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INTRODUCTION

The University of Rochester is one of America’s leading private research universities. It consistently ranks among the top in federally financed science, engineering, medical, and other research. Along with this rigor, the University of Rochester operates on a personal scale, creating exceptional opportunities for undergraduate research, close work with faculty, and interdisciplinary study. The unique Rochester Curriculum invites students to study what they love with focus and flexibility. Through individual and collaborative efforts, our students and faculty improve themselves, each other, and our shared learning environment in the process.
Encompassing the swift Genesee River and its six waterfalls, the City of Rochester is an urban setting with a relaxed suburban feel.

Rochester has grown since 1840 as a corporate, tech, and college town whose warm and diverse residents are never bored. The city’s hot spots include the Memorial Art Gallery, Kodak Hall, three professional sports venues, the National Museum of Play, and the George Eastman House, a photography museum that attracts scholars from all over the world.

Rochester fostered the motion picture film industry, abolition, and the women’s rights movement. Rochester’s economy is dynamic with thousands of specialized, profitable firms in fields like optics and health equipment and technology. Residents have easy access to Lake Ontario beaches, Erie Canal recreation, and a vast greenbelt of gardens, parks, and summer festivals.
AREAS OF STUDY

Popular Areas of Study:

Full list: www.rochester.edu/college/academics/majors.html

African & African-American Studies  Film & Media Studies
Anthropology  Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies
Audio & Music Engineering  Health, Behavior & Society
Biomedical Engineering  International Relations
Brain & Cognitive Sciences  Language, Media & Communication
Chemical Engineering  Linguistics
Chemistry  Mathematics
Computer Science  Mechanical Engineering
Creative Writing  Neuroscience
Dance  Optical Engineering
Data Science  Philosophy
Digital Media Studies  Physics & Astronomy
Economics  Political Science
Electrical & Computer Engineering  Psychology
Environmental Science  Religion
SEMESTER DATES

FALL 2023

Arrival: TBD
Classes Begin: August 30, 2023

Orientation: August 22-30, 2022
Classes End: December 13, 2023

Orientation details: www.rochester.edu/College/orientation/
Final Examinations: December 17-22, 2023

SPRING 2024

Arrival: TBD
Classes Begin: January 17, 2024

Orientation: TBD
Classes End: April 30, 2024

Orientation details: www.rochester.edu/College/orientation/
Final Examinations: May 5-11, 2024

For a complete academic calendar, including University holidays, visit: www.rochester.edu/registrar/calendar.php
STUDENT ENROLLMENT

UNIVERSITY-WIDE
12,000+ Students

Full-Time:
Undergraduate: 6,000+
Graduate: 3,000+

Part-Time:
Undergraduate: 200+
Graduate: 1,000+

DIVERSITY

Male: 49%
Female: 51%
Non-binary: <1%
Black: 5%
Native American: <1%
Hispanic/Latino: 6%
Asian American: 8%

White, non-Hispanic: 42%
International: 31%
Multiracial: 2%
Unreported: 6%
STUDENT LIFE

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

90%  
Students involved in clubs and organizations  
300+  
Student organizations

GREEK LIFE

21%  
Students participating in Greek life  
17  
Fraternities  
17  
Sororities

SPORTS

23  
Varsity sports teams

CAMPUS HOUSING

90%  
Students living in campus housing

RESEARCH

77%  
Students involved in undergraduate research
FACILITIES & HOUSING

FACILITIES

The University of Rochester's River Campus has one large gym, an outdoor stadium, five libraries, and more than twenty computer labs including departmental labs.

HOUSING

Residence halls with shared rooms, compulsory meal plan, some self-catered apartments, as well as single rooms (not guaranteed). Exchange students are placed according to availability. Most residence halls are within walking distance from campus. Others are served by University shuttle. More information can be found on the Residential Life website: www.rochester.edu/reslife. Exchange students are expected to live in on-campus housing. If you wish to live off-campus, please contact the Center for Education Abroad (abroad@rochester.edu) to discuss an exception.
COURSES

During the application process, students will be informed about registration, which will be completed before arrival. After arrival, students will have four weeks to modify their schedules.

Language of Instruction:
English

Credit Load:
Typically 16 credits (usually 4 courses)
Minimum credit load: 14 credits
Maximum credit load: 19 credits

Restrictions:
School of Medicine and Dentistry courses and most courses at the Simon School of Business are not available.

Enrollment in Eastman School of Music courses, graduate courses, and independent studies is possible upon faculty approval.

Grading Scale:
https://www.rochester.edu/bulletin/policies/academic/grading/

Course Listings:
cdcsrc.ur.rochester.edu  (Select school:  Arts, Sciences an Engineering. Search by semester and subject)
COSTS

ESTIMATED COSTS PER SEMESTER

*Exact amounts are to be determined.

Estimated Direct Costs:
(Charges will appear on your term bill)
Mandatory health fee: $378
Health insurance: $1,746
Room and board: $9,016
International student fee: $53
Campus Mail Box: $35

Estimated Indirect Costs:
(Out-of-pocket expenses)
Personal: $540
Books: $655
REQUIREMENTS & DEADLINES

REQUIREMENTS
Minimum GPA:
3.0 minimum out of 4.0 (equivalent letter grading)

Prior Study:
Must have completed at least one full year of course work at home university.

English Proficiency (When necessary):
Duolingo English Test: 130
IELTS: 7.5
TOEFL iBT or iBT Home Edition: 100

DEADLINES
Home University Nomination Deadline:
Fall semester and full-year: March 1
Spring semester: October 1

Application Deadline:
Fall semester and full-year: March 15
Spring semester: October 15
Learn more: www.rochester.edu/college/abroad/exchange-students
RESOURCES

Bursar’s Office:
www.rochester.edu/adminfinance/bursar

International Services Office:
iso.rochester.edu

Student Health Insurance (REQUIRED):
www.rochester.edu/uhs/primary-care/mandatory-health-fee/

In some cases, health insurance can be waived. See information here:
www.rochester.edu/uhs/primary-care/mandatory-health-fee/insurance-criteria/

All students are charged the Mandatory Health Fee.

Support Services:
University Counseling Center:
www.rochester.edu/ucc

Learning Center (offers study groups and tutoring):
www.rochester.edu/college/cetl

Disability Resources:
www.rochester.edu/disability/
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