



Exchange Programs



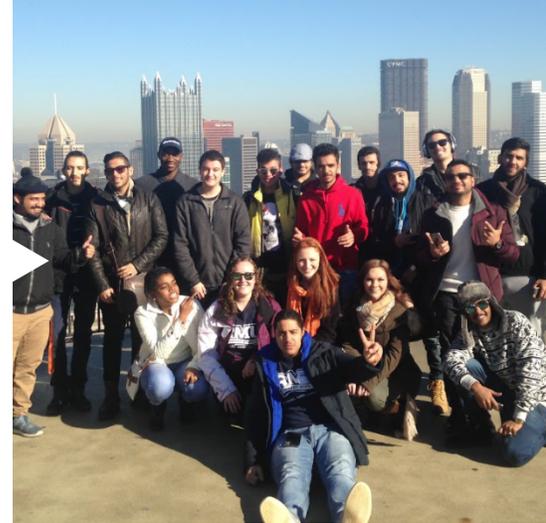
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The Basics

You'll get a **real American experience** at RMU! Our suburban campus in Moon Township gives you the quintessential US college experience, while providing the amenities of a major city just a bus ride away.



Plus, Pittsburgh is **conveniently located** within a few hours' drive of Washington, DC, Niagara Falls, and Toronto! Even New York City and Chicago are easily accessible by car, bus, or train.

Oh, and the **academics**? RMU offers 57 undergraduate majors on-campus, and we're highly accredited! RMU's School of Business is AACSB-accredited, and our Engineering and Informatics programs are ABET-accredited. We're also a Center of Actuarial Excellence!



Check out all of our accreditations at rmu.edu/accreditations!

By the Numbers

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Number of new, **state-of-the-art** academic buildings opened on campus since 2012

28

Countries represented by RMU's international students

18

Number of **Greek Life** organizations at RMU

13

Number of club sports teams at RMU, with enrollment open to exchange students!

Oh, and we have competitive **esports** teams, too!



Academics at RMU

Undergraduate Majors

School of Business

- Accounting
- Finance
- Management
- Marketing
- Sport Management
- Financial Planning

School of Engineering, Mathematics, and Science

- Advanced Medical Imaging Technology
- Early Childhood Education
- Health Sciences
- Health Services Administration
- Interdisciplinary Studies
- Middle Level Education
- Nursing
- Psychology
- Secondary Education
- Special Education

School of Informatics, Humanities, and Social Sciences

- Cinema and Photography
- Computer Information Systems
- Criminal Justice
- Cybersecurity
- Data Analytics
- Economics
- English Studies
- Graphic Design
- History
- Information Sciences
- News and Sports Communication
- Organizational Leadership
- Political Science
- Professional Writing
- Public Relations and Advertising
- Strategic Communication
- UX/UI Design

School of Nursing, Education, and Health Science

- Actuarial Science
 - Biology*
 - Biomedical Engineering
 - Environmental Science*
 - Financial Mathematics
 - Industrial Engineering
 - Manufacturing Engineering
 - Mathematics
 - Mechanical Engineering
 - Software Engineering
 - Statistics and Data Science
- *Pre-Med concentration possible

Courses for Exchange Students

Exchange students are able to take any course offered at RMU, as long as they meet the course prerequisites and there is a seat available in the course when they are ready to register. Click here for the RMU course catalog, but please note that not every course is offered every semester.

LIVING ON CAMPUS AT



RESIDENCE LIFE

More than half of RMU's students live on campus, and the Community Advisors (fellow students!) plan activities to help foster the community where you live. Choose from traditional US college housing with a roommate, live in a shared apartment, or perhaps join the Global Village, a Living Learning Community, filled with students interested in making cross-cultural connections. [Click here for more information.](#)

DINING

Exchange students participate in RMU's dining plan, which gives you unlimited access to the cafeteria and \$200 per semester to spend at other dining locations. In addition to the all-you-can-eat cafeteria with a wide variety of dining stations, there are three cafés across campus—including one in the same building as the Global Village Living Learning Community! Food options are available for students with special dietary needs, too. [Click here for more information.](#)

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

RMU offers over 100 student clubs and activities to help you get involved and meet other students! Organizations range from academic interest to performance to just for fun, like the Lego Club! Plus, events are all shared on our online platform called Revolution, so it's easy for you to find something to do.

We also have 18 different Greek Life organizations on campus, so if you're curious about joining a fraternity or sorority, you can!

GLOBAL AMBASSADORS

RMU's students love the university, and they enjoy sharing that love with new students!

Each semester, current students volunteer as Global Ambassadors to help welcome new students from around the world to RMU. These students help out at orientation and plan events for new international and exchange students during their first semester. They're often the person picking exchange students up at the airport, too!



SPORTS & FITNESS

RMU is an NCAA Division I school, which means there are always opportunities to go to a game and cheer on the Colonials! If you'd rather play, we also offer club sports and esports teams that are open to exchange students.

If you just want to keep up with your fitness, our Student Recreation and Fitness Center opened in 2017 and offers a variety of workout opportunities, including group classes—all free to RMU students!

Pittsburgh & the US

★ RMU is located in Moon Township, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Pittsburgh is consistently ranked as one of the three most liveable cities in the US by The Economist, and as of 2021, we're the 25th most liveable city in the world! We also get high rankings for safest places to live, best cities for recreation, and winningest sports towns. Click here to read more rankings!

Professional Sports Teams:

- Football: Steelers
- Hockey: Penguins
- Baseball: Pirates
- Soccer: Riverhounds
- Women's Football: Passion

Things to Do:

- Andy Warhol Museum
- Carnegie Museums of Art & Natural History
- Market Square (Christmas market and ice skating in December)
- Cultural District (home to 7 world-class venues, including a Cabaret Theater, and a tour stop on national tours of Broadway productions)

If you want to get outside of Pittsburgh, there are a lot of great locations nearby in the US and in Canada!

RMU is down the road from the airport, but if you want to travel by car, bus, or train, we're within 8 hours of almost every city on this map (Boston is 10 hours away). Lake Erie is a short drive away, too! A road trip through the US is a great way to see different parts of the country.



Application Process

1

Nomination by Home University

Your advisor at your home university should email your nomination to RMU.

2

Student submits RMU's application materials

- Online application form
- Financial statement
- Proof of funds
- Official transcripts, translated into English
- Proof of English ability
- Copy of passport

3

Student applies for J-1 visa

RMU will mail you a document called a DS-2019, which you will need to apply for a J-1 visa. You will need to fill out a form DS-160 and schedule a visa interview appointment with your nearest US Embassy or Consulate. The visa application process is slightly different in each country, so if you have questions, reach out to your RMU advisor for clarification!

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Finalizing plans at RMU

- Provide your list of desired courses
- Complete a housing contract
- Complete a health form
- Submit payment for room, board, and dorm damage deposit
- Provide either proof of required insurance or submit payment for RMU's insurance plan
- Share flight details so we can arrange airport pickup

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Student attends visa interview, receives J-1 visa, and flies to the US!

**CHECK
YOUR
EMAIL!**

We will communicate with you through email to let you know of the next steps in the application process. It is important for you to check your email regularly and to respond to our emails so that we can make this process as smooth as possible for you.

More detailed information about application materials can be found here on our Exchange Student webpage!

Important Dates

FALL SEMESTER

Nomination Deadline: March 20th

Student Application Deadline: April 1st

Academic Calendar:

- Late August:
 - Arrival at Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT)
 - Orientation
 - First Day of Classes
- No Classes:
 - Labor Day (first Monday in September)
 - Entire week of Thanksgiving (fourth Thursday in November)
- Mid-December:
 - Final Exams

Nomination Deadline: October 15th

Student Application Deadline: November 1st

Academic Calendar:

- Early January:
 - Arrival at Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT)
 - Orientation
 - First Day of Classes
- No Classes:
 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (third Monday in January)
 - Spring Break (one week, usually early March, halfway through semester)
 - Spring Holiday (coincides with Good Friday)
- Late April or Early May
 - Final Exams

SPRING SEMESTER

Important Note:

We can typically work with students who are nominated/apply after the deadlines listed above! However, those students may need to have more flexibility with their course selection and will need to work quickly to apply for their J-1 visa.

[Click here to view the complete academic calendar for the current year.](#)

Contact Us

The RMU **Center for Global Engagement** is your home away from home in the US. (Literally--our office is in a house!) We're here to support you every step of the way, from the application process, to arrival and orientation, to succeeding academically, and even to returning back to your home country. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions you may have! We're also available by **video call** if you would prefer to speak to us 'face-to-face.'



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- **Exchange student website:**

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