

# THE NEW SCHOOL

## Exchange Program Fact Sheet

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[The New School](#) is a progressive university with its main campus in New York City. We are the only university to house a world-renowned design school, liberal arts college, performing arts college, and legendary graduate programs. The Parsons Paris campus of The New School offers students an atelier-like setting from which to explore heritage brands and traditions, new technologies, and a host of art, design, and business partners in Europe and beyond. Students collaborate across disciplines and learn new ways of creative problem solving to effect positive change in the world.

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<b>Exchange Procedure Overview</b>	Students who wish to study on exchange at The New School must be nominated to do so by their home institution, which must have an active exchange program partnership agreement with The New School for the anticipated student exchange period. Upon nomination, students will be invited to complete an online application and to submit required supporting documentation. When a complete application has been submitted and reviewed, an acceptance notice will be issued to the exchange student to confirm admission by The New School into the exchange program.																																																												
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<b>English Language Requirements</b>	<p>The language of instruction at The New School is English for all programs, and all Exchange Students must demonstrate minimum English language proficiency. A TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, Duolingo, or Cambridge score is required for all international applicants and for students whose native language is not English. The New School does not require TOEFL, IELTS, PTE, and Duolingo scores* for applicants who have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attended a secondary school where English is the primary language of instruction for a minimum of three years</li> <li>▪ Successfully completed two full semesters of non-ESL college-level expository writing</li> <li>▪ Earned a four-year degree from a U.S. college or university or from a university where English is the primary language of instruction (minimum of three years' attendance)</li> </ul> <p>*Note: Upon application review, the Office of Admissions may require submission of an English proficiency test score for further evaluation.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="349 1039 1510 1335"> <thead> <tr> <th><i>Minimum Score Requirements</i></th> <th>TOEFL</th> <th>IELTS</th> <th>PTE</th> <th>Duolingo</th> <th>Cambridge</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>College of Performing Arts: Mannes School of Music</td> <td>79</td> <td>6.5</td> <td>53</td> <td>105</td> <td>176</td> </tr> <tr> <td>College of Performing Arts: School of Drama</td> <td>100</td> <td>7.5</td> <td>68</td> <td>120</td> <td>191</td> </tr> <tr> <td>College of Performing Arts: School of Jazz and Contemporary Music</td> <td>79</td> <td>6.5</td> <td>53</td> <td>105</td> <td>176</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts</td> <td>100</td> <td>7.5</td> <td>68</td> <td>120</td> <td>191</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New School for Social Research</td> <td>100</td> <td>7.5</td> <td>68</td> <td>120</td> <td>191</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parsons Paris</td> <td>92</td> <td>7</td> <td>63</td> <td>115</td> <td>185</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parsons School of Design</td> <td>92</td> <td>7</td> <td>63</td> <td>115</td> <td>185</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Schools of Public Engagement (Undergraduate)</td> <td>92</td> <td>7</td> <td>63</td> <td>115</td> <td>185</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Schools of Public Engagement (Graduate)</td> <td>92</td> <td>7</td> <td>68</td> <td>115</td> <td>185</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<i>Minimum Score Requirements</i>	TOEFL	IELTS	PTE	Duolingo	Cambridge	College of Performing Arts: Mannes School of Music	79	6.5	53	105	176	College of Performing Arts: School of Drama	100	7.5	68	120	191	College of Performing Arts: School of Jazz and Contemporary Music	79	6.5	53	105	176	Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts	100	7.5	68	120	191	New School for Social Research	100	7.5	68	120	191	Parsons Paris	92	7	63	115	185	Parsons School of Design	92	7	63	115	185	Schools of Public Engagement (Undergraduate)	92	7	63	115	185	Schools of Public Engagement (Graduate)	92	7	68	115	185
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<b>Academic Program/Course of Study</b>	<p><b>Course/Credit Registration Requirements</b> Exchange Students register for a full-time course of study, which includes at minimum 12 credits (about 4 classes) for undergraduate students and 9 credits (about 3 classes) for graduate students per semester. Additional credit requirements may apply in accordance with the exchange agreement between The New School and the student's home institution. International exchange students are also subject to possible additional credit/study requirements associated with their U.S. student visa status.</p> <p><b>Course offerings/Class availability</b> Exchange Students must be attached to the specific program of study determined by the exchange agreement established between The New School and their home institution. Exchange Students are restricted to available classes in that program only, unless otherwise granted permission by The New School. Exchange Students must seek permission to register for courses outside of their program. While students may enroll in nearly all classes offered for their program, not all courses are open to Exchange Students, and some may impose academic or other prerequisites. See <a href="#">The New School Course Catalog</a> for specific course details.</p> <p><b>Academic Transcripts</b> Following the end of the exchange program, The New School will issue an official academic transcript, which will note the student's course information, final grades, and number of credits earned. Earned credits and final grades noted on transcripts are determined in compliance with The New School's <a href="#">grading and academic policies</a>. Exchange Students should consult with their home institution for any details concerning how courses, grades, and credits will qualify toward academic requirements at the home institution. Exchange Students may request electronic copies of their academic transcript for free or in hard copy to be mailed at a small fee to have their transcripts sent to their home institution. See <a href="#">Transcripts</a> for more details.</p>																																																												

<b>Academic Advising</b>	Exchange Students will be assigned an Academic Advisor after acceptance into their exchange program. The advisor works with the student to assist with registration for appropriate coursework and provide academic guidance during the program of study.
<b>Academic Integrity/Code of Conduct</b>	The New School maintains high <a href="#">standards of academic and student conduct</a> . All members of the university community are expected to exhibit honesty and integrity in their academic work. Exchange students should become familiar with <a href="#">university policies</a> to understand their rights and responsibilities.
<b>Health Insurance and Immunization Requirements</b>	<p><b>Health Insurance Requirements</b> All exchange students studying at the NYC campus must be enrolled in a health insurance plan that provides health coverage in NYC for the duration of their program. Students will be automatically enrolled in and charged for <a href="#">The New School Student Health Insurance Plan</a>. Students who have an alternative health insurance may <a href="#">request a waiver exception</a> to waive enrollment in The New School Student Health Insurance Plan.</p> <p><b>Immunization Requirements</b> In accordance with New York State Public Health Law, exchange students studying at the NYC campus must provide documentation of their immunization against measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) and provide a Meningococcal Meningitis response on the immunization form. All Exchange Students must submit the proper <a href="#">immunization forms</a> to the <a href="#">Office of Student Health Services</a> and may not be able to register for courses until doing so.</p>
<b>Housing Accommodations</b>	<p><b>New York City Campus</b> All university residence halls and housing facilities are managed by The New School's <a href="#">Office of Housing and Residential Education</a>. To apply for housing at the NYC campus, exchange students must have received the acceptance notice and New School ID number (N plus eight digits). Students with any disability needs may submit disability accommodation requests to the <a href="#">Student Disability Services (SDS)</a> office so that appropriate housing accommodations may be assigned.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> All students must apply for housing by the Priority Deadline noted on the Office of Housing and Residential Education website to be guaranteed a housing assignment in a residence hall. After the Priority Deadline, housing assignments are not guaranteed. Housing applications cannot be processed until housing deposits have been received, and the housing application is not first come, first served. In the application, students will be asked for preferred building and room type; however, assignments are made on the basis of other factors, such as personal profile questions.</p> <p><b>Paris Campus</b> A variety of accommodations options are available for students at the Paris campus. See <a href="#">Parsons Paris Housing</a> for details.</p> <p><b>Off-campus Accommodations</b> Exchange Students may live in <a href="#">off-campus housing</a>. The New School can provide tips and resources to help students in this process but is unable to endorse any specific off-campus housing accommodation or guarantee any housing selection or placement. Students are advised to be aware of scams, not to send any money before viewing an accommodation, and to be careful providing any personal or financial information to a third party or other agent.</p>
<b>Student Disability Services</b>	The New School's <a href="#">Office of Student Disability Services (SDS)</a> is committed to helping students with disabilities obtain equal access to academic and programmatic services. SDS assists students with disabilities in need of academic and programmatic accommodations as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Exchange Students are encouraged to reach out to SDS for any disability support.
<b>Visa Support</b>	The New School's office of <a href="#">International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS)</a> provides advising and assistance to all international students with the U.S. student visa process. Upon acceptance to the exchange program, exchange students will receive instructions in their acceptance notice to complete an <a href="#">I-20/DS-2019 application</a> with ISSS in order to apply for a <a href="#">J-1 exchange visitor visa</a> (required for students who do not already have lawful status to study in the U.S.). Issuance of a DS-2019 is required to apply for a J-1 visa, and exchange students are encouraged to begin the I-20/DS-2019 application with ISSS immediately upon receiving the acceptance notice. Exchange Students who already have lawful status to study in the U.S. may email ISSS at <a href="mailto:iss@newschool.edu">iss@newschool.edu</a> for further advisement.
<b>Arrival and Orientation</b>	All students will participate in a required orientation program in the week prior to the start of classes. The orientation program consists of a weeklong schedule of activities to assist new students in acclimating to the campus, their academic program of study, and New York City. For more details, see the Orientation section of the <a href="#">New Students webpage</a> .
<b>Required Fees</b>	<p>Exchange Students are not charged for tuition by The New School. Each Exchange Student will be responsible for paying, where applicable, any course, materials or special fees associated with individual courses, as well as any applicable <a href="#">university fees</a> ("Additional Fees") including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ University Services Fee</li> <li>▪ Orientation Fee</li> <li>▪ International Student Fee (<i>NYC campus students only</i>)</li> <li>▪ Global Campus Fee (<i>Paris campus students only</i>)</li> <li>▪ Health Insurance (<i>unless eligible for waiver</i>)</li> <li>▪ Housing and meal plans (<i>if participating in on-campus housing or meal plans</i>)</li> </ul> <p>Additional Fees and any other charges incurred (including but not limited to damage costs) by the Exchange Student will be billed directly to the student for the amount due, and transcripts may be withheld until the outstanding balance is resolved.</p>

<b>Nomination and Application Deadlines</b>	<p>Nomination Deadlines for Exchange Partner Institutions for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall semester (August through December) – Second Monday of April</li> <li>• Spring semester (January through May) – Second Monday of October</li> </ul> <p>Application Submission Deadlines for Exchange Students for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fall semester (August through December) – Second Monday of May</li> <li>• Spring semester (January through May) – Third Monday of October</li> </ul>
<b>Application Process Details</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Exchange Student’s home institution submits exchange nomination details to The New School’s <a href="#">Study Abroad Office</a>, which confirms the student’s nomination and shares the details with The New School’s Admissions Office.</li> <li>2. The Exchange Student will next receive an email from The New School’s Study Abroad office to the student’s email address provided by the home institution with an invitation and instructions to submit the New School Exchange Student Application. When submitting the online application form: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Students must attach a copy of the academic transcript from their home institution.</li> <li>b. Students must provide evidence of minimum English language proficiency test scores, unless otherwise exempt.</li> <li>c. Students may indicate on the application their preferred courses for their exchange study period. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Find details of the courses currently offered at <a href="https://courses.newschool.edu">https://courses.newschool.edu</a> by selecting The New School college or school associated with an exchange program in the ‘College/School’ search filter.</li> <li>ii. Enrollment in all courses may be subject to pre-requisites, academic permission, registration minimums, and other requirements.</li> </ol> </li> <li>d. Students must upload a Statement of Purpose essay (375-750 words) written in English.</li> <li>e. For applicable programs, students must submit portfolio or audition materials.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Complete applications will be reviewed and processed by The New School’s Admissions office, and the exchange student will receive an official admissions decision letter with further instructions to confirm their intent to enroll at The New School.</li> <li>4. Upon receiving their admissions decision letter, the exchange student must confirm their enrollment by following the instructions in the letter. After confirming, the student will proceed with class registration and prepare for participation in the exchange study program. The student may also proceed to apply for a <a href="#">DS-2019</a> in order to <a href="#">obtain a J-1 exchange student visa</a>.</li> </ol>
<b>Exchange Student Profile</b>	<p>Exchange Students to The New School should be independently motivated and possess intercultural competence to help them adapt to life in a new country, study in a new school, and engage with a diverse community both at The New School and in New York City. Students should have demonstrated academic success in their home institutions and primary area of study, as evidenced by their previous grades and academic achievements (typically has earned the equivalent of an A or B grade average in their current institution), and possess a desire to engage in transformative and progressive learning at The New School’s college/school hosting their exchange program of study. Students are also encouraged to contribute their own global perspectives and experiences to our university community.</p>
<b>The New School College Profiles</b>	<p><b>College of Performing Arts</b>  The <a href="#">College of Performing Arts</a> (CoPA) is a progressive artistic center, housed within The New School, where students can hone their craft, collaborate across disciplines, and become a ground-breaking artist. Here performing arts students work across disciplines to become a force of new artistry. Established in the fall of 2015, The New School’s College of Performing Arts brings together <a href="#">Mannes School of Music</a>, the iconic 100-year-old conservatory; the legendary <a href="#">School of Jazz and Contemporary Music</a>; and the innovative and groundbreaking <a href="#">School of Drama</a>. Here students can move between disciplines and test the limits of their artistry as they reinvent tradition, engage with social issues, and develop the entrepreneurial skills needed to become 21st-century performers. Personalized training from world-class faculty helps them develop their creative and technical skills and their identity as artists and citizens.</p> <p><b>Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts</b>  The New School’s <a href="#">Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts</a> is an academic space that defies tradition. Our approach to liberal arts education was born out of The New School’s vision to transcend intellectual boundaries and reimagine academic norms. At Lang, we challenge students to think critically and be accountable for their own scholarly development. We allow students to tailor their curriculum to their interests and study a range of disciplines within the ecosystem of The New School. Students will immerse themselves in primary texts rather than textbooks, work closely with engaged and forward-thinking faculty, and be part of a community that’s committed to transformative learning. Students will also connect their academic work with project-based learning initiatives that allow them to understand their work in a real-world context. To succeed at Eugene Lang College of Liberal Arts, students need to be academically minded students who can think critically and enjoy reading and writing. Eugene Lang College courses are seminar courses, so students need to be comfortable with speaking in class.</p> <p><b>New School for Social Research</b>  The <a href="#">New School for Social Research</a> (NSSR) is a graduate institution in the heart of New York City. It generates progressive scholarship and historically grounded education in the social sciences and philosophy. Interdisciplinary <a href="#">centers and institutes</a> housed at The New School for Social Research provide further opportunities for deep inquiry and innovative collaborations, particularly at the intersection of social theory, policy, and design. The New School for Social Research believes that research and pedagogy should advance economic justice, promote an understanding of change, and train the next generation to influence public debate. Its commitment to progressive values, academic freedom, rigorous scholarship, and critical theory in the tradition of the Frankfurt School lies at the heart of The New School’s history and draws upon the vital legacy of the University in Exile.</p>

**Parsons Paris**

Established in 1921 as the first American art and design school in Paris, today [Parsons Paris](#) is a university community of students and acclaimed faculty who apply creativity and intellectual rigor to the demands of an evolving world. Parsons Paris students are designers, artists, and scholars who learn to responsibly and purposefully apply the transformative capacity of design. Our international community of students immerse themselves in the acclaimed Parsons curriculum while experiencing the heritage and forward-looking entrepreneurial culture of Paris. Guided by distinguished faculty, Parsons Paris students are committed to tackling the challenges of an evolving world with creativity and intellectual rigor and becoming leaders in the global economy.

**Parsons School of Design**

For more than a century, [Parsons School of Design](#) (Parsons) has been inspired by the transformative potential of design. Today, the school's groundbreaking academic programs carry forward that mission, making Parsons the number one design school in the U.S. and among the top three globally. At the heart of a comprehensive university — The New School — Parsons draws on a range of academic fields to deliver a uniquely interdisciplinary education enriched by the resources of its home in New York City and branch campus in Paris. Here, the next generation of creative leaders engage in real-world learning and develop as critical thinkers and makers grappling with the pressing issues of our time. Parsons students are designers, artists, and scholars who learn to apply the transformative capacity of design responsibly, creatively, and purposefully. Our diverse community of students and faculty explore multiple sites and scales of engagement, from on-campus research initiatives to partnerships that bring about change in New York and in the world.

**Schools of Public Engagement**

The New School's [Schools of Public Engagement \(SPE\)](#) programs connect theory to real-world practice, training students to study social ecologies, create new forms of culture, and respond to contemporary challenges around the world. Whether students are studying at [Milano School of Policy, Management, and Environment](#), the [School of Media Studies](#), the [Julien J. Studley Graduate Programs in International Affairs](#), or another SPE academic department, students can pursue academic, creative, and professional goals while studying and working alongside a network of collaborative and progressive individuals. Our programs reflect the diverse ways in which higher learning can be meaningfully put to use in the world. International affairs, creative writing, public and urban policy, media studies, management and entrepreneurship, and language learning and teaching are just a few of the fields positioned at the crossroads of design and social research. Students at the Schools of Public Engagement should be animated by the urgency of the impossible—courageously dedicated to generating ideas that transcend contemporary approaches to change.