QUESTIONS TO ASK

You are also encouraged to select a campus that will provide a new environment that will permit personal growth and development and allow you to experience some of the educational, geographical and cultural diversity found in other countries. It is useful to consider carefully answers to the following questions when selecting exchange sites.

What do I have to gain from the exchange experience?

Can my objectives be accomplished at the host campus?

Does the exchange campus offer adequate courses for maintenance of academic progress?

Will participating in the exchange delay graduation?

How will specialized or unique course offerings at the host campus enhance my academic program?

Is the host campus sufficiently different from the home campus to make it an interesting exchange option?

Can I afford to participate in the program?

How does my family feel about exchange participation?

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NATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE

What is NSE?

The National Student Exchange Program is open to full-time undergraduate students. This program provides students an opportunity to attend another school in the NSE network at little or no more cost than UVI attendance. The NSE program has developed a membership of over 200 diverse colleges and universities in the United States and its territories, many of which offer distinct cultural experiences. Each campus has an NSE Coordinator who is responsible for administering the NSE program on that campus.

YOU'RE IN GOOD COMPANY

Since its founding in 1968, more than 90,000 students have been successfully placed in this intra-United States student exchange program, each taking advantage of the enormous savings in cost while still having access to personalized assistance from experienced campus coordinators. Approximately 3,000 students each year spend up to one year attending college in another state without having to pay the high out-of-state tuition.

IT'S EASY TO BECOME INVOLVED

NSE places approximately 97 percent of all the eligible students who apply for exchange. Those are great odds, and the process makes it easy to be involved. Your campus NSE Coordinator will tell you about the specific policies and procedures used on your campus and will provide you with an application. If the National Student Exchange is the kind of opportunity that intrigues you, why not become one of the 3,000 students going on exchange next year?

Who Qualifies?

- Students with a GPA of 2.75 at the time of application and at the completion of the term prior to the exchange.
- Students are encouraged to apply at the end of their Freshman year to participate in NSE in the Sophomore year.
- Students must be recommended by the NSE Selection Committee via successful completion of the interview process.
- Students who demonstrate the capacity to meet all financial obligations prior to departure.

Where to apply?

- Applications for the National Student Exchange can be obtained through the Division of Student Affairs in the Counseling & Career Services on both campuses of the University of the Virgin Islands.

INTERNATIONAL OPTIONS

Many NSE colleges and universities have international or study abroad options which can be accessed through the National Student Exchange. Access to these programs requires advanced planning, special arrangements, and, in most cases, additional expenditures. Consider the impact on your personal and academic growth, the implications for your future, and the satisfaction of achievement. That is the National Student Exchange.

COMMITMENT

It is important that you explore your exchange participation very carefully prior to actual placement. Select only campuses to which you are willing to exchange. Explore exchange participation with your parents, academic advisor, financial aid officer, and counselors prior to campus selections.

PLACEMENT

Exchanges for the following academic year are negotiated at the annual National Student Exchange conference held in mid-March. NSE coordinators come to the conference prepared to make decisions regarding incoming and outgoing applicants. Your coordinator will know your preference for placement and will attempt to secure placement for you at one of the colleges or universities you have chosen, in the order in which selected.

Decisions on placement are made according to the limitations of the host institutions concerning the number of openings for either or both of the tuition payment plans. Most students are placed at their first choice college or university.

PLACEMENT ACCEPTANCE

Placements, whether made at the conference or outside the conference, are accepted by the students using the Placement Acceptance Form, which identifies the host campus, exchange duration, and tuition plan for exchange. Failure to return the Placement Acceptance form could result in cancellation of your placement. A non-refundable fee of $125, payable to UVI/NSE is required of all students participating in NSE prior to the Coordinators departure for the National Conference.