



Northern Michigan University

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Student Exchange Information

2025/26

About Northern Michigan University

Northern Michigan University, located in Marquette, Michigan, is a dynamic four-year, public, comprehensive university that has grown its reputation based on its award-winning leadership programs, cutting-edge technology initiatives and nationally recognized academic programs. NMU is home to over 7,000 students and is one of the most affordable universities in Michigan. NMU ranks among the safest public universities in Michigan and in the United States.



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Application Procedure

Nominations:

Nomination from the home institution is required. The nominated student(s) will receive a link to the application and all supporting documents. The completed application must be submitted by the following deadlines:

Nomination Deadline	Application Deadline	Course Selection Deadline*
Fall Term: May 1 Winter Term: September 1	Fall Term: June 1 Winter Term: October 1	Fall Term: June 15 Winter Term: October 15

More information on the application process can be found [HERE](#).

**Note: Course selection will be done via email.*

Application Requirements:

Incoming students must have completed a minimum of two semesters at their home university. Applicants must meet NMU's English Language Proficiency requirement. Please see below for acceptable English test and minimum scores:

- TOEFL: 61 iBT/173 CBT/500 PBT
- IELTS: overall score of 6.0
- ITEP: overall score of 3.7
- Duolingo: overall score of 95

Academic Information

Academic Calendar



Fall Term 2025

International Orientation: August 20-22, 2025
Start of Classes: August 25, 2025
Semester Break: November 22-28, 2025
Exam Period: December 8-13, 2025

Winter Term 2026

International Orientation: January 7-9, 2026
Start of Classes: January 12, 2026
Semester Break: March 2 - 6, 2026
Exam Period: April 27- May 2, 2026

Course Information

Students can find available NMU courses in the [Course Search](#). Course registration requests must be sent to Lila Isleib by email (liisleib@nmu.edu) by the deadline listed above.

Some courses may have prerequisite requirements. Most classes are available to students with the exception of nursing and education courses.

To search for available courses view this link www.nmu.edu/bulletin/courses-introduction

****Final Course Registration will take place during orientation week.***

Course and Grading Information

All courses are delivered in English. A full-time course load is 12-16 credits; 12 credits is the minimum study load and 16 is the maximum.

NMU uses letter grades which are assigned a numerical value. Grade reports called transcripts, are not mailed to students at the end of each semester. Students can access their grades on the NMU website.

Students can request transcripts be sent to their home institution at the end of the semester or their time at NMU. These can be sent either electronically or by mail.

Housing



The Woods

The Woods consist of three residence halls, which has six buildings. All have four floors with a central corridor connecting them to the Northern Lights Dining Facility. There are classrooms, study spaces, and a 24/7 front desk in the facility.



The Dorms

The Dorms consist of 6 residence halls. Each hall is comprised of smaller communities, called houses, of about 45 students each. These houses share the hall identity, but have their own personalities, expectations, traditions, governments, and activities.



Apartments

The Apartments house more than 650 members of the campus community in its well-maintained apartments and townhouses. The on-campus apartments feature one, two, and four-bedroom units.

NOTE: To live in apartments, students must be 21 years or older or have completed at least 56 credits

You can find more information about each housing option [HERE](#).

NMU Housing fills up quickly! It is important to apply for housing as soon as possible!

Additional Information

Visa Information

A J-1 visa is required for all exchange students.

Health Insurance

All international students and their dependents must enroll in a [health insurance plan](#) designed for them by NMU, which will provide full and continuous coverage through a U.S. based insurance company.

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Certification of Finances

Cost of Attendance

All estimated costs are in U. S. Currency. NMU tuition and fees are waived for full exchange students.

Fee-paying students, please see Scholarship section.

NOTE: These estimated costs are for Undergraduate Students only. New tuition fees are not posted until June of each year for the next fiscal year.

	Academic Year	Semester
Tuition & Fees	Waived	Waived
Room & Board	\$13,810	\$6,905
Books & Supplies	\$530	\$265
Health Insurance	\$1,750	\$875
Personal Expenses	\$2,614	\$1,307
Total	\$18,704	\$9,352

Superior Experience Scholarship

The Superior Experience Scholarship is for **fee-paying** students from our partner universities who are not able to attend on the full tuition waiver exchange semester. More information is available [HERE](#).



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Information about Marquette

Arrival Information

Sawyer International Airport (airport code – MQT) is located just 18 miles south of campus (30 minutes via car).

Airport Pickup is available through the International Programs Office.

Taxi services are also available through the following Marquette area companies:

Checker Cab: <https://checker-transport-of-marquette.business.site/>

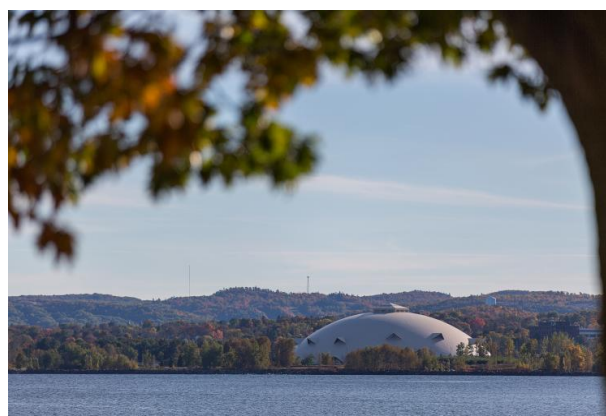


Climate in Marquette

The Upper Peninsula of Michigan is known for the beautiful four seasons. It is a popular destination for outdoor recreation enthusiasts.

Students should bring a variety of clothing, including a warm jacket for seasonal climate differences. If the student is arriving for the winter semester, please note that they may need a winter coat and boots for the semester.

- Fall semester temperatures can vary from 23.4 to -1.6 (Celsius).
- Winter semester temperatures can vary from -3.9 to 15.2 (Celsius).



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