



University of New Hampshire

The University



In addition to being a nationally ranked top-tier research institution, the University of New Hampshire is also a land-grant institution and a designated land-, sea- and space-grant institution. The University is comprised of five colleges, dozens of academic departments, interdisciplinary institutes, and research centers that attract students and faculty from around the world. New state-of-the-art facilities are being constructed to support academic growth, and new residences and dining halls have been built to meet the growing popularity of campus life. The University rests lightly on the site of old Ben Thompson's farm, where some 15,000 students and hundreds of faculty and staff live and work amid the lush forests, rolling hills, and riverbeds of one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation.

The Town of Durham, NH



The town of Durham is a geographical and cultural treasure. It is a community that thrives with campus life, where students and residents enjoy a wealth of natural and ecological diversity. Downtown Durham is a vibrant hub of activity with a variety of restaurants and shops to enjoy. Just off the main streets, the town transitions into a beautiful, quiet community of idyllic neighborhoods where the residents value education and quality of life. The town of Durham works diligently to make university students feel welcomed and happy during their time here, while preserving the town's impressive heritage and peaceful atmosphere.

Climate



Durham, NH is located in New England, the northeastern region of the United States. The town experiences four distinct seasons, each with their own delights and challenges. During the winter, it can be very cold and snowy, but residents know that with proper clothing, the season is beautiful and enjoyable. Spring, summer, and fall offer warmer temperatures and stunning natural scenery. Depending on when you will be visiting New Hampshire, we suggest that you pack clothes you can wear in layers, so you can easily adjust to changing temperatures throughout the day.

Travel



Durham enjoys a peaceful, rural location, but it is easily accessible from major cities. We are located off Route 4, just over an hour away from Boston by car. The Amtrak Downeaster train travels north from Boston to Maine and stops on campus. It is a convenient and affordable way to visit Boston and the city of Portland, Maine, and the surrounding areas. The university also offers a bus service to all students which travels to adjoining towns and cities close to Durham.

Fall 2025 Semester	
Mandatory Orientation	August 18 – 21, 2025 (Move-in August 18, 2025) *subject to change*
Academic Calendar	August 25 – December 16, 2025 (Exams December 9-16, 2025)
Spring 2026 Semester	
Mandatory Orientation	January 16, 2026 (Move-in January 15, 2026) *subject to change*
Academic Calendar	January 20 – May 16, 2026 (Exams May 06-12, 2026)
Fall 2026 Semester	
Mandatory Orientation	August 24 – 27, 2026 (Move-in August 24, 2026) *subject to change*
Academic Calendar	August 31 – December 22, 2026 (Exams December 15-20, 2026)
Admissions Process	
Nomination Deadlines	October 1 (for Spring Semester) May 1 (for Fall Semester)
Application	Online application sent to each student after school completes Nomination Form
After acceptance and Immigration Form	OISS will issue immigration paperwork for the purposes of obtaining a J-1 Student Visa
Pre-Arrival Information	https://www.unh.edu/global/international-students-scholars/students/orientation https://www.unh.edu/global/international-students-scholars/students/pre-arrival-information

Exchange Student Program	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum English Language requirement (if needed) • GPA requirement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOEFL: 550 (paper); 213 (computer); 80 (Internet) IELTS: 6.5 • GPA 2.5 (on 4.0 Scale)
Academics	
Minimum/Maximum credits per semester	Minimum load is 12 credits (3 courses) Normal load is 16 credits (4 courses)
English as a Second Language Courses	As needed
Course Search and Academic Catalog *Consult for available classes each semester	https://courses.unh.edu
Disclaimer: Some departments/courses may not be available to exchange students or offered each semester. Please inquire for more information.	

Estimated Anticipated Costs	
Academic Year Room and Board: \$15,643 Health Insurance: \$2,280 Miscellaneous (books and incidentals): \$3,295 Total: \$21,218	Semester Room and Board: \$7,822 Health Insurance: \$1,140 Miscellaneous (books and incidentals): \$1,648 Total: \$10,609

Insurance	
UNH Student Health Benefits Plan (SHBP)	www.unh.edu/health/shbp
As a condition of enrollment, all international students are required to purchase the UNH Student Health Benefits Plan (SHBP).	

On-Campus Housing & Meal Plan Options	
How to Apply	Part of the online application sent to each student
Residence Hall Information	https://www.unh.edu/housing/housing-options/residence-halls
Housing Inquiries	www.unh.edu/housing/contact-us
Meal Plan Options	www.unh.edu/dining/meal-plans

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Website Resources	www.unh.edu/global https://www.unh.edu/global/international-students-scholars/students/incoming-international-exchange-students	



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