INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER STUDENT
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The following is a list of questions frequently asked by International Transfer Students. Throughout this document, Northern Michigan University is referred to by its initials, NMU.

1. **How do I apply to NMU?** - For a complete description of admission requirements and a link to the online application, go to: [https://www.nmu.edu/internationalprograms/node/207](https://www.nmu.edu/internationalprograms/node/207).
   Requirements include:
   a. $30.00 application fee
   b. Have your current transcript sent to NMU *(Note: if you have earned 12 or more college-level credits from a U.S. accredited institution, you are not required to submit a high school transcript or TOEFL/IELTS score)*
   c. A new certification of finances in the amount of $26,937

2. **What does it cost to attend NMU?** - To attend the fall and winter semesters, your costs would be approximately as follows: (based on 2013-2014 tuition)

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<th>One year (Two semesters)</th>
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3. **How do I know what credits will transfer to NMU?** – NMU has online credit transfer information for students in U.S. community colleges. Visit our “Credit Transfer” website at [http://www.nmu.edu/admissions/credittransfer](http://www.nmu.edu/admissions/credittransfer) to learn how your current credits will transfer to NMU. Typically, students who transfer to NMU with an Associate’s degree can earn their Bachelor’s degree in just two years.

4. **How do I transfer my I-20 to NMU?**
   a. Once you are admitted to NMU you will be mailed and e-mailed your admissions letter and a “transfer clearance form.” Bring a copy of your admissions letter and your transfer clearance form to the DSO at your current institution. The DSO there must complete the form and fax it back to NMU at 906-227-2533.
   b. After you complete your current semester, your DSO will transfer your SEVIS I-20 to Northern Michigan University DET214F0009000.

5. **Is there any financial assistance available to international transfer students?**
a. Yes, there is a NMU Award for Global Ambassadors available for international students who transfer to NMU with an overall grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher will receive the award, which reduces their tuition. This reduction can amount to a savings of US$2,200 per fall semester, US$2,200 per winter semester, or US$1,000 per Spring/Summer semester. The student must maintain their full-time status and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher to continue to receive the NMU Award for Global Ambassadors. A student can receive this award a maximum of 6 semesters.

6. **What is “Compulsory” Health Insurance?** - “Compulsory” means you must purchase the health insurance offered by NMU. This policy is for basic coverage only. You may want to obtain a more comprehensive health insurance policy in addition to this policy.

7. **Is NMU a safe campus?** - Yes, NMU provides a safe environment. Being a medium sized campus, located in a city of 23,000 people, in a rural part of Michigan, the crime rate is very low.

8. **Do I need a car to attend NMU?** - No, NMU is a small campus in a small town and many students at NMU do not have cars. Students are able to travel around campus and town without a car. Having a car and the required insurance significantly adds to the cost of attending college in the U.S.A. With your NMUID you can ride the NMU campus bus for free.

9. **How many students are at NMU?** - There are approximately 9,200 students at NMU.

10. **What is the typical class size?** - The typical lecture class size is approximately 25 to 30 students per instructor, and lab class size approximately 10 to 15 students per class.

11. **Are the international students at NMU active?** - Yes, the international students at NMU are well organized and have several active clubs, including the All Nations Club. The high point of the annual activities is the International Food Festival that the public is invited to experience. In addition, student groups meet many times throughout the year for various activities.

12. **Where is NMU located?** - NMU is located in the northern mid-west region of the U.S.A., in the northern part of Michigan on the southern shore of Lake Superior, the largest freshwater lake in the world. Marquette is served by two major airline hubs: Detroit, Michigan, 750 km and Chicago, Illinois, 640 km.

13. **Does NMU have adequate housing for students?** - Yes, NMU has adequate housing on campus for all students. All NMU students are required to live on campus until they are either: a) 21 years of age; b) Junior academic standing; or c) lived on campus a total of four semesters.

14. **Can I work while attending NMU?** – International students are eligible to work on campus for up to twenty hours per week. The rate of pay varies for each job, but they will always meet or exceed Federal Minimum Wage standards. Visa restrictions prohibit international students from working off campus for an employer other than the university.

15. **Where can I obtain additional information about NMU?**

   Northern Michigan University  
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   Web: [http://www.nmu.edu/ipo](http://www.nmu.edu/ipo)

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