



Eugene Lang College

The New School for Liberal Arts

Exchange Program Information

The University

Eugene Lang College is a four-year college that is part of The New School, a private university in New York's Greenwich Village, founded by progressive American educators in 1919. The New School offers innovative undergraduate and graduate study in the humanities and social sciences, design, management, and the performing arts.

Eugene Lang College

This four-year liberal arts college for traditional-age students was established in 1985 with the help of a generous gift from philanthropist Eugene Lang. The mission of the college has been and is to foster critical thinking, social responsibility and cross-cultural understanding. At the heart of Eugene Lang College is a deep commitment to a liberal education that reaches across and beyond traditional areas of study in all its majors, minors, and interdisciplinary programs: the Arts (dance, music theater, visual art, arts in context), Civic Engagement, Culture and Media, Economics, Education Studies, Environmental Studies, Ethnicity and Race, Foreign Languages, Gender Studies, Global Studies, History, Interdisciplinary Science, Jewish Studies, Liberal Arts, Literary Studies, Philosophy, Psychology, Politics, Religious Studies, Social Inquiry, and Urban Studies.

Described by the *Princeton Review* as the best college in the country for encouraging debate and discussion, Lang's rigorous curriculum is based on a seminar approach to teaching and learning. The vibrant cosmopolitan world of New York City is our campus. The vast intellectual and cultural resources of this city are integrated into the curriculum at every level—in the classroom and out into the city itself through partnerships, internships, and civic engagement programs. Students from across the country and around the world come to Eugene Lang College to study with a world-class faculty, intern at prestigious institutions, and immerse themselves in the world of Greenwich Village and New York City. There are currently approximately 1,350 students at Lang. They are taught by more than 150 faculty members, 90 percent of whom hold a PhD or equivalent degree.

Academic Calendar

Exchange students are eligible to attend Eugene Lang College for either a semester or a full academic year (two semesters, fall and spring). The fall semester is scheduled from late August through mid-December, and the spring semester is scheduled from late January through mid-May. Visit the New School's website for the full academic calendar (www.newschool.edu/student-services/registrar/academic-calendar/), including specific semester dates and holidays.

Admission to the Exchange Program

To apply for the exchange program at Eugene Lang College, you should meet the following criteria:

- A matriculated student in good academic and disciplinary standing at your home institution
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in a standard 4.0 U.S. scale (equivalent to a B average)
- At least sophomore (second year) status by the time your exchange program begins
- Approved by your home institution for the exchange program with The New School

Speak to a study abroad advisor at your home institution to learn more about the application and selection process.

Courses and Registration

To see course offerings by semester, visit www.newschool.edu/lang/courses. Lang offers a large selection of courses every semester and access to select courses offered by other divisions of The New School. Most Lang courses are structured as seminars, with an average of 18 students in a seminar. Some courses incorporate practice-based activities (labs, studio work, civic engagement, etc.). Formal course prerequisites may be waived for visiting students, but be sure you have the necessary background before selecting a particular course. Courses offered by other divisions of the university may require special permission for a visiting student to enroll. A Study Abroad advisor at Eugene Lang College assists exchange students with course selection and registration.

Most exchange students visiting Lang College register during new student orientation (late August for fall semester and mid-January for spring semester) with the exception of exchange students from American University of Paris, who register in advance with special assistance and course selection procedures.

Course Credits

Exchange students are expected to enroll full time, defined as at least 12 credits per semester. Full time study is required for all international students as a condition of the visa. The normal Lang course load is 16 credits per semester (usually 4 courses). Students from American University of Paris, University of Amsterdam and Sarah Lawrence College are permitted up to 19 credits per semester; for students from John Cabot University, the limit is 17 credits per semester.

Course Grades

The New School uses the 4.0 grading scale standard in the United States. Students are assigned a letter grade A through F for each course. The numerical values for each letter grade are calculated as A (4.0), B (3.0), C (2.0), D (1.0) and F (0). An exchange student's home institution must confirm the minimum grade required to transfer credits for courses taken at Lang.

Academic Transcripts

Approximately 4 weeks after the end of each semester, the New School Registrar will automatically mail an academic transcript with final grades to the home institution of every exchange student.

Housing

The opportunity to live in New York City, immersing yourself in a new culture, is fundamental to the educational experience of an exchange student. The New School has secure and comfortable residence halls in or near its Greenwich Village campus. The university housing office can also assist students who wish to find housing outside our residence halls. Visit Housing & Residence Life (www.newschool.edu/student-services/housing/residences/) for more information about housing options, rates and fees, and other information. The priority deadline for housing applications is July 1st for the fall semester and December 1st for the spring semester. To apply for housing online, you must:

- 1) Have confirmed your attendance at Eugene Lang College by submitting the Candidate Reply form
- 2) Have received a New School ID number and account information for the university information portal, MyNewSchool; note ID numbers are indicated in your acceptance letter
- 3) Pay the \$250 housing deposit when you submit the online housing application through MyNewSchool

Depending on the residence hall and room assignment (single, double, triple), housing costs in 2013 range from \$6,950 to \$9,000 USD per semester. If you accept a room assignment, you must sign a housing contract for the entire semester. If you cancel after the cancellation deadlines of July 1 (fall semester) or January 1 (spring semester), you will forfeit the deposit of \$250 USD and a percentage of the room charge that will increase until the final cancellation deadline of August 29 or January 20. Complete information about housing cancellation and refund policies is published on the link above for "Housing Rates and Fees."

Meal Plans

Meal plans are optional in the residence halls where exchange students are usually assigned, but you may wish to consider purchasing New School "Dining Dollars" for use at university dining facilities and select establishments in

the neighborhood. Dining facilities also accept cash. Refer to the website for Meal Plans (www.newschool.edu/student-services/meal-plans/) for more information.

New Student Orientation

All new visiting students in the exchange program are expected to attend the New Student Orientation, scheduled the week before classes begin each semester (www.newschool.edu/student-services/newstudents, select “On-Campus Students”). Plan your arrival in New York City to coincide with move-in dates published by University Housing and the orientation. At orientation, you will be acquainted with resources, services and opportunities available to you at The New School and in New York City. **Note:** All international students must also check in and attend a special orientation program hosted by International Student Services. Students visiting from John Cabot University and University of Amsterdam select their courses and register during orientation week.

Fall 2013: Housing Move-In August 16 / Orientation August 19 – 23 / Classes begin August 26

Spring 2014: Housing Move-In January 19 / Orientation January 21 – 24 / Classes begin January 27

Health Insurance and Health Services

All students enrolled at The New School are charged a standard Health Services Fee of approximately \$300 USD per semester. This entitles you to services of the Student Health Center, which include basic medical and gynecological services, counseling services, and health education programs, and a basic Accident Insurance Plan.

In addition, all undergraduate students have general health insurance coverage valid in the United States, either a family or personal insurance policy or student insurance purchased through The New School. We strongly recommend that international exchange students participate in the New School health insurance plan. If you have insurance, contact your provider to verify the extent of your international coverage. All students are automatically enrolled in the New School Health Insurance plan when they register each semester and charged accordingly. The current premium is approximately \$1,021 USD for fall semester and \$1,498 for spring/summer (*based on current rates for 2012-2013*). If you have proof of comprehensive medical insurance valid in the United States comparable to what is offered by The New School, you can waive this charge. A complete explanation and a waiver form can be found online at www.newschool.edu/student-services/health.

Student Visa

Students who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents must obtain a student visa before they arrive in the United States. If you are a visiting student through an exchange program, Eugene Lang College will include directions in your admission letter so you can complete the forms you’ll need to obtain a DS-2019 authorization to apply for a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa. You apply for the J-1 visa at a U.S. consulate or embassy in your home country (refer to <http://www.usembassy.gov/>). The visa application process varies from country to country, and processing time may vary considerably. We recommend you contact the local consulate as soon as you receive notice of admission. The U.S. government monitors visas through the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), and charges a processing fee for student visa applications (\$180-\$200 USD; subject to change). The SEVIS processing fee is payable online at www.fmjfee.com by credit/debit card, international money order, or a check denominated in U.S. currency.

Remember to bring the following documents to the consulate for your visa interview:

- A signed and dated original Form DS-2019 (or I-20)
- Your letter of admission from The New School
- A valid passport and an additional recent passport-size photograph
- Proof of payment of the SEVIS processing fee
- Original or certified copies of financial documents* (with translations, if necessary)
- Proof of ties to your home country

*If you are participating in an exchange program, you pay your college tuition and fees to your home institution. The financial documentation you will need to provide at your visa interview is proof of resources sufficient to cover your basic living expenses for the months you will be in the U.S., including personal/family resources and/or financial aid from your home institution. For more information about visas and other documents, visit International Student Services (www.newschool.edu/student-services/international/students/) on the New School website or contact a counselor at ISS@newschool.edu.

Cost of Attendance

All students participating in the exchange program remain matriculated at their own institutions. If you are attending Eugene Lang College as an exchange student, you will be charged the standard tuition and fees by your home institution for your semester(s) on exchange. You should retain your normal financial aid award from your home institution, and if you normally have some balance of tuition payable, you will have the same obligation while on exchange. The New School application fee and admission deposits are waived.

Charges other than tuition, including housing and health insurance, will be billed by The New School and payable directly to The New School. If you drop courses or withdraw from the exchange program at any time during the semester, you will be subject to the refund policies of your home institution for tuition charges and to the refund policies of The New School for housing and other charges billed by The New School.

All exchange students are responsible for their own travel expenses, local transportation, textbooks, course supplies, and incidental personal expenses. If any financial obligations are incurred at The New School, such as library fines or room damage fees, these must be resolved before The New School will issue your grade transcript.

Estimated costs of attendance are provided below for 2012-2013 as reference:

Tuition	<i>Charged by Home Institution</i>
Housing (On-Campus)	\$7,472 USD per semester
Food & Meals	\$1,500 USD per semester
Books & Supplies	\$468 USD per semester
Personal Expenses	\$1,000 USD per semester
Health Insurance Fee	\$1,021/1,498 USD per semester
Health Services Fee	\$295 USD per semester
SEVIS Processing Fee	\$180-200 USD (International Students Only)

For general information about other costs of attendance, refer to the website for Student Financial Services (<http://www.newschool.edu/student-services/student-financial-services/cost-of-attendance/>).

Other Important Information

www.newschool.edu/student-services/international/resources-faqs/ offers useful information about immigration rules, employment, banking, cell phone providers, government-issued IDs, and tax obligations, in addition to academic support, English language assistance, and other resources to ease the cultural transition.

www.newschool.edu/studentservices/newstudents/on-campus.aspx?s=1 offers useful information for all new students. In particular, refer to the link "Things You Need to Know," and the PDF document "Planning for Your Arrival." The latter provides helpful information about local climate and clothing needs, New York City airports, packing recommendations, and shops, book stores, and other resources in the New School neighborhood. The Related Links menu accessible from "Things You Need to Know" takes you to PDF documents about nearby hotels, travel directions to The New School, and the *Official New York City Guide*.

For general questions, contact

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