

international**application**



EMU prepares students to serve and lead in a global context. Our supportive Christian community - rooted in the peace tradition of the Mennonite Church - emphasizes cross-cultural understanding, service to others and sustainable life choices. Our graduates are prepared to witness faithfully, serve compassionately and walk boldly in the way of nonviolence and peace.



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applying to EMU

APPLICATION PROCESS

To complete the application process EMU must receive each of the following items:

1. A completed International application.
2. Official secondary school transcripts, exam reports, diplomas, certified with original signatures and/or seals.*
3. An official score report from an appropriate test. Test scores should be sent directly to EMU by providing EMU's code on the test registration form. EMU's code for TOEFL or SAT I is 5181 and for ACT is 4348.
 - If your primary native language is other than English, submit an official score report from the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) or IELTS (International English Language Testing System).
 - If your primary native language is English, submit an official score report from either SAT I or ACT test.
4. A completed Financial Certification form; documenting ability to pay the cost of attending EMU. This is a very important document!
5. For transfers: official post secondary/university transcripts certified with original signatures and/or seals are required.**

No applications accepted after June 1.

* Certified English translations of all documents if they are not in English.

** All non-United States post secondary university transcripts need to be evaluated in order for EMU to accept those credits. We recommend using EEI (educei.com) or WES (wes.org).

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. To be considered for the international grant you must be admitted by March 1.

A letter regarding your admission status will be sent approximately 10 days after all the forms necessary for completion of an application have been received.

ENROLLMENT DETAILS

The following will be mailed after May 1:

- residence hall and roommate selection
- orientation and academic advising
- payment of fees
- medical records and insurance
- special announcements
- Form I-20 which will be used to apply for student visa

Community Lifestyle Commitment

Eastern Mennonite University is a Christian community in the Anabaptist/Mennonite tradition joined together for the purpose of academic study, personal development and spiritual growth. We are committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and believe that the scriptures establish the basic principles that should guide our life together. These principles include the responsibility to love God with all our being, love our neighbors as ourselves, seek after righteousness, practice justice, help those in need, forgive others, seek forgiveness and exercise freedom responsibly with loving regard for others.

We acknowledge that it is impossible to create a community with expectations that are totally acceptable to every member. Nevertheless, clearly stated expectations promote orderly community life. Because of the importance of trust in and responsibility to one another, violations of these standards are regarded as a serious breach of integrity within the community.

As a member of the EMU community, I will strive to practice stewardship of mind, time, abilities and finances. I will pursue opportunities for intellectual and spiritual growth and demonstrate care for my body. I also will exercise social responsibility in my standard of living and use of economic resources. Realizing the destructive character of an unforgiving spirit and harmful discrimination based on prejudice, I will seek to demonstrate unselfish love in my actions, attitudes and relationships. I will be honest and show respect for the rights and property of others.

I recognize that some social practices are harmful to me, as well as harmful or offensive to others. Therefore, respecting the values of others and the mission of Eastern Mennonite University, I recognize my responsibility as a member of the community to refrain from sexual relationships outside of marriage, sexual harassment and abuse, pornography, acts of violence, abusive or demeaning language and the use of illegal drugs. Recognizing that EMU supports nonuse of alcohol and tobacco, I will respect and abide by the university policy that prohibits the use of alcohol and tobacco on campus or at university functions and the misuse of alcohol off campus.

I pledge myself to carry out this commitment in a spirit of openness and helpfulness through mutual accountability motivated by love.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT INFORMATION

General Information

Eastern Mennonite University places a strong emphasis on international education and welcomes international students. EMU is a four-year university sponsored by the Mennonite Church. The purpose of EMU is to provide university-level education from a Christian perspective. EMU has 1660 students. There are about 90 international students studying at EMU each year. It is easy to make friends and become involved in many activities. EMU is located in Harrisonburg, a city of 42,700 people, in the state of Virginia. EMU is a two-hour drive from Washington D.C. EMU is a small university placed in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley where most students are impressed with the spaciousness of our 93 acre campus and 44 buildings. Students also appreciate the peaceful and safe community on EMU's campus.

International Emphasis

As part of its Christian perspective, EMU emphasizes the value in relating with people of all nationalities and cultures. Every EMU student is required to participate in cross-cultural studies (optional for internationals). Most students fulfill this requirement by studying for a semester in another country. This gives EMU students an understanding of what it is like to live in a culture unlike their own. This understanding contributes to an environment where international students are able to feel comfortable being a part of the EMU community. It also provides an opportunity for international students to expand their experience beyond the United States if they so desire.

Student Life

EMU's size, Christian focus and international awareness make it an excellent place to study. Professors and students are friendly and value the perspectives and experiences of international students. Classes are small to allow professors to give individual attention to each student. The international student advisor is available to help with visa requirements and other details of college life. The international student service office is a place for all EMU international students to come together and participate in many activities.

EMU has on campus housing and meal services for all international students. Most on campus housing there are two students per room. New students are assigned to a roommate based on similar interests and age. New students are encouraged to stay on campus for the first year.

Academic Program

The main academic year is made up of two 15-week semesters. The fall semester runs from late August to mid-December. The spring semester runs from early January to late April. Two three-week summer sessions are also offered. Together these sessions run from early May to mid June. International students can choose to take classes during the summer sessions. Most take one course each session for a total of 5-6 credit hours. International students are encouraged to begin at EMU at the start of the academic year in August.

EMU offers four-year programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees, two-year Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science degrees, and one-year Certificate programs. For a complete list of programs of study go to the EMU website.

Questions

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INTERNATIONAL GRANT INFORMATION

Eastern Mennonite University has a limited number of grants available to international students with significant financial need. Priorities are given to applicants with connections to the Mennonite Church and demonstrate strong academic abilities; it is important that you, your parents and/or sponsors complete the financial certification form, which details the maximum amount of financial support you have available.

The maximum international grant amount awarded by EMU is a half-tuition grant. The grants continue for the length of time required to complete a degree program, up to five years. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA and complete a minimum of 24 credits per year.

Applicants will not be considered for the international grant until all requirements for admission have been met. Therefore, the financial certification form must be completed in order to be considered for an international grant. Because funds are limited, EMU cannot provide full financial support; the student and family are expected to pay as much of the cost as is reasonably possible, and to arrange for a sponsor if family resources are limited. The more financial support your family and sponsor can provide, the greater the possibility that EMU can supplement these funds to meet your remaining expenses.

The International Grant is awarded only to incoming students. There are no additional institutional funds once the applicant is a student. Please be aware of your financial responsibility to cover the cost at EMU.

Applicants with completed files will first be considered for international grants on March 1. It is in the applicant's interest to submit all the required information as early as possible.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

When do you wish to enter EMU August 20__

Indicate your status:

First Year Transfer, from what college _____ Second degree (post grad)

Name _____ Preferred _____
last/family/surname first/given/personal middle

Birth date ____/____/____ Birth place _____ Country of citizenship _____
month day year city country

Gender Male Female Social Security Number (if you have one) _____ - _____ - _____

Street or box _____ City _____

State/Prov. _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____
required

Permanent address (if different)

Street or box _____ Phone (_____) _____

City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip _____

Country _____

If you are currently in the United States what is your visa status:

student visa - if yes what kind? _____

special visitor - explain _____

other _____

Religious affiliation _____

FAMILY INFORMATION (If 24 years of age or older or married, parent information is not needed.)

Father's or guardian's name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Street or box _____ attended EMU

City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Occupation _____

Mother's or guardian's name _____ Phone (_____) _____

Street or box _____ attended EMU

City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Occupation _____

Names/ages/grade levels of brothers and sisters _____

Parent e-mail _____ Spouse name (if applicable) _____

Marital status single married widowed separated divorced

if married, name of spouse _____

names and ages of children if any _____

How did you hear about EMU? _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Note: Originals or certified copies of school certificates and transcripts listing courses taken and marks received, with translations into English where necessary, should be sent with this application.

Primary native language _____

If your primary native language is not English, how many years have you formally studied English? _____

List previous educational training.

(Please contact each school/college and request that an official transcript be sent directly to EMU.) * * see page 1

_____ Dates attended: from _____ to _____
month/year month/year

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month/year month/year

Degree completed: Associate _____ Baccalaureate _____ Other _____

EMU PROGRAM INTEREST Major 1. _____ 2. _____ Minor _____ Undecided

Degree sought B.A./B.S. (4-year) A.A. (2-year) Certificate (1-year)

HOUSING Residence hall Off-campus (only by special permission if under 21) Married (off-campus) Other

ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

REFERENCE Please supply the name and contact of a reference.

Reference:

Name _____ Occupation _____

Street _____ City _____

State, Zip _____ Phone _____ Country _____

E-mail: _____ Relationship: _____

i.e., pastor, teacher, friend, sponsor, other

SIGNATURE

I have read the Community Lifestyle Commitment and understand the purpose and mission of EMU. My filing of this application indicates my willingness to cooperate with the standards and purpose of the university. I accept the lifestyle expectations as my own while I am a student at EMU. I agree to withdraw my enrollment should I find myself unable to support them.

Signature _____ Date _____

CHECKLIST

- \$25 application fee is enclosed.
- High school transcript has been/will be requested.
- Transcripts have been requested from all colleges I have attended during or since high school and evaluation is being done.
- ACT or SAT has been/will be taken on _____. Scores have been/will be sent to EMU.
month/year
- TOEFL/IELTS
date you have taken or plan to take the TOEFL/IELTS _____
if you have already taken the TOEFL/IELTS, what was your score _____

EMU admits students of any gender, race, color and national/ethnic origin, regardless of disability.



Financial Certification Form

Please list all sources of your financial support in U.S. dollars. Please type or print all entries, using an additional sheet of paper for explanations if necessary. **Include certified bank or income statements documenting the funds listed.**

Please Note: Students holding F-1 visas should NOT anticipate employment as a means of support while studying at EMU. Additionally, Eastern Mennonite University does not offer full tuition scholarships/grants.

Applicant's name: _____
Last/Family/Surname *First/Given/Personal*

| Sources of Funds (In U.S. \$) | Assured Support 1 st yr | Projected | | | I certify that I have read this form, that it is true and accurate and that the funds are available and will be provided. |
|---|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| | | 2 nd yr | 3 rd yr | 4 th yr | |
| From Savings (Personal) A bank official's signature is required to verify savings (see section at right). | | | | | Name of Bank Official _____ Signature of Bank Official _____ Title _____ Name of Bank _____ Address of Bank _____ _____ Date _____ |
| From Family (Printed or typed) _____ Name _____ Name Please explain source: | | | | | Parent's signature is required. Signature of Parent _____ Address _____ _____ Date _____ Please send a certified bank or employer statement to Verify that these funds would be available. |
| From Sponsors (Printed or typed) _____ Name _____ Name Please explain source: | | | | | Please have your sponsor(s) send a bank statement and/or a signed letter verifying the amount of their support with contact information. (address, phone, email address.) |

Total in U.S. \$ _____

Do you plan to remain in the U.S. during the summer? YES _____ NO _____

I certify that the information on this form is true, correct and complete. I understand that any misrepresentation may be the cause for refusing or revoking admission. I understand that all tuition and fees are expected to be paid at the beginning of each semester.

Signature of Student _____ *Date* _____