



 MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO

Visiting/Exchange International Student Program 2024/2025



About the MSU Mankato Exchange/Visiting International Student Program

Minnesota State Mankato offers students the chance to study at our university as a visiting international student on an F-1 non-degree student visa or J-1 exchange visitor visa. The objective of this program is to provide students an opportunity to earn university credit or complete a short-term English program in the United States, and return to their home university to complete their degree. Visiting international students may study at Minnesota State Mankato for 1 semester (fall OR spring), or 1 academic year (fall AND spring).

Applicants with TOEFL iBT score 61 or higher, or IELTS score 5.5 or higher may enroll as regular students and take 12-16 credits of academic coursework per semester.

Applicants with TOEFL iBT score between 54-60, or IELTS score 5.0 can be placed in the Advanced level of the Intensive English Program (IEP) in their first semester before moving to regular admission in their second semester. Advanced level students in the IEP take 3-4 English courses (4 hours per week per course), and up to 2 academic courses for a maximum of 8 credits (8 hours per week).

Applicants with TOEFL iBT score between 20-54 or IELTS score between 3.5-4.5 can be placed in the Intermediate or Beginner levels of the IEP and take 5 English courses for 20 hours per week.

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[Click here to view MSU-Mankato's fields of study.](#)

[Click here to view MSU Mankato's Intensive English Program video.](#)

How to apply to MSU Mankato as Exchange/Visiting International Student

I. Nomination. Your university's study abroad office must send a letter, which nominates the student(s) who will study abroad. The nomination letter should include the following information:

- a. Student's full name.
- b. Student's date of birth.
- c. Intended term of study at MSU Mankato (e.g. Fall 2023, Spring 2024, or Academic Year 2023 - 2024). Summer terms are not available.
- d. Student's personal email.
- e. Student's intended field of study at MSU Mankato.

Email the nomination letter to: globalexchange@mnsu.edu and anna.ochs@mnsu.edu

II. Application. Upon receipt of the nomination letter, MSU Mankato Center for Global Engagement office will send the nominated students a link with instructions to complete the online application. Students will need to prepare the following documents to apply online:

- a. Copy of valid passport
- b. Current university transcripts
- c. Proof of English proficiency (e.g. TOEFL or IELTS)
- d. Proof of financial resources (see estimated costs on the following page)

Nomination deadline and priority application deadline for the fall semester is March 1. Final application deadline is May 1. Nomination deadline and priority application deadline for the spring semester is October 1. Final application deadline is November 1.

Important Dates

| Term | Fall 2023 | Spring 2024 |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Nomination deadline | March 1 | October 1 |
| Priority application deadline | March 1 | October 1 |
| Course approval forms | March 15 | October 15 |
| Final application deadline | May 1 | November 1 |
| Orientation check-in | August 20 | January 6 |
| Class begins | August 26 | January 13 |
| Final exams end | Dec. 13 | May 9 |

Where is Mankato, MN?



Mankato

130 kilometers southwest of Minneapolis/St. Paul & MSP International Airport & Mall of America

Minnesota State University, Mankato

A safe and welcoming community for international students

- We welcome over 1,200 international students from more than 90 countries
- Approximately 15,200 students
- More than 2,000 faculty and staff



Academic Programs

University-wide exchange agreements allow visiting international students to enroll in courses in any academic department on campus regardless of their declared major. Admission to upper division courses will be determined based on academic qualifications of the student. Students need to meet all pre-reqs for upper division courses. Students will be required to submit transcripts during the admission process. Some courses will be closed to exchange students.

130 undergraduate programs

80 graduate programs

[College of Allied Health and Nursing](#)

[College of Arts and Humanities](#)

[College of Business](#)

[College of Education](#)

[College of Science, Engineering and Technology](#)

[College of Humanities and Social Sciences](#)

Certificates/Minors available to visiting/exchange international students

Visiting/Exchange international students may be eligible to complete a certificate or minor during their study abroad program at Minnesota State Mankato. Please notify us when the student is nominated if they intend to pursue a certificate or minor during their study abroad program.

Students studying Business may request to be apart of the College of Business IBE (Integrated Business Program) 5 spots will be available for the Fall 2024 semester. <https://cob.mnsu.edu/real-world-experience/united-prairie-bank-integrated-business-experience/> Please indicate on the nomination if the students wants to take part in the IBE program

| Program | Certificates |
|---|---|
| Business | Business Analytics |
| Computer Engineering & Information Technology | Internet of Things , Database Technology , Information Security , Networking Technologies , Software Development , Renewable Energy |
| English | Technical Communication , TESL |
| Philosophy | Critical Thinking |

Exchange Student Tuition Waiver Condition

*exact fees for 2024 have not yet been released these are estimates

1 Semester

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| Study abroad fee..... | \$50 |
| Int'l student fee..... | \$120 |
| Books and supplies..... | \$700 |
| Int'l student insurance..... | \$1000 |
| Personal expenses..... | \$900 |
| On-campus housing and meal plan..... | \$5,000 |
| Total Student Cost..... | \$7,770 |

Academic Year (2 Semesters)

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| Study abroad fee..... | \$50 |
| Int'l student fee..... | \$120 |
| Books and supplies..... | \$1,400 |
| Int'l student insurance..... | \$2000 |
| Personal expenses..... | \$1,800 |
| On-campus housing and meal plan..... | \$10,000 |
| Total Student Cost..... | \$15,540 |

Visiting Student Fee Paying Condition

1 Semester

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| Study abroad fee..... | \$50 |
| Int'l student fee..... | \$120 |
| Books and supplies..... | \$700 |
| Int'l student insurance..... | \$1000 |
| Personal expenses..... | \$900 |
| On-campus housing and meal plan..... | \$5000 |
| Tuition and fees..... | \$5,380 |
| Total Student Cost..... | \$13,150 |

Academic Year (2 Semesters)

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|--------------------------------------|----------|
| Study abroad fee..... | \$50 |
| Int'l student fee..... | \$120 |
| Books and supplies..... | \$1,400 |
| Int'l student insurance..... | \$2000 |
| Personal expenses..... | \$1,800 |
| On-campus housing and meal plan..... | \$10000 |
| Tuition and fees..... | \$10,760 |
| Total Student Cost..... | \$26,300 |

Living in Mankato – a safe and friendly community!

Affordable housing options both on and off campus

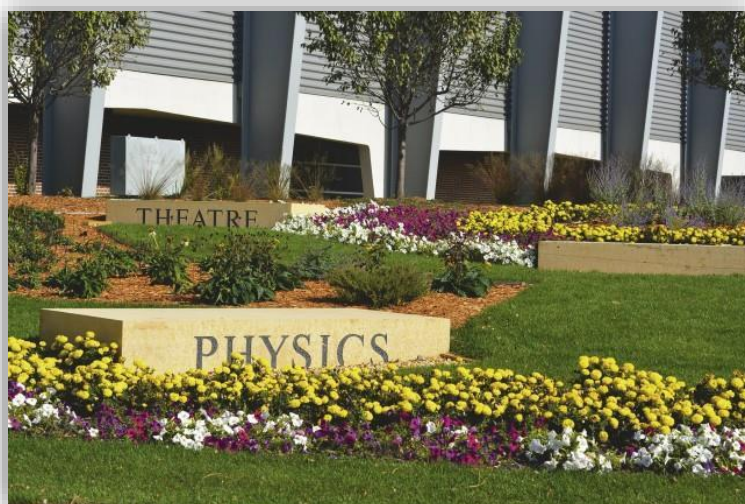
5 university residence halls: <http://www.mnsu.edu/reslife/>

Students can choose from a variety of meal plan options: <http://www.mnsu.edu/dining/mealplansall.html>

Off campus student housing is also available close to the university: <http://www.mnsu.edu/activities/housing/>

Learn more about life in the safe and friendly city of Mankato: <http://visitgreatermankato.com/>

Connect with us on social media and learn about student life in Mankato:



English Proficiency Requirements*

| | TOEFL iBT | TOEFL ITP | IELTS | CEFR |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------|------|
| <u>Regular Admission</u> <i>Undergraduate Coursework</i> | 61+ | 500+ | 5.5+ | B2+ |
| <u>Conditional Admission</u> <i>Advanced Level IEP</i> | 54-60 | 480-499 | 5.0 | n/a |
| <u>Conditional Admission</u> <i>Intermediate/Beginner IEP</i> | 25-53 | 340-479 | 3.5-4.5 | n/a |

*Visiting international students have the option of taking the TOEFL ITP upon arriving in Mankato. Please notify us when the student is nominated if they intend to take a TOEFL ITP placement exam upon arriving in Mankato.

Intensive English Program (IEP) Courses - <http://mankato.mnsu.edu/celp>

IEP courses available during 16 week semester in Fall (Aug-Dec) and Spring (Jan-May) as part of regular academic calendar, or during 10 week semester in Summer (May-July).

| Advanced Level | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Students receive regular admission to the University after successful completion of the advanced level with at least a B+ average (3.5 GPA) and obtain at least a B in each of their courses. | | | |
| Option 1 | | Option 2 | |
| 4 English Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and Vocabulary • Writing • Listening and Speaking • Special Topics | 16 hours/week | Choose 3 English Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and Vocabulary • Writing • Listening and Speaking • Special Topics | 12 hours/week |
| 1 General Education Course | 3-4 credits (3-4 hours per week) | 2 General Education Courses | 6-8 credits (6-8 hours per week) |

| High-Intermediate Level | |
|--|---------------|
| Low-Intermediate Level | |
| Beginning level | |
| 5 English Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading and Vocabulary • Writing • Listening and Speaking • Grammar • Special Topics | 20 hours/week |

IEP Placement

A student is placed in **one** of the four IEP levels according to the TOEFL or IELTS score that the student sent to the MSU Admissions Office prior to the beginning of his/her first semester in the Intensive English Program. IEP students are placed in a specific level according to the following criteria:

Advanced Level:

- TOEFL iBT 54-60
- TOEFL ITP 480-499
- IELTS 5.0

High-Intermediate Level:

- TOEFL iBT 47-53
- TOEFL ITP 455-479
- IELTS 4.5

Low-Intermediate Level:

- TOEFL iBT 31-46
- TOEFL ITP 400-454
- IELTS 4.0

Beginning Level:

- TOEFL iBT 20-30
- TOEFL ITP 340-399
- IELTS 3.5



Obtaining Regular Admission

There are currently three ways that IEP students can obtain regular admission:

Method #1:

IEP students who successfully complete the Advanced Level with a B+ average (3.5 GPA) and obtain at least a B in each of their courses will automatically matriculate to regular admission without the need to show a test score.

Method #2:

Take the **institutional TOEFL Test (TOEFL ITP)** that is administered to all IEP students in all levels at the end of the semester and **obtain a score of 500 or more**. It is important to keep in mind that the TOEFL ITP consists of only a reading comprehension section, a listening comprehension section, and a grammar section. It does not include a writing or a speaking section.

Method #3:

Independently take the **TOEFL iBT** and achieve a **score of 61** or more OR take the **IELTS** and achieve a **score of 5.5** or more. The TOEFL iBT and the IELTS consist of a reading comprehension section, a listening comprehension section, a writing section, and a speaking section.

| Office | Contact Name | Contact Details | Responsibilities |
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