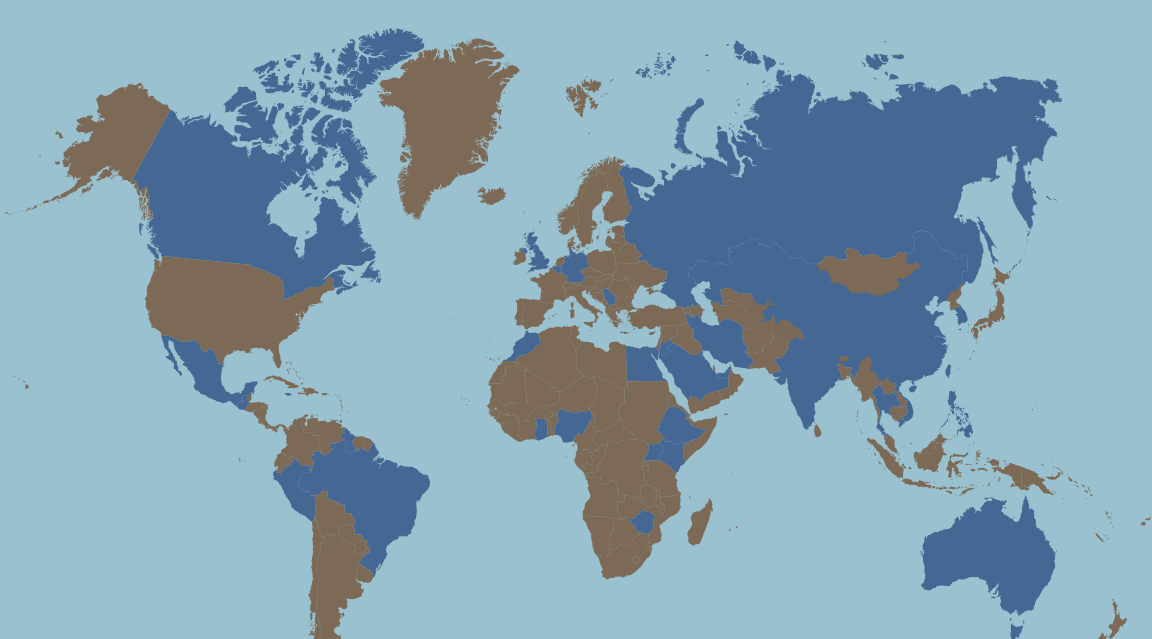




A Guide for
**INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS**

MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY
ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA



Where MU's Students Come From (in blue)

Australia
Brazil
Canada
China
Egypt
Ethiopia
Germany

Ghana
Guatemala
Guyana
India
Iran
Jamaica
Jordan

Kazakhstan
Kenya
Mexico
Morocco
Nepal
Nigeria
Peru

Philippines
Russia
South Korea
Saudi Arabia
Serbia
Thailand
United Arab Emirates

Uganda
United Kingdom
Vietnam
Zimbabwe
and many more!

Marymount by the Numbers

Total number of students: 3,702

Undergraduates: 2,470

Graduate students: 1,232

International student population: 9%

Countries represented: 67

U.S. states represented: 41

Distance from Washington, DC: 9.6 km (6 miles)

Undergraduate student/faculty ratio: 13:1

Average undergraduate class size: 17

Graduate student/faculty ratio: 9:1

Average graduate class size: 13

Student clubs and organizations: 40+

NCAA Division III sports teams: 16

Welcome!

Marymount University is a private, Catholic institution of higher learning located in Arlington, Virginia, directly across the Potomac River from Washington, DC. Marymount is known for small classes, personal attention, and a strong focus on student success. At Marymount, students are immersed in a culture of engagement that promotes intellectual curiosity, service to others, and a global perspective. This is a place where each individual is encouraged to be actively involved in academics and campus life – a community where every person's talents and ideas are valued and contribute to a great living and learning experience for all.

Marymount University is also known for its diversity: MU students come from across the United States and around the world, representing a broad array of cultural, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. More than 300 international students, representing 67 countries, are an integral part of Marymount. This diversity offers the campus community opportunities to learn about the richness of different cultures around the world.

This guide is meant to provide the prospective international student with an overview of Marymount University and information about what you should expect if you choose to become a member of the MU community.

If you have any questions, please contact us. We are here to help, and we look forward to meeting you.

Aline Orfali
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

Elliot Uhl
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES



Academics

Marymount emphasizes academic excellence at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Committed to the liberal arts tradition, the university combines a foundation in the arts and sciences with career preparation and opportunities for personal and professional development. Marymount gives all students the opportunity to be active, engaged participants in the academic experience.

Marymount undergraduates are required to complete an internship for academic credit in their field of study. They intern at public and private organizations throughout the national capital region, gaining real-world experience and establishing valuable professional connections.

A student-centered learning community, Marymount values diversity and focuses on education of the whole person, promoting the intellectual, spiritual, and moral growth of each individual.

Marymount University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award doctoral, master's, and bachelor's degrees.*

Activities

At Marymount, students have abundant opportunities to engage in campus life, reaping many benefits and enjoying an enriching living and learning experience. There are many ways to get involved at Marymount – through student clubs, publications, sports, campus events, and outings. Being engaged with activities

**Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Marymount University.*

outside the classroom helps students learn about themselves, expand their social circle, and develop valuable skills. Marymount activities are open to all students: residents and commuters, undergraduate and graduate, part time and full time. There are more than 40 clubs on campus, including the International Club, the Muslim Student Association, the African Caribbean Student Association, the Green Society, the MU Investment Club, the Fitness Club, the Gaming Club, and the Campus Ministry Association. And if you don't find a club that interests you, you can start one!

With all the resources of Arlington, Virginia, and Washington, DC, just minutes from campus, Marymount students can also take full advantage of the national capital region's many cultural, intellectual, and recreational opportunities.

International Student Services

Marymount's International Student Services (ISS) Office is dedicated to providing international students with a safe and supportive environment that facilitates their adjustment and growth and helps them achieve academic success. ISS provides international students with orientations, immigration information, cultural and educational programs, academic support, and confidential cross-cultural counseling. The office also promotes global awareness on campus through a wide variety of intercultural and educational programs for the university community.



MU students intern
at the White House,
the Smithsonian,
the World Bank, the
National Institutes
of Health, and more!

Undergraduate Fields of Study

Art (B.A.)

Art Management

Pre-Art Therapy

Biochemistry (B.S.)

Biology (B.S.)

General Biology

Molecular and Cellular

Biology

Pre-Medicine

Business Administration

(B.B.A., B.B.A./M.B.A.)

Accounting

Business Law

Finance

General Business

Hospitality Management

International Business

Management

Marketing

Sport Management

Communication (B.A.)

Computer Science

(see Information

Technology)

Criminal Justice (B.A.)

Criminal Justice (B.S.)

Forensic Science

Economics in Society (B.A.)

English (B.A.)

Literature

Media and

Performance Studies

Writing

Fashion Design (B.A.)

Fashion Merchandising

(B.A.)

Graphic Design (B.A.)

Health Information

Management (B.S.)

Health Sciences

(B.S., B.S./M.S.)

Health Promotion

Pre-Physical Therapy

History (B.A.)

Information Technology

(B.S., B.S./M.S.)

Applied IT

Computer Science

Forensic Computing

Health IT

Information Systems

Interactive Media

Cybersecurity

Interior Design (B.A.)

Liberal Studies (B.A.)

Mathematics (B.S.)

Multidisciplinary Studies

(B.A. with teaching

licensure for Elementary

Education, grades PK-6;

B.A. with teaching

licensure for Special

Education, grades K-12)

Nursing (B.S.N.)

Philosophy (B.A.)

Politics (B.A.)

Psychology (B.A.)

Sociology (B.A.)

Theology and Religious

Studies (B.A.)

Pre-professional Studies

Pre-Law

Pre-Medicine

Pre-Physical Therapy

Education Licensure

Programs

Art Education

Elementary Education

Secondary Education

Biology

English

History/Social Science

Mathematics

Special Education

Key for Undergraduate Degrees

B.A. – Bachelor of Arts

B.B.A. – Bachelor of Business Administration

B.S. – Bachelor of Science

B.S.N. – Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Graduate Degree Programs

Administration and Supervision (M.Ed.)	Health Care Management (M.S.)
Business Administration (M.B.A.)	Health Care Management/ Business Administration (M.S./M.B.A.)
Business Administration/ Human Resource Management (M.B.A./M.A.)	Health Care Management/ Information Technology (M.S./M.S.)
Business Administration/ Information Technology (M.B.A./M.S.)	Health Promotion Management (M.S.)
Clinical Mental Health Counseling (M.A.)	Human Resource Management (M.A.)
Clinical Mental Health Counseling with Forensic Psychology option (M.A./M.A.)	Information Technology (M.S.)
Computer Science (see Information Technology)	Interior Design (M.A.)
Counselor Education and Supervision (Ed.D.)	Literature, Language, and the Humanities (M.A.)
Cybersecurity (M.S.)	Leadership and Management (M.S.)
Cybersecurity/Information Technology (M.S./M.S.)	Nursing (M.S.N., D.N.P.)
Elementary Education (M.Ed.)	Pastoral Counseling (M.A.)
English as a Second Language (M.Ed.)	Pastoral and Spiritual Care (M.A.)
Forensic Psychology (M.A.)	Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)
Forensic Psychology with Clinical Mental Health Counseling option (M.A./M.A.)	Professional Studies (M.Ed.)
	School Counseling (M.A.)
	Secondary Education (M.Ed.)
	Special Education, General Curriculum (M.Ed.)

Key for Graduate Degrees

M.A. – Master of Arts

M.B.A. – Master of Business Administration

M.Ed. – Master of Education

M.S. – Master of Science

M.S.N. – Master of Science

in Nursing

D.N.P. – Doctor of Nursing Practice

D.P.T. – Doctor of Physical Therapy

Ed.D. – Doctor of Education



**PABITA
SHRESTHA**

Major: Biology,
Pre-Medicine

Year of graduation: 2011

Hometown and country:
Katmandu, Nepal

Marymount activities: Activities
Programming Board; Tri
Beta Biology Honor Society;
International Club

Favorite events at Marymount:
The International Banquet
and Snowball (an annual
semi-formal dance)

**Advice for a new international
student coming to MU:**

“Choosing a university
located near DC is a smart
decision, for personal,
educational, and professional
reasons.”

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Undergraduate Students

All applicants must submit

- a completed application form with the nonrefundable \$40 application fee
- an International Student Supplemental Information (ISSI) form, available on the Admissions section of the University's website at www.marymount.edu/admissions/international/issi-form.
- a letter of recommendation. This letter must be from the applicant's school principal, teacher, or academic advisor, and must be written in, or translated into, English.
- official academic records in English. See below for details.

Freshman applicants (first-time university students or students with fewer than 12 completed university credit hours) **must submit**

- official transcripts, sent directly to Marymount from the secondary school attended or authenticated by your home country's Ministry of Education or the U.S. Embassy in your country. If applicable, also include official exam results and evidence of graduation.
- an official standardized exam score report:
 - Students for whom English is their first language must submit either SAT or ACT exam scores.
 - Students for whom English is a second language must submit TOEFL, IELTS, SAT, ACT, or PTE Academic exam scores. See below for minimum required scores.
- an essay or personal statement





Transfer applicants (students with 12 or more completed university credit hours) **must submit**

- official transcripts, sent directly to Marymount from the college or university attended
- For transfer applicants with fewer than 30 completed college or university credits, complete, official high school transcripts are required in addition to university transcripts.
- For university coursework completed outside the U.S., an official course-by-course evaluation of the applicant's transcript is required from one of Marymount's approved evaluation agencies:
 - World Education Services, Inc.
 - Educational Credentials Evaluators
 - AACRAO (American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers)
- Students for whom English is a second language must submit an official score from TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE Academic exam. This requirement may be waived for transfer students who have completed 30 or more academic credits at a U.S. university if an English Composition course was completed with a grade of "C" or better.

EXAM	MARYMOUNT EXAM CODE	MINIMUM REQUIRED SCORE
SAT	5405	450 (Critical Reading)
ACT	4378	Minimum English-section score: 18
TOEFL	5405	79 Internet, 550 paper
IELTS	8310	6.0 overall
PTE Academic		54 overall

Undergraduate Application Deadlines

The following application deadlines apply to all international undergraduate students. Your application for admission and all supporting documents must be received no later than the date indicated for the corresponding semester.

IF YOU WANT TO START IN	SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BY
Fall Semester (late August to mid-December)	July 1
Spring Semester (mid-January to early May)	October 15

Graduate Students

All degree and certificate applicants at the graduate level should submit the following:

- a completed application form with the nonrefundable \$40 application fee
- official transcripts for all university work completed
- For students for whom English is a second language, a TOEFL score (minimum of 96 to 100 Internet-based, 600 paper-based), IELTS score (minimum 6.5 overall), or PTE Academic score (minimum 58 overall)
- Doctor of Physical Therapy applicants must apply through a centralized service (PTCAS); Doctor of Nursing Practice applicants must contact Graduate Admissions for information.

Contact the Office of Graduate Admissions or visit **www.marymount.edu/admissions/graduate** for more information on additional specific requirements.

Conditional Admission

Conditional admission to Marymount University is offered to undergraduate and graduate international students who meet all university admission requirements with the exception of demonstrated English proficiency. Students wishing to obtain conditional admission must start the admission process through ELS (www.els.edu). Students who are granted conditional admission must complete ELS course I12 and submit an official transcript by the appropriate deadline, **prior to enrolling at Marymount**. Please contact ELS or Marymount University's Office of Admissions for more information about conditional admission requirements and deadlines.

Cost of Attendance

For the most up-to-date information on tuition, room and board, and fees, please visit Marymount's Student Accounts website, www.marymount.edu/studentaccounts.

Scholarships

Merit-based scholarships are available to qualified undergraduate international students.

Full-time first-college applicants will automatically be considered for merit-based, tuition-only scholarships upon acceptance to Marymount. These scholarships range from \$9,000 to \$15,000 per year. No separate application is required. Eligibility is based upon a student's cumulative grade point average (GPA) in high school and results from either the SAT or ACT exam.

The university also awards additional merit-based scholarships to eligible freshman and transfer undergraduate students who submit a separate scholarship application and meet certain criteria. These scholarships include the Catholic High School Scholarship, the Honors Program Scholarship, the *Phi Theta Kappa* Scholarship, the Spirit of Service Scholarship, and the Transfer Academic Scholarship.

All scholarships are renewable each year, provided the recipient maintains good academic standing while attending Marymount. For more information about any of the above scholarships, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

There are no Marymount scholarships available for graduate international students. However, all international students are encouraged to explore private scholarships and loans, as well as the deferred payment plans offered through Marymount's Student Accounts Office. For additional financial aid information, visit the university's Admissions website, www.marymount.edu/admissions.

International students on an F-1 visa are permitted to work only on Marymount's campus and must meet eligibility requirements. International students interested in campus employment should consult the Student Employment Office and the International Student Services Office for eligibility information. More information can be found at www.marymount.edu/careerservices/student-employment.

Immigration and Visa Information

For the most current and accurate information about immigration and visa requirements, please visit <http://travel.state.gov>.

Obtaining an I-20

An I-20 is a certificate of eligibility for nonimmigrant (F-1) student visa status. Marymount University issues the I-20 for admitted students who submit the following items:

1. an enrollment deposit to reserve their space at Marymount University. This must be paid with a check drawn on U.S.-based branches of U.S. banks in U.S. dollars, or with a valid credit card.
 - \$100 for commuting students
 - \$300 for students who will reside in campus housing(Graduate students should refer to their specific programs for deposit requirements.)
2. a legible photocopy of passport ID and arrival stamp pages
3. a valid international address
4. an official, original bank statement demonstrating sufficient funds to cover the balance of the student's educational expenses. This statement must be signed and stamped by a bank official and dated no earlier than six months prior to the issuing of the I-20.

Only students currently enrolled in a U.S. high school or university need to submit items 5 through 8.

5. completed Transfer Clearance form (download from www.marymount.edu/admissions/international)
6. photocopies of all previous I-20(s)
7. photocopies of all previous U.S. visa(s)

The SEVIS fee

All F-1 visa applicants are required to pay the one-time SEVIS I-901 fee of \$200. The purpose of the fee is to help cover the administration and maintenance costs of the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS).

For more information about the SEVIS fee, including how to pay it, visit www.FMJfee.com.



Obtaining an F-1 visa

As part of the visa application process, an interview at the local U.S. Embassy consular section is required for visa applicants. The waiting time for an interview appointment can vary, so early visa application is strongly encouraged. A list of U.S. consulates and embassies and their average wait times can be found at **www.usembassy.state.gov**. Each applicant for a student visa must submit the following forms and documentation:

- a form I-20
- a completed Nonimmigrant Visa Application, Form DS-156, together with a Form DS-158
- a passport valid for travel to the United States and with a validity date extending at least six months beyond the applicant's intended period of stay in the U.S.
- one photograph measuring 2" x 2" (about 5 cm x 5 cm)
- a Machine Readable Visa (MRV) fee receipt to show payment of the visa application fee, a visa issuance fee if applicable, and a separate SEVIS I-901 fee receipt

All applicants should be prepared to provide

- Marymount letter of admission
- transcripts and diplomas from previous institutions attended
- scores from standardized tests required by the educational institution, such as the TOEFL, SAT, GRE, GMAT, etc.
- financial evidence that demonstrates that the applicant or his/her sponsor(s) have sufficient funds to provide for tuition and living expenses during the period of intended study
- evidence to prove intent to return to the applicant's home country upon completion of studies

Marymount's undergraduate
student-to-faculty ratio is 13:1.

Once You're on Campus

Where You Will Live

Marymount University is committed to being your home away from home – a residential community where you'll be comfortable with the housing option that's right for you. For more information, visit www.marymount.edu/studentlife/livingcampus.

More than 900 students live in Marymount's residence facilities, which include six on-campus residence halls and two off-campus apartment complexes. Marymount's newest residence building, Rose Benté Lee Ostapenko Hall, opened in October 2010; it offers apartment-style living and state-of-the-art facilities for 239 students.

University-Sponsored On- and Off-Campus Housing

Marymount University's campus residence halls are for undergraduate students. Those students who are 23 years of age or younger and whose families do not live within commuting distance of the university (25 miles) are required to live on campus during their first two years at Marymount.

University-leased apartments a short distance from Marymount's Main Campus are available for graduate students. Please contact the Office of Graduate Admissions for more information about graduate housing options.

Off-Campus Housing Not Sponsored by the University

The northern Virginia area has many privately-owned rental options. This is especially helpful for graduate students, since Marymount-sponsored housing for these students is limited. The Office of Campus and Residential Services can provide additional information and assistance in finding housing off campus.

Vacation Housing

Marymount's campus residence halls are closed during winter break (mid-December to mid-January). During this time, international students are encouraged to visit friends or relatives, visit with other students in their homes, or travel around the country. International Student Services can help students find host families to stay with during the break.

Temporary Housing

If you plan to live in university housing and arrive prior to the opening date of the residence halls, you will have to arrange housing with friends or relatives, or at a nearby hotel. Hotel rates are approximately \$90-\$130 per night. Hotels convenient to campus include the Comfort Inn Arlington, Holiday Inn Arlington, and the Inns of Virginia in Arlington. Please identify yourself as a prospective or current Marymount University student to receive special rates.

BEN HUANG

Major: Psychology

Year of graduation:
2014

Hometown and country:
Taipei, Taiwan

Marymount activities: International Club, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Club

Favorite Marymount class: "All my psychology classes are great."

Favorite event at MU:
The International Banquet

Biggest cultural adjustment in the U.S.:
"I had to learn to be independent and get used to a different variety of food. But the biggest adjustment was learning how to greet people; the culture in Taiwan is completely different."

Favorite DC experience: The Cherry Blossom Festival

Advice for a new international student coming to MU: "Learn to be outgoing. I joined the International Club in my first week at Marymount, and this has allowed me to make new friends from all over the world."



**PERLA
BRACCIO**

Major: Business Administration, with a concentration in Marketing and International Business

Year of graduation: 2014

Hometown and country: Managua, Nicaragua

Marymount activities: Latino Student Association, Saints Council, Student Ambassadors, Students in Free Enterprise

Favorite Marymount class: The Freshman Business Experience

Biggest cultural adjustment in the U.S.:

“Speaking English all the time! But Marymount is so diverse that I’ve been able to find people I can speak Spanish with.”

Favorite thing to do in Washington, DC: “I love walking around the National Mall. In several courses, my professors have taken us on field trips to DC, as part of the class. I really enjoyed that.”

Advice for a new international student coming to MU: “Get involved on campus; you’ll make new friends, break free from what’s comfortable, and be exposed to so many opportunities.”

Health Requirements

Health Insurance

Marymount University requires all international undergraduate students to have health insurance. You can either purchase a health insurance plan through the university or provide proof of health insurance coverage through another source. If you already have adequate insurance coverage, you may decline Marymount’s health insurance by filling out a waiver form at the International Student Services Office. Otherwise, you will automatically be billed by the Student Accounts Office to cover the student health insurance premium.

Physical Exam

(for undergraduate students and those students who will reside in university housing only)

Included with your acceptance packet will be a Student Medical Form, which must be completed by your physician and returned to the university’s Student Health Center by the time you register. In addition to your other required inoculations, it is important that you have a measles inoculation.

Visit the Student Health Center website (www.marymount.edu/health) for further information or to obtain the Student Medical Form.



**JONAH
LODOSAYEN
LEKILIARA**

Major: Business
Administration; Health Care
Management

Year of graduation: 2009; 2011

Hometown and country:
Lturoto Marsabit, Kenya

Marymount activities: Students in
Free Enterprise, Student Government
Association, International Club

Biggest cultural adjustment in the U.S.:
“Weather and food were the two most
shocking adjustments.”

Favorite event in Washington, DC: “An
international-student conference where my
friends and I gave a cultural presentation.”

**Advice for a new international student
coming to MU:** “Take advantage of
Marymount’s proximity to Washington, DC,
and the experiences and opportunities of
being in a world capital. Also, if you don’t
know something, ask! The faculty and staff
here are very helpful.”

All Marymount
classes are taught
by faculty members, not
teaching assistants.

Student Profile

NJOUD ABU-JABER

Major:

International
Business

Year of graduation: 2016

Hometown and country: Amman, Jordan

Marymount activities: Film Club, Economics Club, Latino Student Association, International Club

Favorite Marymount class: “My DISCOVER freshman seminar, where we learned about the stock market and investments.”

Biggest cultural adjustment in the U.S.:

“The level of openness people have here. People are very friendly and share their issues easily, even just after meeting you. In my country, we’re more private.”

Favorite event at Marymount:

The International Thanksgiving Dinner

Favorite DC experience: “My recent visit to the White House.”

Advice for a new international student coming

to MU: “Don’t let homesickness take over. Reach out and connect with people, join clubs, take part in activities, don’t be shy about sharing your feelings, and if you need help, ask for it. Students and professors at Marymount are some of the friendliest and most helpful people I have ever encountered.”



We at Marymount look forward to meeting you!

Contact Information

Undergraduate Admissions

Butler Hall
2807 N. Glebe Road
Arlington, VA 22207
Phone: (703) 284-1500 or (800) 548-7638
Fax: (703) 522-0349
Email: international.admissions@marymount.edu

Graduate Admissions

Ballston Center
1000 N. Glebe Road
Arlington, VA 22201
Phone: (703) 284-5901
Fax: (703) 527-3815
Email: grad.admissions@marymount.edu

International Student Services

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