Colgate University Exchange Program
2016-2017

Application Materials

Undergraduate students from Xiamen shall forward the following information to the School of Economics at Xiamen by September 1, 2016:
- the application form for the exchange program;
- a copy of the candidate's academic record at the home institution (i.e., transcript);
- an essay written by the candidate explaining why he or she has applied to the exchange program and his/her educational objectives;
- a recommendation from the exchange program director and the candidate's academic advisor or previous professor;
- for Xiamen students, their iToefl or Gaokao score or equivalent;
- a copy of the passport

Colgate University is a highly selective residential liberal arts university. With small classes, a strong emphasis on faculty-student interaction, and a residential community valuing all forms of intellectual rigor, we help students become thoughtful, critical thinkers and perceptive leaders. Colgate University offers 54 majors in the humanities, natural sciences, social sciences and interdisciplinary programs; student enrollment is approximately 2,900 undergraduate students each year. The campus is located in the idyllic, small town of Hamilton in central New York State and is known as one of the most beautiful college campuses in the United States.

Colgate is located in Hamilton, New York which is one hour from Syracuse, New York and 4 hours from New York City. Hamilton was recently named one of America’s most friendly towns.

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Requirements

Students must meet English proficiency requirements as established by the host institution. It is preferable that Xiamen students submit an official TOEFL or Gaokao score to be admitted to Colgate.

In addition, depending on availability, applicants will be asked to participate in an informal interview to assess their speaking abilities and their interests in participating in the exchange program.

Courses

A normal course load at Colgate is four courses. A full list of course offerings is here. At Colgate, Xiamen students must enroll in at least one course in the arts or the humanities, consistent with a liberal arts education. In addition, Xiamen students at Colgate are allowed to take no more than two Economics courses in a semester.

Housing and meals

Exchange students may live in college apartments, college houses, or townhouses. These options include both traditional-style housing options and interest housing; details can be found here. Xiamen students at Colgate will be billed for their housing by Colgate. One semester of on-campus housing at Colgate typically costs $3,000. Xiamen students may be required to purchase a meal plan while at Colgate (depending on the residence hall in which they will reside). During extended academic recess (i.e.: holidays, winter and spring break periods, etc.), housing and meal expenses shall be borne by each individual exchange student.

Student life

Xiamen students at Colgate will have full access to campus activities and facilities. We have state-of-the-athletics facilities and sporting events. There is a plethora of resources on campus to help you remain active. From racquetball and squash courts, to the Glendening Boathouse on Lake Moraine, you have no shortage of opportunities. More details can be found here. Colgate also offers literally hundreds of opportunities to get involved in clubs and organizations on campus. Exchange students will also be part of a larger international student community at Colgate. For more information, go here.

Costs

Students will be responsible for payment of their own round-trip international travel, textbooks, and all other personal costs at Colgate. Health insurance is required and can be purchased through Colgate.