$1050 for 2 terms or \$1500 for one year. Students must purchase the HTH Worldwide Health Insurance. We will sign you up automatically and you will be billed once on campus.

Health Insurance Requirements	http://www.union.edu/offices/health-counseling/requirements/
Student card	Students will obtain a student identification card upon arrival.

Visa requirements	http://www.union.edu/offices/international-advising/incoming/visa/
Residence permit	Not applicable

Any Additional Information:

Is there a pick-up service provided upon arrival?	If a student arrives on specified days and provides arrival information, s/he will be picked up at Albany International Airport, the Schenectady Train Station or the Schenectady Bus Station. More information at: http://www.union.edu/offices/international-advising/incoming/travel/
International Associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Around U • African and Latino Alliance of Students • Asian Student Union • AUM Hindu Association • Bhangra Union • Círculo Estudiantil Latinoamericano • Muslim Students Association • Shakti • Japanese drumming ensembles.
Language Courses	Not offered
Facilities on campus	http://www.union.edu/offices/international-advising/_forms/handbook.pdf
Internship	Not available for students on J visa. Only available for matriculated students on an F-1 visa

Institution:

Location	Schenectady, New York
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History	Founded in 1795 as the first planned campus in the United States, Union College is a highly selective, private, liberal arts college with engineering that is consistently ranked among the nation's top colleges. Set on 100 acres in downtown Schenectady, N.Y., including eight acres of formal gardens and woodland known as Jackson's Garden, Union is within easy reach of New York City, Boston and Montreal, rural areas and major East Coast ski slopes.
International vision	<p>Rather than “small” meaning “parochial,” Union is committed to diversity and to cultivating a sense of global connectedness. As an institution whose core mission is preparing students for the 21st century, Union integrates international experiences into the life of the College both inside and outside the classroom. Members of the Union community strive to bring Union to the world and the world to Union.</p> <p>Union will also increase student and faculty diversity, which is associated with increased student satisfaction, cognitive development and academic success. Diversity will also help the College achieve many of its important objectives in admissions: increase applicants and attractiveness to high achievers, improve retention rates, and create a more intellectually engaged student population with a heightened sense of social responsibility and global awareness.</p> <p>Strategies include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase diversity among students and faculty. • Increase the breadth and depth of global experiences for students. • Enhance global experiences in Union’s classrooms. • Infuse global issues into the curriculum.
Programme	<p>A Union education is a four-year integrated living and learning experience. Union offers the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Science degrees in Bioengineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.</p> <p>In cooperation with Union Graduate College, Union also offers five-year, two-degree programs leading to a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree in selected fields. The College has an eight-year, three-degree program in cooperation with Albany Medical College and Union Graduate College and a six-year, two-degree program in cooperation with Albany Law School.</p>
Rankings	http://www.union.edu/about/difference/rankings/index.php
Accreditation	Union College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, 3624 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19104, (267-284-5000). The Middle States Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation. The programs in chemistry are certified by the American Chemical Society. The computer, electrical, and mechanical engineering programs are accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission of Independent Colleges and Universities • New York Six Liberal Arts Consortium • Union University (Comprised of Union College, Union Graduate College, Albany Medical College, Albany Law School, Albany College of Pharmacy, and the Dudley Observatory of the City of Albany) • Adirondack Research Consortium • Union-Schenectady Alliance
Student Registration	<p>Undergraduate and Graduate Cycle: 2133 (only undergraduate as the graduate school is a separate institution)</p> <p>International students: 131 including 28 Exchange Students</p>
Academic and Administrative Staff	<p>Full-time professors: 172</p> <p>Part-time lecturers: 36</p> <p>Visiting professors: 38</p> <p>Administrative staff: 226</p> <p>Staff: 398</p>
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City history & details	Schenectady: http://www.cityofscheneectady.com/
Tourist Information	http://www.sayschenectady.org/