

# STUDY IN THE USA

EXCHANGE STUDENT PROGRAM

HOPE COLLEGE, HOLLAND, MICHIGAN



*"Being an exchange student at Hope has been an incredible way to open my eyes to the world. It has been amazing how people from a wide range of different experiences and backgrounds have become close and supporting friends. This just supports the fact that even with 'abysmal' global differences, we are more alike to each other than we usually think."*

*– Aura Romero,  
Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro, Mexico*

*Experience*  
**THE HOPE DIFFERENCE**

Greetings!!

We are so excited that you are exploring the option of studying abroad at beautiful Hope College! As a student at one of our global partner institutions, you are welcome to spend a full semester or academic year with us.

Studying in the United States at Hope College, will give you a unique experience of learning about American culture, society and life on a premier liberal arts campus. You will be directly enrolled as a student at our institution, live on campus, and have full access to our academic and co-curricular programs. We hope you enjoy learning more about our campus and the exciting opportunities for you at Hope College!



## **ABOUT HOPE COLLEGE**

Hope College is in the heart of Holland, Michigan, a top vacation destination in the midwest of the United States. We're blocks from downtown 8th Street's shops and restaurants, and just a few miles from Lake Michigan. This neighborhood gives students, community members and visitors plenty of cultured extracurricular activities to choose from. Hope College is a four-year liberal arts college where academic excellence and vibrant Christian faith join together in a supportive and welcoming community.

## **BEAUTIFUL CAMPUS**

Hope was ranked among the "7 Most Beautiful Christian College Campuses" by outstandingcolleges.com "when it comes to an impeccable campus in terms of design, landscaping, calmness and architecture." The site noted Hope specifically for being in a beautiful area and for "exquisite" Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

## **RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE**

- America's Top Colleges (Forbes)
- The Princeton Review
- Fiske Guide to Colleges
- Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
- All-American Colleges: Top Schools for Conservatives, Old-Fashioned Liberals and People of Faith
- Putting Students First: How Colleges Develop Students Purposefully
- The Insider's Guide to Colleges

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Liberal arts based curriculum. Graduate school-style research. Hands-on opportunities. Challenging collaboration. The highest standards. These are the elements that help Hope students from every discipline succeed — in school and in life. Hope offers specialized study in more than 80 majors, minors and pre-professional programs. Our student:faculty ratio of 11:1 ensures that our small class sizes encourage support and mentoring. A typical semester's course load will consist of 5 courses (3 credits each) earning a total of 15 credits.

## HOUSING

Living on campus is an integral part of your time at Hope. Exchange students will have the opportunity to live in a residential hall or in one of more than 90 apartments or cottages surrounding our campus. This is an excellent way to meet American students, eat in the state of the art dining halls, and be fully immersed in campus culture.

## DINING

Dining at Hope is an easy way to interact with your friends, faculty and staff. Our two dining halls are able to accommodate special dietary needs and food allergies.

## STUDENT ACTIVITIES

As you join us at Hope, you will find a vast array of curricular and co-curricular activities for you to experience. As an exchange student you have full access to over 60 student organizations and clubs such as the International Relations Club, Volleyball Club, and Swing Dance Club. Our student life programs offer a full variety of activities, films, concerts and athletic events for you to attend during the week and on weekends. Hope's school spirit runs deep and we are proud to be the Flying Dutch!

## ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AT HOPE COLLEGE

American Ethnic Studies  
Art and Art History  
Asian Studies  
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Biology  
Chemistry / Biochemistry  
Communication  
Computer Science  
Dance  
Economics and Business  
Education  
Engineering  
English  
Environmental Sciences  
Environmental Studies  
General Education Math & Science  
Geology  
Global Health  
Global Studies  
History  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Kinesiology  
Leadership  
Mathematics and Statistics  
Ministry  
Music  
Neuroscience  
Nursing  
Peace and Justice  
Philosophy  
Physics  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Religion  
Sociology & Social Work  
Theatre  
Women's and Gender Studies  
World Languages and Cultures





## PAUL G. FRIED CENTER FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

The Center for Global Engagement serves the international student and scholar community. Consider us your home away from home, the hub for international student events and where the staff provide support for international and Third Culture Kid students.



## ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Studying at Hope requires you to have a strong command of the English language because you will be fully immersed in our academic program. International students must demonstrate their English proficiency through one of the following:

- TOEFL: Minimum score of 79 no sub score less than 18
- IELTS: Minimum score of 6.5 no sub score less than 6
- Duolingo: Minimum score of 105
- GTEC: Minimum score of 1200
- Pearson PTE Academic: Minimum score of 58 no band below 53

Students from countries where English is the native/primary language are usually exempt from having to show English proficiency. However, verification of proficiency may still be requested if any information indicates there is an English language deficiency. For any of our incoming international or exchange students looking to brush up on their English, we do offer a three-week intensive English program in August.

## TO APPLY

Please contact your home institution's study abroad office for more information. You can also find more information at our website:

<https://hope.edu/academics/global-engagement/global-partners/student-exchanges.html>