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## About High Point University

High Point University, founded in 1924, is a private, liberal arts institution in High Point, North Carolina with over 5200 undergraduate and graduate students. It is affiliated with the United Methodist Church and accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. "America's Best Colleges" 2023 Edition, published in the U.S. News & World Report, ranks HPU #1 among all regional colleges in the South (the tenth consecutive year at #1). It also ranks HPU for the seventh consecutive year as the #1 Most Innovative Regional College in the South for innovative improvements in terms of curriculum, faculty, students, campus life, technology or facilities. In addition, HPU is ranked #1 for Best Undergraduate Teaching and was selected as a "College of Distinction" for the tenth consecutive year. The Princeton Review ranks HPU as one of the top 20 universities in the nation for Best College Dorm Rooms, Most Beautiful Campuses, and Best Food.

With small class sizes, the student-to-faculty ratio is 15:1. The university offers 60 undergraduate majors, 64 undergraduate minors, and 13 graduate degree programs. It is a member of the NCAA, Division I, and the Big South Conference. For more information, visit <http://www.highpoint.edu>.

## Location

High Point University is located in High Point, North Carolina, a city known for its involvement in the furniture industry. Together, the cities of Greensboro, High Point, and Winston-Salem form the Piedmont Triad, North Carolina's largest metropolitan area with more than 1.9 million people and over 20 colleges and universities. The city of High Point alone has more than 100,000 people. For more information, visit <http://www.highpoint.org/> or <http://www.visitnc.com/greensboro-winston-salem>. Both Greensboro and Winston-Salem are 20 minutes from campus. Other popular destinations and locations surrounding campus include:

| City                                        | Location               | Drive Time  | Train/Bus Time | Flight Time |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|
| Atlanta, GA                                 | 320 miles south of HPU | 5 hours     | 8.25 hours     | 1 hour      |
| Charlotte, NC                               | 75 miles south of HPU  | 1.5 hours   | 2 hours        | 40 minutes  |
| New York City, NY                           | 550 miles north of HPU | 9 hours     | 11 hours       | 1.5 hours   |
| Orlando, FL                                 | 590 miles south of HPU | 9.5 hours   | N/A            | 1.5 hours   |
| Raleigh, NC                                 | 90 miles east of HPU   | 1.5 hours   | 2.25 hours     | N/A         |
| Washington, DC                              | 325 miles north of HPU | 5 hours     | 7 hours        | 1 hour      |
| Appalachian Mountains                       | 100+ miles west of HPU | 2+ hours    | 3.25 hours     | N/A         |
| Atlantic Ocean (Myrtle Beach or Wilmington) | 225+ miles east of HPU | 3.25+ hours | 9 hours        | N/A         |

High Point is easily accessible from Interstate 40 or Interstate 85. In addition, High Point University offers complimentary shuttle service during university holidays to local airports, train stations, and bus stations, when arranged through Campus Concierge. The Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO), which provides direct flights to major U.S. cities each day, is 20 minutes from campus. The Charlotte Douglass International Airport (CLT) and Raleigh Durham International Airport (RDU) are both 90 minutes from campus, and the Amtrak train and Greyhound bus stations are both five minutes from campus.

## Fields of Study

HPU offers undergraduate courses through the Congdon School of Health Sciences, the David R. Hayworth School of Arts & Design, the Earl N. Phillips School of Business, the Nido R. Qubein School of Communication, the School of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences, the Stout School of Education, the Wanek School of Natural Sciences, and the Webb School of Engineering. Our largest majors and niche programs include Business, Communication, Biology, Education, Exercise Science, Human Relations, Interior Design, Music, and Physics. A complete listing of course offerings is available in the [online undergraduate bulletin](#).

**Restrictions.** Exchange students are not restricted in undergraduate course selection. However, some courses have prerequisites, and Music, Theatre, and Art & Design courses often require auditions or portfolios.

Currently, High Point University is not able to accept exchange students into graduate-level courses.

## Courses

High Point University offers a wide variety of coursework at the undergraduate level. To view the online course catalog, go to <http://mystuff.highpoint.edu/>. Then click on the orange "Search for Classes" button and again the blue "Search for Classes" hyperlink.

**Language of Instruction & Requirement.** Language courses are taught in the respective languages; all other courses are taught in English. As such, students are required to have a minimum English language proficiency indicated by at least one of the following:

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                  |     |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----|
| <b>TOEFL:</b>     | 80 (iBT), 550 (PBT), 213 (CBT)                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Duolingo:</b> | 105 |
| <b>IELTS:</b>     | 6.5                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>MELAB:</b>    | 77  |
| <b>TOEIC:</b>     | 700                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>iTEP:</b>     | 3.8 |
| <b>Cambridge:</b> | CAE                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                  |     |
| <b>Other:</b>     | Completion of an Intensive Language Program, completion of 2 years in an English-speaking U.S. high school, or successful completion of one semester of college study in an English-speaking country. |                  |     |

**Min/Max Number of Credits.** High Point University requires exchange students to enroll in a minimum of 12, maximum of 18, credits per term. The standard credit value at HPU is 4 credits per class with activity and some special-topics classes carrying 1-2 credits. The recommended number of credits for exchange students is 16 credits per term.

## Academic Calendar

**Fall 2023 Semester (Semester 1)**

|             |                                          |
|-------------|------------------------------------------|
| 01 JUL      | Payments Due                             |
| 16 AUG      | Arrive in Greensboro, NC                 |
| 17 AUG      | Orientation begins & accommodations open |
| 21 AUG      | Classes begin                            |
| 09 - 13 OCT | Mid-semester Break (no classes)          |
| 22 - 26 NOV | Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes)        |
| 07 DEC      | Last day of classes                      |
| 08 DEC      | Reading Day                              |
| 09 - 15 DEC | Exams                                    |

**Spring 2024 Semester (Semester 2)**

|                 |                                             |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 15 DEC (2023)   | Payments Due                                |
| 03 JAN          | Arrive in Greensboro, NC                    |
| 04 JAN          | Orientation begins & accommodations open    |
| 08 JAN          | Classes begin                               |
| 15 JAN          | Martin Luther King Day holiday (no classes) |
| 26 FEB - 01 MAR | Mid-semester Break (no classes)             |
| 29 MAR - 01 APR | Easter Holiday (no classes)                 |
| 24 APR          | Last day of classes                         |
| 25 APR          | Reading Day                                 |
| 26 APR - 02 MAY | Exams                                       |

## Nomination & Application Procedure

Partner institutions are asked to nominate students online at [HPU Exchange Student Nomination](#).

High Point University will honor the home institution's application process. Nominated students should complete the Exchange/Study Abroad Student Application for Admission. When completing the application students should have the following information/items available:

- Signed Educational Investment Costs and Refund Policy Agreement
- Home university transcript
- Copy of student's passport
- Financial Statement showing available funds in the amount of:
  - For Tuition & Fees Exchange Agreements: \$10,440 USD, to cover room, board, and additional expenses.
  - For Tuition, Fees & Room Exchange Agreements: \$6,300 USD, to cover board and additional expenses.
  - For Tuition, Fees, Room & Board Exchange Agreements: \$1,900 USD, to cover additional expenses.
- TOEFL (79)/IELTS (6.5) or other English proficiency tests results

**Nomination Deadlines**

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Semester 1 (Fall)   | March 15     |
| Semester 2 (Spring) | September 15 |

**Application Deadlines**

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| Semester 1 (Fall)   | April 15   |
| Semester 2 (Spring) | October 15 |

**Welcome Package.** A welcome package will be sent in June for Fall Term applicants and early December for Spring Term applicants.

## Cost Estimates

Most of the student activities are included in the tuition and fees, including laundry facilities, fitness centers, indoor and outdoor pools, concierge services (e.g., wake-up calls and reservations), and special events (e.g., guest speakers, concerts, performances, art exhibits, on-campus movie theatre, and on-campus arcade). Some activities (e.g., excursions, clubs, and organizations), however, require additional participation fees. These amounts vary by activity or service.

**Housing Cost Estimate.** The 2023-2024 cost for accommodations in a standard-tier dorm is \$4,299 USD per semester. Additional fees will be charged for upgraded accommodations. On-campus residence halls are furnished, but linens are not provided. During the orientation week, the Office of Global Education will coordinate opportunities for students to purchase linens and other personal items. Note: all exchange students are required to live on campus. Review [HPU Residence Life](#) for more information.

**Meal Plan Cost Estimate.** The 2023-2024 cost for board is \$4,932 USD per semester plus ~\$333 board tax. High Point University has 14 restaurants and two convenience stores located on campus that offer various food options included in the meal plan for students. Note: all students living in on-campus accommodations are required to purchase this meal plan. View [University Dining Plans](#) for more information.

**Local Transportation.** HPU Transportation offers daily campus shuttle service to all campus locations and weekly shuttle service to local shopping venues. HPU also provides regular, complimentary roundtrip shuttle service during official university holidays from the HPU campus to the Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO), the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport (CLT), the Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU), and the High Point Amtrak and Greyhound Stations.

**Personal Expenses.** Personal expenses vary per student. Depending on course schedule, book purchases from the HPU Barnes and Noble bookstore could range from \$200 USD to \$600 USD or higher per semester; however, book rentals are available at a much lower cost. Additional resources for purchasing or renting books can be requested. Some courses (e.g., fine arts and sciences) also require lab fees and/or materials.

## Health Insurance

Health insurance is required for all students at High Point University and is provided by United Healthcare for all students on an F-1 visa. Enrollment is mandatory and coverage fees, not included in the tuition, fees, room, and board structure, will be billed directly to the student's account. The plan is offered per term, with policies that run from 01 January - 31 July and from 01 August - 31 December. The rates for 2022-2023 are not available at time of printing, however, the rate for Fall 2022 was \$1,251 USD and for Spring 2024 was \$1,733 USD.

## Accommodation

High Point University has been ranked #5 by the Princeton Review for Best College Dorm Rooms. Exchange students live in an on-campus residence hall with double accommodations and shared (hall or suite-style) facilities. Students are provided 14 meals per week to use at our on-campus dining locations and \$150 Dining Dollars per term to spend in on-campus restaurants and convenience stores.

## Arrival Greeting & Pick-up

Important arrival information is updated each semester on the Office of Global Education's [Arrival & Orientation](#) website. This link will be provided to students upon their acceptance to HPU, and will detail what they need to know leading up to their arrival to High Point, NC USA through their new student orientation days. The Office of Global Education highly recommends new international students fly into Greensboro's Piedmont Triad International Airport (GSO). HPU staff will greet all students who arrive at GSO between 9:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. on the stated arrival day and will help them secure a shuttle or cab to their hotel. Specific hotel recommendations, booking links, orientation schedules, and the International Student Arrival Guide can be found on the Arrival & Orientation website.

## Visa & Residence Permit

Exchange students to High Point University are required to have an F visa for entry into the United States. HPU will provide students with a Form I-20 that is required for the F visa application at the U.S. Consulates abroad. In order to initiate the Form I-20, exchange students will be required to submit proof of financial support for the following amounts based on their home university's agreement with High Point University (all amounts in U.S. Dollars):

|                                                                                                                                   | Tuition & Fees Agreement | Tuition, Fees & Room Agreement | Tuition, Fees, Room & Board Agreement |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Tuition &amp; Fees</b>                                                                                                         | (waived)                 | (waived)                       | (waived)                              |
| <b>Room</b> (Tier 1 housing)                                                                                                      | \$4,299                  | (waived)                       | (waived)                              |
| <b>Board</b>                                                                                                                      | \$4,932                  | \$4,932                        | (waived)                              |
| <b>Board Tax</b> (billed alongside board fees)                                                                                    | \$333                    | \$333                          | (waived)                              |
| <b>Estimated Additional Expenses</b> (local transportation, books & course materials, personal spending money, medical insurance) | \$2,500                  | \$2,500                        | \$2,500                               |
| <b>Estimated Total Expenses per Term</b>                                                                                          | <b>\$12,064</b>          | <b>\$7,765</b>                 | <b>\$2,500</b>                        |

**Can students work at HPU?** On an F visa, students will be permitted to work on campus for no more than 20 hours per week. Campus jobs are extremely limited and can be hard to acquire during the spring term. Exchange students are not permitted to work off campus. Students should not rely on getting a job at HPU when budgeting for their exchange.

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