Chatham University
Office of International Affairs
Exchange Student Brochure
Dear Prospective Exchange Students,

We hope you will become a member of Chatham University, an institution with a rich history, a strong academic program and a truly beautiful campus. We at the Office of International Affairs (OIA) look forward to meeting you and working with you during your study abroad experience here at Chatham University. To make your experience enjoyable, positive, and memorable, we are here to support you every step of the way.

OIA is your office. Every team member at OIA is either a former international student or has studied abroad and has a deep understanding of what each of you will experience while studying in the U.S. Hence, we hope that you will feel comfortable contacting us before you arrive and visiting us with any concerns that you may have once you arrive.

The following pages in this document provide an overview of what Chatham is, what Chatham offers, what to expect, and what you will experience. I encourage you to take the time to review this document.

Please do not hesitate to contact the members of the OIA with any questions that you may have.

Again, we hope to welcome you to the Chatham family and we are looking forward to meeting you.

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Chatham University, in the heart of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is made up of Chatham College for Women (our undergraduate women’s college), the College for Graduate Studies (for men and women), the School for Sustainability and the Environment (for men and women), and the College for Continuing and Professional Studies (online programs).
Why Chatham?

◊ Getting a full-immersion experience in North America
◊ Becoming more independent
◊ Getting to practice English everyday in both a social and a classroom setting
◊ Developing global friendships
◊ Increasing your employment prospects because of your international experience
◊ Opportunity to do an internship
◊ Beautiful and historical campus and residence halls and apartments
◊ Small classes and personal attention
◊ Join in Chatham University traditions

International and Domestic Students at Global Mixer

Students pumpkin carving in fall
Winter fun on campus

Life at Chatham

Students taking part in one of Chatham’s Winter Traditions—Candlelight and Eggnog
Intensive English Language Program

The ELP offers intensive instruction in five levels. Students take courses in listening/speaking, reading, writing, grammar, and/or American culture. Students at the advanced levels have the opportunity to take mainstream academic courses together with ESL courses. Exchange students may also register for Physical Education or Music Classes.

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6 month English Language Program

In the fall semester students that classes with other ELP students. In spring semester, students take intensive 8 week classes in listening/speaking, reading, writing, and American culture. Students also register for a Physical Education or music class.

“During 6 months, I did a lot of things in the US. I visited as many places as I could, ate a lot of American foods, chatted with many new friends, and so on... During the Thanksgiving holiday, I visited my roommate’s house. One day, I talked with her mother about the classes at Chatham University and my dream. Then, she told me that my English was getting better than the first day. At that time, I felt so happy and I could realize that my English skill is improving.” – Himawari
Exchange Student Programs of Study

Academic Exchange

Students take classes with Chatham undergraduate and/or graduate students. Students may also take Advanced level ELP classes. Students may register for between 12 –18 credits in fall and spring semesters and up to 5 credits in the three week Maymester term. Students may take classes in the following fields at Chatham:

- Accounting
- African-American Studies
- Art History
- Arts Management
- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Botany
- Business
- Chemistry
- Communications
- Creative Writing
- Criminology
- Economics
- Education
- English
- Environmental Science
- Environmental Studies
- Environmental Writing
- Exercise Science
- Film and Digital Technology
- Global Policy Studies
- History
- Integrative Health Studies
- Interior Architecture
- International Business
- International Studies
- Management
- Marketing
- Mathematics
- Media Arts
- Music
- Policy Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Policy Studies
- Social Services Administration
- Social Work
- Visual Arts
- Women's Studies
- Writing
Pittsburgh has easy access to world famous cities and attractions like Niagara Falls, New York, Boston, Washington D.C., Philadelphia and Frank Lloyd Wright’s Fallingwater.

Located in Western Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh is consistently named the “most livable” city in the U.S. by Places Rated Almanac and is also considered one of the safest cities in the country. Pittsburgh has a rich history as a steel town, but in the past decades has transformed into a center of education, technology, health care, and global corporations.
Life in Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh is a cosmopolitan city with the charm and hospitality of a small town. Chatham University is bordered by two Pittsburgh neighborhoods Shadyside and Squirrel Hill and lies just east of the student friendly neighborhood of Oakland, home of the University of Pittsburgh. Students are within walking distance of dozens of cafes, restaurants, bars, movie theaters, and grocery stores. Pittsburgh’s largest park, Frick Park, is within two miles of campus. Downtown Pittsburgh is only five miles west, and since a Chatham ID serves as a free bus pass, students can easily get anywhere in Pittsburgh they want to go.

Some of the many attractions in Pittsburgh include the Andy Warhol Museum, the Carnegie Museum of Art and Natural History, the Cathedral of Learning, the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium, PNC Park, Heinz Field, Kennywood Amusement Park, Point State Park and many concert venues. Information about being a student in Pittsburgh is available at the http://www.studentguidetopittsburgh.com/.
Life at Chatham

Chatham University Students exploring Washington, D.C.

Chatham students enjoying the city skyline from Mt. Washington
International students being proactive on campus by taking part in volunteer activities, sports events, and Maymester events on campus.

Orientation—International Exchange Student Orientation starts the first week of January. At international student orientation, there will be information about:

- Registering for Classes
- Tutoring
- Residence Life
- Tours of Campus and transportation
- Introduction to Campus Resources
- Student activities

On campus Resources -
- Access to the Athletic and Fitness Center (AFC)
- Dining Services
- Information Technology (IT) and Network Resources
- JKM Library
- Student Health Services
- Transportation including the Bike Collective, Shuttle Service, ability to ride Port Authority buses and the Safe Rider for free.

Academics and Internships:
- English Language Program Tutoring Center
- Subject Tutoring
- Internships
- One on one academic advising

Immigration
- Students enter U.S. as J-1 exchange Visitors
- Students may work in the U.S. after exchange program. (please contact our office for more information.)
Priority Application deadline is March 15th for students starting in summer, June 1st for students starting in the fall, October 1st for students starting in Spring

Application for Exchange Students
Copy of passport
Copy of transcript/mark sheet
Recommended TOEFL scores for academic exchange only students:
   550 for paper-based  or 79 internet based
Recommended TOEFL scores for combination academic and ELP students
   500 for paper-based  or 60 internet based
Proof of funding .
List of academic classes student wishes to take

Please mail all application packages to:
Exchange Student Admission
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Contact your International Office to apply.

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