



# McMaster University

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## Financial requirement

Financial guarantee amount      There is no specific financial requirement.

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## Brief overview of the university

McMaster is a full-service university. With well-established strengths in health care, engineering, business, social sciences, science, and humanities research and education. The University offers both students and professors exciting and unique opportunities for research, education, and collaboration.

With a long-standing reputation as Canada's "most innovative" university, McMaster has pioneered a number of programs that have changed how professors teach and students learn. Problem-based-learning (PBL), pioneered at McMaster, has now spread across North America as a preferred method of instructing undergraduate students.

Through its continued dedication to innovative education and ground-breaking research, the University has earned its reputation as one of the leading post-secondary institutions in Canada. McMaster continues in its commitment to be Canada's most student-centred research university.

<http://www.mcmaster.ca/>

On January 1, 2018 McMaster was the first university to become **smoke-free** in Ontario. Please read the article published on the McMaster Daily News for more information: <https://dailynews.mcmaster.ca/article/mcmaster-to-become-tobacco-and-smoke-free-campus-january-1-2018/>

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## Academic matters

Restricted/closed Departments	All undergraduate courses at McMaster have an enrolment capacity. The University is committed to making every effort to accommodate exchange students in courses offered at Level II or Level III; however, access to Level IV courses is often reserved for students registered in the final year of specialized programs at McMaster who require such courses to meet their degree requirements. Similar course reservations also apply to some 1 <sup>st</sup> year courses. Courses offered in some programs, for example the Bachelor of Social Work and the Bachelor of Technology, are not available to students on exchange. Courses within the Faculty of Health Sciences and Department of Arts and Science are not open to exchange students. You must consult the Undergraduate Calendar to review the requisites of each course you wish to take.
Can I pre-register for classes before arrival?	Yes
If yes, please give details	Once you have selected courses for which you have appropriate background, you must ensure that they are approved by your home university. You must also contact the appropriate academic advisor of the Faculty at McMaster you were accepted in to request a requisite waiver or a seat authorization. This should be done at least two weeks prior to on-line course registration on Mosaic.
Links to detailed subject or course descriptions:	*It's important to distinguish between the academic calendar and the Master Timetable. The academic calendar lists all courses ever offered on McMasters course roster, even those that haven't been offered for years. Students should check previous year timetables to see if the course is likely to be offered in their year of exchange.

Undergraduate Academic Calendar (all course descriptions):

<http://academiccalendars.mcmaster.ca/index.php>

Undergraduate Master Timetable (actual offerings):

[https://applicants.mcmaster.ca/psp/preprd/EMPLOYEE/PSFT\\_LS/c/COMMUNITY\\_ACCESS.CLASS\\_SEARCH.GBL](https://applicants.mcmaster.ca/psp/preprd/EMPLOYEE/PSFT_LS/c/COMMUNITY_ACCESS.CLASS_SEARCH.GBL)

Mosaic (online McMaster portal): <https://epprd.mcmaster.ca/psp/preprd/?cmd=login>

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### Semester dates

For information on semester dates, please go to:

Sessional Dates : <http://registrar.mcmaster.ca/category/dates/sessional/>

Please note that dates for the following academic session do not usually go up until June.

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### Housing

Guaranteed housing?	No
If no, is on campus housing readily available?	<p>On campus housing is available and is assigned via a lottery system to <b>Undergraduate students only</b>.</p> <p>Graduate and MBA students are NOT eligible to apply for on-campus housing.</p> <p>Students must apply independently according to stated deadlines. Upon successfully submitting an application, students will be chosen randomly according to a lottery system.</p> <p>Off-campus student houses are mostly located close to campus, in a student community, and is very affordable</p>
When is housing information sent?	<p>Housing information is sent with the acceptance email. Please note that students must apply for on campus housing in early June online at:</p> <p><a href="https://housing.mcmaster.ca/residence-admissions/">https://housing.mcmaster.ca/residence-admissions/</a></p>
Link to housing website	<p><a href="https://housing.mcmaster.ca/">https://housing.mcmaster.ca/</a> – On campus housing</p> <p><a href="http://macoffcampus.mcmaster.ca/">http://macoffcampus.mcmaster.ca/</a> – Off campus housing</p>
Brief details	<p>Most students who live on campus will live in Bates Hall, an apartment style residence. Students can also easily find affordable housing off campus.</p>
Allocation process	Random lottery system

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### Application information

Nomination Deadline	Mid-March
Which month of the year are applications processed?	<p>Application Deadline: End of March</p> <p>Due to a single course registration period, McMaster is only able to accept nominations and complete exchange applications before this deadline. This deadline therefore applies to students considering exchange at McMaster for either September or January start dates.</p>
Which month of the year do you send out offer letters?	June to August

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### Immigration information

Which month of the year do you hope to send immigration documents?	June to August
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Where can I find further information about immigration?	<a href="https://www.canada.ca/en/services/immigration-citizenship.html">https://www.canada.ca/en/services/immigration-citizenship.html</a> – Citizenship and Immigration Canada
<b>Pre-arrival information</b>	
Which is your nearest airport? Do you offer an airport pick up programme?	Toronto Pearson International Airport (Largest, about 1 hour away) No.
Brief details	Our trusted provider, Airways Transit ( <a href="https://www.airwaystransit.com/">https://www.airwaystransit.com/</a> ), remains available for students to book independently for those seeking direct transport from Toronto Pearson Airport to McMaster University. Other transportation options (bus, train, car) are also available transportation options into Hamilton. Please see: <a href="http://www.mcmaster.ca/welcome/directions.cfm">http://www.mcmaster.ca/welcome/directions.cfm</a>
Do you have an orientation programme?	McMaster provides a one-day orientation session which all students are expected to attend. Prior to arriving students can choose to participate in the Mentorship program and be paired with a McMaster student who can help with pre-arrival questions. McMaster also supports an exchange club called M.I.X. (McMaster, International, and Exchange) which provides welcome week activities and offers social events throughout the year.
Is it mandatory?	No, however it is strongly recommended students attend.
How much does it cost?	Exchange Student Orientation Day – FREE M.I.X Events may have associated fees for participation, however participation is optional.
What are the dates?	First week of September or January – Students will receive exact dates prior to arrival
Link for a website for further details	<a href="https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/category/dates/sessional/">https://registrar.mcmaster.ca/category/dates/sessional/</a>
<b>Health Insurance</b>	
Do you have mandatory health insurance?	Yes
Brief details	All exchange students are charged for Ontario's University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP). UHIP is mandatory for all international students, including exchange students. For more details visit: <a href="http://uhip.ca/DefaultHome.aspx">http://uhip.ca/DefaultHome.aspx</a> Students are only exempt from UHIP if they are covered by one of UHIP's pre-approved plans. For a full list of pre-approved health plans visit: <a href="http://uhip.ca/all-about-uhip.aspx">http://uhip.ca/all-about-uhip.aspx</a> For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.msumcmaster.ca/services-directory/36-health-and-dental-insurance">https://www.msumcmaster.ca/services-directory/36-health-and-dental-insurance</a> Students will be given the opportunity to opt-out following specific requirements and guidelines. For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.msumcmaster.ca/services-directory/36-health-and-dental-insurance/opt-out">https://www.msumcmaster.ca/services-directory/36-health-and-dental-insurance/opt-out</a>
Approximately how much does it cost?	UHIP: 4 Months - \$208* 8 Months - \$416* <i>*All costs subject to change annually – process listed above are for 2018/19</i>
Can this be waived by my own policy?	UHIP is a fairly comprehensive plan. As a result, not many plans fit the waiver requirements. Please note it does not include supplemental insurance such as prescription medication, vision care, or dental care
<b>Additional costs</b>	
Do I have to pay any mandatory costs?	Yes, University Health Insurance Plan (UHIP) (see above for details)
<b>General Information</b>	

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Links to tourist information	<a href="http://tourismhamilton.com/">http://tourismhamilton.com/</a>
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Link to the Study Abroad office pages	<a href="https://iss.mcmaster.ca/">https://iss.mcmaster.ca/</a>
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**Contact details**

For Exchange Students to McMaster:	Email: <a href="mailto:macincoming@mcmaster.ca">macincoming@mcmaster.ca</a> Telephone: 00 1-905-525-9140 ext. 24254 or 26105
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