International Student Guide

An affordable, world-class education
Where is Mankato, MN?

Located 90 miles south of the Minneapolis/ Saint Paul metro area
# About Mankato

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<td><strong>Population</strong></td>
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Source: US Census Bureau

## Most Affordable College Town in Minnesota

Mankato ranks most affordable college city in Minnesota and #35 in the nation, according to a Great Value Colleges 2014 release.

Source: Greater Mankato Growth

## #19 in the Nation for top College Towns

In 2014 the Mankato-North Mankato Metropolitan Statistical Area was ranked #19 in the nation for top college towns with under 250,000 residents by The American Institute for Economic Research.

## #5 Best Small City in America

On the 2016 list of Best Small Cities in America from nerdwallet.com based on economic health, affordability and quality of life.

## #3 in the Nation on Forbes 2014 Best Small Places for Business and Careers

Among 184 metropolitans having populations less than 250,000. Ranking 20th in Education, 27th in Cost of Doing Business and 69th in Job Growth.

## Home to One of The Coolest Urban Spaces in America

Thrillist ranked City Center Mankato’s CityArt as one of the 14 Coolest Urban Spaces in America on their 2015 list.
About Minnesota State University, Mankato

- Comprehensive, Accredited University
- Undergraduate & Graduate Degree Programs & Certificates
- Over 15,000 students
- 2,000 Faculty & Staff
- Network of over 114,000 Alumni
- More than 1,000 international Students representing over 90 countries
Why International Students Choose MSU, Mankato

- Academics - Variety & quality of programs
- Affordability - Tuition & cost of living
- Student Life & Services - Countless opportunities for involvement
- Safe and welcoming campus & community
- Admissions - Non-competitive admission process
Variety of Academic Programs

- 130 undergraduate programs
- 75 graduate programs

<College of Allied Health and Nursing
<College of Arts and Humanities
<College of Business
<College of Education
<College of Graduate Studies & Research
<College of Science, Engineering and Technology
<College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
<University of Extended Education
Quality Programs

- ABET accredited Engineering programs
- AACSB Business accreditation
- School of Nursing accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- Outstanding Art, Theatre & Dance programs taught by award winning faculty
- And much more…
Top Programs of Choice for International Students

- Aviation
- Bio-medical Sciences
- Business
  - Accounting
  - Finance
  - International Business
  - Marketing
  - Management
- Computer Engineering
- Construction Management
- Economics

- Engineering
  - Civil Engineering
  - Electrical Engineering
  - Manufacturing Engineering
  - Technology
  - Mechanical Engineering
- Information Systems & Technology

And much more....
Affordability

- An affordable option for international students
- Estimated cost of attendance is less than $25,000 USD per year
- Automatic scholarship for F-1 & J-1 undergraduate students
The Cultural Contribution Scholarship

- Pay 40% less tuition with the Cultural Contribution Scholarship
- Automatically awarded once admitted as undergraduate student
- Eligibility:
  - F-1 or J-1 visa holder
  - Admitted as an Undergraduate Student (Graduate Students automatically pay resident tuition)
- Requirements to maintain scholarship each semester (up to 9 semesters):
  - Maintain a 2.5 semester GPA or 3.0 cumulative GPA
  - Complete 25 cultural contribution volunteer hours
  - Enroll for a minimum of 12 credits each semester
  - Maintain immigration status

Estimated cost of attendance:
http://www.mnsu.edu/admissions/international/costs.html
Student Housing

- Affordable housing options both on and off campus!
- 5 University Residence Halls:
  - Crawford
  - McElroy
  - Julia Sears
  - Preska
  - Stadium Heights
- Students living on or off campus can choose from a variety of meal plan options: [http://www.mnsu.edu/dining/mealplansall.html](http://www.mnsu.edu/dining/mealplansall.html)
- Off campus student housing is also available close to the university: [http://www.mnsu.edu/activities/housing/](http://www.mnsu.edu/activities/housing/)
Student Life

Over 230 student organizations to get involved with..

Including everything from academic to sport to International Student Association and Cultural-related clubs

Weekly campus events including guest speakers, music, movies, workshops, or special interest events... all free or low cost to MSU, Mankato students!
International Community

- Over 1,000 international students come to MSU from around the world!

- Over 90 countries are represented in our international student population!

- Ranked 31st by IIE Open Doors Report, for top Master’s granting institutions for International Students
Academic Programming & Support

- Honors Program
- Undergraduate & Graduate Research
- Residence Halls Learning Communities
- Free academic tutoring & Writing Center
Excellent Support Services for International Students

- The Elizabeth and Wynn Kearney International Center houses International Student & Scholar Services.

- We will welcome, orient, and advise students throughout their academic careers.

- Facilitate International Student Workshops & Advising sessions (housing, employment, CPT, OPT, etc)
Cultural Clubs & Programs

- International Student Association (ISA)
- Regional Cultural Nights
- International Festival
- ISA Events
- And much more….
Friendship Family Program

Interested students are matched with local families through this program which helps to foster community support and engagement.
A Safe Campus

• Safe campus for students

• The university provides 24 hour security service, including a Safe Walk Service and Safety Alerts: http://www.mnsu.edu/security/
A Welcoming Community

From a comprehensive Orientation to our Friendship Family Program, this community welcomes international students like no other!

Members of the campus & community show their support by attending student cultural events throughout the year.
Beautiful Campus and Facilities
Facilities for Student Engagement & Success

- Modern academic buildings, classrooms & labs

- The Memorial Library includes more than 1 million volumes, books & government documents, and over 350 electronic databases

- Campus recreation & athletic facilities available for students
Student Benefits

- City-wide bus transportation with Student ID
- Free admission to most MSU Maverick sporting events
- Free or low cost campus entertainment such as movies, concerts, guest speakers, and a bowling alley & billiards hall
Undergraduate Admission

1. Complete application form
2. Pay $20 application fee
3. Submit required documents
   - Bank Statement
   - Financial Form
   - All academic transcripts, diplomas, certificates, test results, etc.
4. Proof of English Proficiency:
   - 5.5 IELTS
   - 61 iBT TOEFL
   - English Composition with C grade or better

Application Priority Deadlines: Fall- April 1; Spring- September 1
Visit our website for more information about how to apply!
http://www.mnsu.edu/admissions/international/
International applicants who do not meet the undergraduate English proficiency standard, but are otherwise admissible are referred to the Intensive English Language Institute.
• Eligibility: iBT TOEFL 45-60 or IELTS between 4.5-5.0; meet all other admission requirements
• Program Length: 1-2 semesters
• Curriculum: 12 credits of English and General Education courses each semester

Upon successful completion of the program, IELI students are admitted as degree-seeking undergraduate students.

Visit our website for more information:
http://www.mnsu.edu/ieli/
Graduate Admission

1. Complete application form
2. Pay $40 application fee
3. Submit required documents
   - Bank Statement
   - Financial Form
   - All academic transcripts, diplomas, certificates, etc.
4. Proof of English Proficiency
5. Additional requirements such as test results, letters of recommendation & personal statements will determined by the specific program to which you are applying

Application Deadlines*: Fall- May 1; Spring- October 1

*Deadlines & admission intake may vary by academic program. Please see Graduate Studies & program information for details.

Visit our website for more information about how to apply!
http://grad.mnsu.edu/applying/internationalletter.html
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- ISSS, Minnesota State University, Mankato

Hang out with us on Google+
- MSU ISSS

Call or chat with us on Skype!
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