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The New American Colleges & Universities
Student Exchange Program

Dear Students:

A question I often hear is: “What are The New American Colleges and Universities and why is my campus a member?”

Twenty of the most innovative educational institutions nationwide belong to The New American Colleges and Universities consortium. These institutions have long histories of academic excellence and are today recognized in higher education for leading a distinctive movement that combines study in the liberal arts and sciences with professional preparation and civic engagement. Your institution is one of these leaders.

Learning at a New American college or university extends beyond traditional boundaries of instruction. Your education is enriched through service learning, extra-curricular activities, residential life, and community projects. In and out of the classroom you are challenged to think critically, to reflect on what you are learning, and to apply that knowledge to real-world situations. This commitment to connecting theory to practice distinguishes these institutions from most others.

Through short- and long-term off-campus study opportunities, students at our campuses usually spend time away from their home institutions, exploring different geographical, cultural, and educational climates. They graduate with a more confident view of what they can accomplish professionally, knowing that they have the skills, knowledge, and experience to make it happen.

The New American Colleges and Universities Student Exchange is a valuable way to enrich your educational experience. It is also an excellent way to enhance your résumé. Working together our colleges have streamlined the process of spending a semester at another campus. As you explore the opportunities, I invite you to contact your campus Student Exchange representative, whose name is on the back cover of this brochure, or my associate, Ian Bagley, at ianbagley@newamericancolleges.org.

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New American Colleges and Universities **Student Exchange**

Through The New American Colleges & Universities Student Exchange you can spend a semester at one of twelve campuses nationwide.

Why consider a semester at another college or university? Perhaps you want to take courses not offered on your campus, expand upon an aspect of your major area of study not available in your department, study with a professor who shares your interest, experience a different geography and climate, secure the perfect internship to build your résumé, engage in community service projects in a specific area of the country, or meet new people. The Exchange is a great way to expand your horizons without losing touch with your home institution. It is also a valuable way to enrich your résumé with opportunities and experiences that may not be available on your home campus.

What are some of the opportunities available?

Opportunities are extensive. Many include field study, internships, and special projects.

Every college city or town has special characteristics that can make it a robust learning laboratory.

One value of a national consortium is that it provides educational opportunities in locations and cultures that may be different than that of your home campus community.

Here are
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No matter how extensive the curriculum that is offered at your home campus, there are some courses that may not be available.

The benefit of a consortium such as The New American Colleges and Universities is that a vast array of studies and experiences is available for you to discover.

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If you attend an institution in a suburban or rural location, consider making the city your classroom by enrolling in North Central College's *Chicago Term*, Wagner College's *New York City Semester*, Arcadia University's *Philadelphia Semester*, or Ithaca College's *Washington Semester*. Through coursework, fieldwork, and internships, you will learn about the opportunities and challenges of high-density, high diversity, urban centers.

You may be a music major who wants to learn more about the business end of the industry with a semester in Music City, USA. Belmont University in Nashville is your answer.

Or you may be an African-American or American Studies major who is fascinated with the roots of the civil rights movement. A semester at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama where you will have access to the archives and museum at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (www.bcricri.org) and the shrines of the movement is an extraordinary opportunity.

Interested in both ecology and winter sports? Think about a semester in Salt Lake City, Utah. Westminster College sits where the Rocky Mountains shake hands with the Great Basin Desert, and the Great Salt Lake is right there to reflect them. Combine days on the slopes and fieldwork at the Great Salt Lake with courses that help you understand earth systems and global change processes in an integrative and interdisciplinary manner.

Chemistry majors might want to explore the rapidly growing field of forensic science by taking forensic chemistry courses at The University of Scranton.

Communications, physics and math majors might want to learn more about weather prediction by taking courses in one of the largest geography and meteorology programs in the country at Valparaiso University.

Art or architecture students might want to experiment with interior design by taking courses

in interior design at The Sage Colleges in Albany, NY. Interior design, engineering, and art students might want to learn more about architecture at Drury University.

No matter what your major is, Elon's focus on experiential learning provides a rich backdrop for learning through active participation in social justice projects. Courses in ethnography, strategic writing and communications research provide rare opportunities to hone skills that could be invaluable for your future.

The following pages begin to describe some of the opportunities. There are specialized programs at some institutions, and open choices through the regular semester offerings at others. Some institutions give you a choice of both. Almost all provide you a chance to pick and choose among courses that most interest you and that will add value to your academic program and to your résumé.

You will want to look carefully through the courses at the participating institutions to see which ones might provide the best opportunities for you. Some courses will require prerequisites, which are usually indicated on the college's website.

And of course, all New American Colleges and Universities are committed to our mission—just like your home institution—meaning you still receive a top-quality education that connects theory to practice and thought to action, no matter where you are.

How does the exchange work? The NAC&U Student Exchange works seamlessly between your institution and the one you choose to attend for a semester. From applying to transferring credits, the processes are streamlined and efficient. You get to experience another college or university setting without the hassle of taking a leave of absence, or transferring. Credits are fully transferable, though it is always advisable to check your final course selections with the registrar at your home institution.

What does it cost? Whatever you pay for a semester or term at your home institution is what you will pay for your semester on The Exchange. You pay your tuition directly to your home institution. Your financial aid remains intact. You may incur additional costs if the program you choose includes special equipment or travel, and you would know this before you enroll. Room and board costs are paid to your host institution. Some but not all of the programs require you to live on campus, which is a good way to meet people and get quickly involved in campus activities. There is an enrollment fee of \$250, which you will pay to the host campus once you decide to enroll.

How can I learn more?

Go to the New American Colleges & Universities website for links to the individual websites of each college: www.newamericancolleges.org.

Browse through the websites to see the courses that are available during the semester that interests you.

Talk with your campus Student Exchange representative (see back cover), email the NAC&U Study Away Coordinator, Ian Bagley (ianbagley@newamericancolleges.org), and look for us on Facebook!

Program Descriptions

Arcadia University

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | *Both Semesters*

www.arcadia.edu

Are you the next Andy Warhol? A graffiti master? Want to combine foreign and domestic study as you immerse yourself in a new culture? Do you know secrets about the Continental Congress and early Americana? Interested in Hispanic heritage in growing U.S. cities? Explore the history, urban landscape, arts, and diverse neighborhoods of Philadelphia while experiencing campus life at Arcadia University. Arcadia's *Philadelphia Semester* moves the classroom into the city. You will explore everything from the National Constitution Center to the Ben Franklin Institute to Philadelphia's world famous murals. Specialty courses include: *Philadelphia Then and Now*, *Hispanic Philadelphia*, and *Philadelphia ART: Museums, Public Art and Murals*. Explore languages and cultures in the Philadelphia region, connecting with local Guatemalan families, participating in service-learning projects and completing a semester-long course that includes travel to Guatemala during spring break.

Belmont University

Nashville, Tennessee | *Both Semesters*

www.belmont.edu

Do you know American music through and through, down to the bluegrass, honky-tonk past of rock and roll? Have a head for business? In the heart of Nashville, Belmont University is known for cutting-edge integrative programs like Music Business, Social Entrepreneurship, and Religion and the Arts. These programs not only bring the arts and the community to the classroom, but also help you to develop the skills necessary to work in an array of fields after graduation. In addition to the musical world, you may select courses in a diversity of majors from Asian Studies to Writing. Belmont promotes experiential learning, and faculty is committed to creative, engaged coursework that moves from campus to community, from collegiate to professional life, and back again.

Drury University

Springfield, Missouri | *Both Semesters*

www.drury.edu

Want to trompe le monde? If you're the globe trekker sort, Drury University will deepen your awareness of the politics of globalization and allow you to focus on a particular area, such as the Middle East or Asia. Drury's Global Perspectives 21 curriculum offers a broad selection of courses that examine globalization, world cultures, and contemporary ethical issues, such as environmental ethics, the Arab-Israeli conflict, and comparative genocide. Drury's new Bob and Dorothy Jo Barker Forum on Animal Ethics provides a venue for meaningful applied ethical reasoning. You can develop spatial and cultural engagement in Drury's nationally acclaimed Hammons School of Architecture, one of the very few accredited professional schools of architecture that emerged from and continues to privilege its roots in the fine arts. Drury's unique location, cosmopolitan but nestled in and tied by their mission to the natural beauty of the Missouri Ozarks, provides a unequalled living/learning experience for students interested in environmental sciences and advocacy, and is home to the Ozarks Center for Sustainable Solutions, a home for applied environmental research and policy. Students can enact their commitments to thinking globally and acting locally in every class at Drury University.

Elon University

Elon, North Carolina | *Spring Semester Only*

www.elon.edu

Like to get in the middle of an issue and pursue it from all sides? Elon University is recognized nationally for being a campus where students are encouraged to become activity involved in the learning process, to push boundaries, see the world from a variety of angles, and ask tough questions. A semester at Elon can be designed to meet different interests and goals, ranging from a focus on service, where you will hone your skills in leadership, political engagement, and social entrepreneurship, to an immersion in technical theatre in the nationally renowned performing arts department, to courses and field work in ethnography, a method of studying the social and cultural dimensions of human interaction. From the moment you step on to Elon's beautiful campus, whether in a classroom service-learning course, backstage in the costume/scene shops and design studio, or in the field for an ethnology class, your four months in North Carolina will be four of the most valuable and enjoyable of your college education.

Ithaca College

Washington, DC | *Both Semesters*

www.ithaca.edu

Find yourself drawn to political drama? Want to see policy being made and talk with those who are making it or even run for political office someday? Excited about spending days wandering through the Smithsonian, the Library of Congress, or the National Gallery, or attending hearings on healthcare reform? Regardless of your major, the Ithaca D.C. semester has something for you. A semester to study, intern, and live in Washington, D.C. is an education in and of itself. The Washington semester emphasizes the integration of academic and experiential learning and civic engagement, just like on your home campus. Academic courses and internship opportunities make use of the many resources available in the D.C. area, providing a unique opportunity to study the history, politics, art and architecture generated in our nation's capital. Internships and academic courses and seminars involve field trips to government offices and national landmarks. You will live with other students at the Boston University Washington Center, on Connecticut Avenue, one block south of the National Zoo and one block north of the Woodley Park/Zoo/Adams Morgan Metro station.

North Central College

Naperville and Chicago, Illinois | *Fall Term Only*

www.northcentralcollege.edu

Want to learn why Norman Mailer called Chicago "the last of the great American cities?" North Central College offers The Chicago Term: An Urban Experience—a combination of academic courses, internships, and field experiences at the hub of one of the most vibrant and historically significant cities in the United States. Through this program, you will cover all things Chicago: arts, business, public policy, Windy City politics, intercultural communication, the local media, and the relationship between leadership styles, ethics, and engaged citizenship. You will explore the city of Chicago along with members of North Central's distinguished faculty and learn about its history, architecture, institutions, neighborhoods, and culture. You will complete linked courses in the heart of Chicago's "Loop" in combination with an internship that provides the best fit between your interests and the city's resources. You'll also enjoy the resources of North Central College's dynamic Naperville campus with its vibrant local downtown in a community identified as one of the nation's "Best Places to Live."

Samford University

Birmingham, Alabama | *Spring Semester Only*

www.samford.edu

Interested in the history of the Civil Rights Movement? Want to experience first hand the city where the apogee of the movement took place in April of 1963--when thousands of men, women and even children, took to the streets of Birmingham to demand "Freedom Now!" You can choose from a number of courses on Civil Rights at Samford University and through the Birmingham Area Consortium of Higher Education at UAB and Birmingham Southern College. You may also access the archives and museum at the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (www.bcri.org) and visit the shrines of the movement in Birmingham and Alabama: the 16th Street Baptist Church, Kelly Ingram Park, the Edmund Pettis Bridge in Selma, the martyr's trail from Hayneville to U.S. 80, and the Rosa Parks Museum in Montgomery. This is an exceptional opportunity for students with interest in American Studies, African-American Studies, sociology, museum studies, and history.

The Sage Colleges

Albany, New York and Troy, New York | *Both Semesters*

www.sage.edu

Are you the next Creative Director in the publishing world? Interested in getting a leg up for a future in consulting? The I.Think curriculum at Sage College of Albany integrates academic programs and encourages creative, team-based approaches to problem solving among students and faculty. This interdisciplinary approach offers exposure to all fields in the School of Professional Studies—Business and Management, Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Communications, and Information Design. If you are interested in Gender Studies, Russell Sage College in Troy is one of the only women's colleges in the country that still requires a robust women's studies curriculum. In two specific courses, students come to understand how women throughout history have struggled, adapted, changed, and flourished. Russell Sage College encourages women to take risks, discover their strengths, and apply what they have learned.

The University of Scranton

Scranton, Pennsylvania | Both Semesters

www.scranton.edu

Are you interested in being more and not just doing more? If so, then consider joining the engaging community of students and faculty at The University of Scranton. A Scranton education is about you, just as you are—*cura personalis*. With nearly 60 undergraduate majors and scores of minors and concentrations, Scranton is ideal for finding just the right match for your area of interest. Its core curriculum is rooted in the liberal arts and served by outstanding and engaged faculty in three colleges: the College of Arts and Sciences, Panuska College of Professional Studies, and Kania School of Management. A Jesuit institution located in Pennsylvania's scenic Pocono Northeast, Scranton's campus is minutes from shopping, skiing, hiking and biking in the heart of "The Electric City."

Valparaiso University

Valparaiso, Indiana | Both Semesters

www.valpo.edu

Are you a classical musician? Have a sixth sense for solar cycles and changing barometric pressure? Want to become a television weather forecaster? Interested in the study of Buddhism and serious about learning Chinese? At Valparaiso deepen your knowledge of meteorology, 19th and 20th Century American art, television communications, Johann Sebastian Bach, and Chinese Studies. Located near the Indiana Dunes/ Lake Michigan shore, Valpo offers art students a chance to work with the curator of the *Brauer Museum of the Art*, music majors the ability to participate in the *Bach Institute*, and environmental science and engineering undergraduates the occasion to work closely with world renowned researcher, Professor Robert Palumbo. Meteorology or communications majors can sharpen their presentation skills in the state-of-the-art weather forecasting studio, a part of the prestigious meteorology program. Humanities students may choose to study at one of the oldest and most respected honors colleges in the United States, *Christ College*. To top it all off, Valpo has a *Confucius Institute*, a rare gem that allows students to concentrate on the study of Chinese language, culture, and art with Chinese nationals who are master scholars in the field.

Wagner College

Staten Island, New York | Spring Semester Only

www.wagner.edu

How's this for your morning commute? Jump on the free Wagner shuttle bus, ride ten minutes down the hill to the Staten Island ferry terminal, walk onto the free ferry to Manhattan, pass Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, disembark at the tip of Manhattan, only steps from Wall Street, and proceed to your internship. Wagner's New York semester takes a bite from the Big Apple, allowing you to jump-start your experience with a course on the Future of the City, a smattering of additional tailored classes just for you, and an internship of your design in the bustling metropolis. Your studies center around the position of New York as a world city, including exploration of its economic, political, social, and cultural characteristics. Outside of your studies, regardless of your co-curricular interests, you'll be primed and ready to check out the endless bounty of people, culture, history, sports, and entertainment in NYC! At the end of the day, or night, you will be delighted to hop back on the ferry and return to Wagner's 105 tree-filled acres, which offer breathtaking views of New York Harbor, and make for a great place to live and study. Enjoy the best of two worlds in one semester!

Westminster College

Salt Lake City, Utah | Both Semesters

www.westminstercollege.edu

Are you an environmental activist? A fan of winter sports? Want to enrich your business degree with specialized classes in aviation management? Then a semester at Westminster is ideal! The College's prime location, next to the Rocky Mountains and Salt Lake City, plays a major role in undergraduate study and student life. You'll be just five minutes from downtown, where you can find the Utah Jazz, REAL soccer, and great internship opportunities. Mountaineering and skiing/boarding are easily accessible, and you will be highly encouraged to explore the area's ecology either as part of coursework, or on your own. In the spring semester, you can combine academic coursework with participation in once-in-a-lifetime winter sport experiences through the College's Winter at Westminster program. As an added bonus, you'll have access to year-round world-class, mountain recreation at seven major resorts just 30 minutes away.

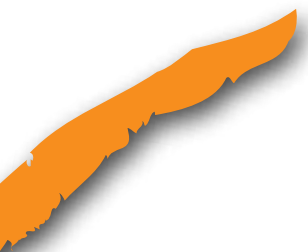
Step-by-Step Guide

Interested in participating in the New American Colleges & Universities Student Exchange? Here's what to do!

1 To begin, contact the New American College and University Student Exchange representative at your school (see back cover), to discuss your options for studying at a participating institution, and how it might fit your areas of interest and your academic program.



2 Fill out the Student Exchange application, which you can find online at **www.studyaway.org**.



3 Return the completed application to the NAC&U Student Exchange representative at your institution in advance of the application deadline. Be sure to include the required signature of your advisor, a letter of support from a Faculty or Staff member, and a list of courses at the host institution that interest you.

Deadlines are:

November 1, 2009

For Spring 2010 Exchange Programs

March 1, 2010

For Fall 2010 Exchange Programs

The Student Exchange representative will send your application to the institution in which are you interested. *Remember: space is limited, so apply early.*

4 Notification of the decision on your application should arrive within one month.

5 Upon acceptance into the Student Exchange, you will be asked to sign a confirmation form indicating your intention to participate in the program. This form, along with an enrollment fee of \$250.00 made out to the host institution, must be sent to the Student Exchange representative at the host institution by the date indicated on your admission letter. A copy of the form should also be given to the Student Exchange representative on your campus.

6 Once admitted, you will pay your regular tuition to your home institution, and any financial aid will apply as usual. Room and board charges are those of the institution at which you will be studying and will likely be paid directly to that institution. For some specific programs, additional fees may be required if the program includes additional travel or equipment.

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