

**Center for Global Education
DIRECT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

Fact Sheet - 2012-2013



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	Fall 2012 / First Semester - Dates	Spring 2013 / Second Semester - Dates
➤ Application Deadlines	March 1, 2012	October 1, 2012
➤ Orientation Session dates <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compulsory <input type="checkbox"/> Optional	August 21, 2012	TBD; Approx. January 14 - 15, 2013
➤ Beginning of Classes	August 27, 2012	January 22, 2013
➤ Exam Period	December 13 – 20, 2012	May 9 – 16, 2013

<u>Required Application Documents</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Form <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Financial Responsibility & Bank Statement (s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Letter of Recommendation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement of Purpose	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Photo (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Official Transcript (in English) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Copy of Passport <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English language proficiency exam results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nomination Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Immunization Form (this can be submitted later) <input type="checkbox"/> Others.....
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<u>Type of Agreement</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Student Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> Student Exchange Double-Degree
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<u>Level/Courses/Programs offered</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate/Bachelor <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate
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<u>English Language Proficiency TOEFL</u> OR <u>IELTS</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not requested <u>Minimum Score:</u> 88 (internet-based), 230 (computer), or 570 (paper), with a minimum of 20 points per section <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Not requested <u>Minimum score:</u> 6.5
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<u>Course Information/Syllabus</u>	Course information can be found at the Office of the Registrar's website, http://registrar.gmu.edu
<u>Course Selection/Procedure</u>	Details on specific courses can also be found on individual departments' websites. Index to departmental websites: http://www.gmu.edu/resources/schools-colleges/
<u>Course Load per semester</u>	Students register themselves online once admitted. Exceptions include all classes in the School of Management and most in the School of Engineering, for which all courses must be pre-approved before students can register. After initial registration, students can add or drop classes online, generally for the first couple of weeks each semester.
<u>Language of Instruction</u>	12-16 credit hours
	English

<u>Estimated Expenses</u>	<p>CGE Administrative Fee...\$500 to be paid to the CGE upon arrival</p> <p><u>On-Campus Housing</u>\$3,200 – \$3,900/semester (double occupancy) \$3,400 – 4,325</p> <p><u>Health Insurance</u>..... \$844 (Fall) , \$1311 (Spring)</p> <p><u>Food:</u>\$375-500/month</p> <p><u>Public Transportation</u> Campus shuttle and local CUE buses are free with Mason ID; Metro train to Washington, DC \$3-5/one way</p> <p><u>Personal Expenses</u>\$50-100/month</p> <p><u>Books</u>.....\$500/semester (but some books can be bought used or rented for less)</p>

<u>Visa (J-1)</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Optional Students must comply with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's procedures and regulations. They must register through SEVIS (http://www.ice.gov/sevis/) upon acceptance, prior to their visa appointment.
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<u>Housing</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Campus <input type="checkbox"/> Off-Campus *Guaranteed for undergraduate students. Students are generally placed in double occupancy rooms in on-campus student dormitories. Students can view options and rates on the Office of Housing and Residential Life's website, http://housing.gmu.edu/ *Students can opt to live off-campus, but should consult with the CGE when making arrangements
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<u>Meal Plans</u>	<p><u>Meal plans are required</u> if students live in dorm rooms without FULL kitchens. Dorms with full kitchens are Northern Neck, Rodgers, Student Apartments, Townhouses, Potomac Heights, and Liberty Square.</p> <p>Students may view options and rates on the Campus Dining website: http://masonid.gmu.edu/mealplans/</p>
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<u>Administrative Formalities upon arrival</u>	
➤ administrative fee (\$500)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Optional
➤ health insurance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required <input type="checkbox"/> Optional
➤ personal liability insurance	<input type="checkbox"/> Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Optional
➤ bank account	<input type="checkbox"/> Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Optional

<u>Campus Facilities/Resources</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wi-Fi connection throughout campus - 5 libraries and online library system - Aquatic Fitness Center with Olympic-sized swimming pool - 9 recreation facilities - Optional internationally focused dorm, Global Crossings (a Living Learning Community) - On-campus Student Health Center with physician on staff - University Cinema - Free campus shuttle and local public bus with access to metro train station (approximately 20 minutes from campus) that leads to Washington, DC
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<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- OIPS (The Office of International Programs and Services) assists all international students on campus; the CGE (Center for Global Education) specifically assists exchange students. OIPS runs various events and programs throughout the year that exchange students are encouraged to participate in, from tours of Washington, DC, to shopping excursions, internationally themed festivals and discussions.- A pre-arrival guide for visiting students can be found on OIPS' website: http://oips.gmu.edu/handouts/handouts.php
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