Colgate University Exchange Program
2017-2018

Dates:

Full Academic Year
August 29, 2017 - May 11, 2018

Winter Break
December 21, 2017 - January 21, 2018

Spring semester
January 22, 2018 - May 11, 2018

Colgate University is a highly selective residential liberal arts institution distinguished by academic excellence and interdisciplinary inquiry. With small classes, a strong emphasis on faculty-student interaction, and a residential community valuing all forms of intellectual rigor, Colgate helps students become thoughtful, critical thinkers and perceptive leaders. Offering 54 majors in the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences, and interdisciplinary programs, Colgate fosters diversity of thought and action.

Approximately 2,900 undergraduate students enroll in the university each year. The campus, considered one of the most beautiful in the United States, is located in the idyllic, small central New York town of Hamilton, one hour from the city of Syracuse, New York, and four hours from New York City. Hamilton was recently named one of America’s most friendly towns.

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Application Materials

Undergraduate students from Xiamen shall forward the following information to the School of Economics at Xiamen by September 1, 2017:

♦ the application form for the exchange program;
♦ a copy of the candidate’s academic record at the home institution (i.e., transcript);
♦ an essay written by the candidate explaining why he/she has applied to the exchange program and his/her educational objectives;
♦ a recommendation from the exchange program director and the candidate’s academic advisor or previous professor;
♦ the candidate’s Toefl or Gaokao score or equivalent;
♦ a copy of the candidate’s passport.

Exchange Program Coordinator:
Susan Light
Center for International Programs
Students must meet English proficiency requirements as established by the host institution. It is preferable that Xiamen students submit an official TOEFL or Gaokao score to be admitted to Colgate. In addition, depending on availability, applicants may be asked to participate in an informal interview to assess their speaking abilities and their interests in participating in the exchange program.

Courses

A normal course load at Colgate is four courses. A full list of course offerings can be found here. Xiamen students at Colgate must enroll in at least one course in the arts or the humanities and may take no more than two economics courses per semester.

Student life

Xiamen students at Colgate have full access to campus activities, sporting events, and state-of-the-art athletic facilities. From racquetball and squash courts to the Glendening Boathouse on Lake Moraine, the university offers no shortage of opportunities to stay physically active. More details on athletic facilities can be found here. Among the hundreds of on-campus clubs and organizations, students will find the groups that interest them and connect with other students. Xiamen exchange students will also be part of a larger international student community at Colgate. For more information, go here.

Housing and meals

Exchange students may live in college apartments, college houses, or townhouses. These options include both traditional-style housing options and mutual interest-based housing; details can be found here. Xiamen students at Colgate will be billed for their housing by Colgate. One semester of on-campus housing at Colgate typically costs about $3,000. Depending upon their living arrangements, Xiamen students may be required to purchase a meal plan. During extended academic recess (i.e.: holidays, winter and spring break periods, etc.), exchange students will be responsible for their own housing and meal expenses.

Costs

In addition to housing costs, students will be responsible for payment of their own round-trip international travel, textbooks, and all other personal costs at Colgate. Health insurance (about $650) and student activity fee (about $160) are mandatory fees that will be added to the Colgate University student bill.