

MARIST COLLEGE

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE /VISITING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT APPLICATION

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PERSONAL DATA *(Please type or print clearly)*

Name as it appears on your passport:

Last/Family/Sur Name _____

First/Given Name _____ Middle Name _____

Gender Male Female Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Permanent Address:

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Emergency Contact Person:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____

Postal/Zip Code: _____ Country: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

VISA INFORMATION

Are you a citizen or permanent resident of the United States? Yes No

If you answered 'No' to the question above, please indicate your:

City of birth _____ Country of birth _____

Country of citizenship _____

Please attach a photocopy of the ID pages of your passport to this application.

Are you seeking **J-1** student visa status? * Yes No

* Please see information attached to the end of this form for information for Eligibility for J-1 Status

Have you ever visited the United States before? Yes No

If yes, please explain the circumstances and provide immigration status.

Circumstances of your visit _____

Immigration status at the time of your visit _____

Have you ever applied for a waiver of the *Two-Year Home Country Physical Presence* requirement under the J-1 visa ?

Yes No

If you answered yes, please explain:

Are you currently in the United States? Yes No

If you are already in the United States, please indicate your current immigration status (F-1, J-1, H-1B1, etc.) : _____ **and attach a copy of your current immigration documents, such as DS-2019, I-20, I-797 Notice, etc.**

Date first entered U.S as a J-1: _____ I-94: _____

SEVIS ID#: _____

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Date(s) of Intended Enrollment: Fall 20____ Spring 20____ Summer 20____ semester

Check appropriate category of study at Marist : Bachelor's Master's

Field or Course of Study (Major): _____

Expected date of graduation from your home institution: _____

Name of Home College or University: _____

Address of Home College or University: _____

College or University Administrator to Contact at your home institution:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

- Please attach the completed *Academic Course Selection Form* signed by your academic advisor at your home institution.
- Please send an official transcript from your home institution to the address in the heading of this application. Please send it to the attention of Karen L. Tomkins-Tinch. Please provide official translations of any transcripts not in English.

LINGUISTIC PROFICIENCY

First/Native language: _____ Primary language spoken: _____

English Proficiency Exam results (for non-native English-speaking students) One of the following exams is required:

- TOEFL - Students must submit a minimum score of **550** on the paper based TOEFL exam **or** a **213** on the computer based TOEFL **or** an **80** on the Internet based TOEFL exam.
- IELTS - Students must submit a minimum score of **6.5**

All test scores must come directly from the Testing Service to Marist College and must be less than two years old from the first day of class at the proposed term of entry in order to be valid.

The Marist report code is 2400.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

On a separate page, please compose a brief statement of purpose describing your educational background, your interest in studying abroad, and your goals for the future.

You may include personal biographical information that may have led to your decision to study at Marist College as well as information about your interests, talents, and skills, and information about any travel, employment, or internship experiences that you may have had.

Your statement should be no more than one typed page.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

All students on J-1 Visas are required to carry health insurance coverage for themselves and their dependents who are in the United States. Please complete and sign the agreement below.

I, _____ agree that I am/will be in
(please print)

compliance with the insurance regulations as specified in 22CFR section 62.14 of the Exchange regulations, and I understand that it is my responsibility to maintain my status and continue health insurance coverage for myself and J-2 dependents for the duration of my J-1 program. I also understand that if I willfully fail to maintain this coverage, I will be in violation of my J-1 status.

Date (month, day, year)

Signature

***Eligibility for J-1 Status**

College and University students are eligible for the Exchange Visitor Program only if at any time during their college studies in the United States they meet one of the following four criteria:

1. They or their program are financed directly or indirectly by the U.S. Government, the student's home government or an international organization of which the United States is a member by treaty or statute;
 2. The exchange program is carried out pursuant to an agreement between the U.S. Government and a foreign government (must attach a copy of the agreement to the application.)
 3. The exchange program is carried out pursuant to a *written* agreement between: (must attach a copy of the agreement to the application or designate the Relevant Marist Exchange Program on your application.)
 - a. An American and foreign educational institution
 - b. An American educational institution and a foreign government
 - c. A U.S. state or local government and a foreign government;
- *or* -
4. The exchange visitor student is supported substantially by funding other than personal or family funds.

[22 CFR § 62.23(c)]. Participants in this Program will enter the U.S. with a "J-1" visa, identified as "exchange student." A "non-degree" student is engaged full time in a prescribed course of study in a non-degree program of up to 24 months duration.

Please note that J-1 students must demonstrate minimum financial support according to their program specifications. Substantial funding from J programs must come from exchange agreements, the student's home university, scholarships, or other sources apart from personal or family funds.

The Department of State regulations require that all J-1 students and their dependents carry a comprehensive health plan for the duration of the program. J students at Marist are required to purchase insurance through the College to provide proper coverage under federal guidelines.