

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE FACT SHEET 2025-2026

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NOMINATION AN	ID APPLICATION INFORMATION
Student Nomination Process	Nominations must be sent to
	Brittany.Marinelli@lr.edu.
	Deadline for nominations: - March 21 st for Fall Semester and Academic Year - October 21 st for Spring Semester Nomination information needed: - Student name - Student email address - Level of study - Field of study - Period of study (1 st semester, 2 nd semester, year)
Application Process	Students must complete Lenoir-Rhyne's internal application at the following website: https://www.lr.edu/admission/undergraduate-admission/international-students-undergraduate-admission
	Additionally, students must email the following documents to Brittany.Marinelli@lr.edu:
	 Copy of transcript Copy of passport Copy of language certificate TOEFL – 550 paper, 213 computer, or 79 internet-based IELTS – 6.5 Duolingo – 110 Cambridge – must be equivalent score to TOEFL/IELTS

-	Certificate of financial responsibility	
	showing a minimum of \$8,500 per	
	semester (evidence of scholarships	
	could be used as well as bank	
	statements to reach this sum)	

Application deadline:

- April 1st for Fall Semester and Academic-Year
- November 1st for Spring Semester

ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
Academic Offer	Students can choose from a variety of courses from more than 50 undergraduate majors and a handful of graduate programs.
	Undergraduate students need to enroll in a minimum of 12 U.S. credits and graduate students must enroll in a minimum of 9 U.S. credits.
	Browse our programs and course offerings at this website: https://www.lr.edu/academics/registrar/catalog
Academic Calendar	Fall Semester: August-December Spring Semester: January-May
	More details about Lenoir-Rhyne's academic calendar can be found at this website: https://www.lr.edu/academics/registrar/academic-calendars
Academic Support Services	Our BEAR (belonging, equity, access, and retention) Central offers services for all undergraduate and graduate students, including undergraduate advising, undergraduate and graduate student success services, writing and speaking services, tutoring services, peer academic coaching and faculty academic coaching, among other services.
	Read more about these support services at this website: https://www.lr.edu/academics/bear-central

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL SUPPORT	
Orientation Week	Students are expected to arrive at Lenoir-Rhyne
	on the Saturday prior to the first day of class to
	participate in orientation. Orientation includes

	mandatory immigration meetings, social and cultural events, and off-campus outings to help
	students integrate into the local community.
Student Life	Students can get involved with a variety of
	clubs and organizations while studying at
	Lenoir-Rhyne. Find out more about our student
	life at this website:
	https://www.lr.edu/student-life/student-
	activities-organizations
Housing	International exchange students are housed in
	the Global Village Residential Learning
	community on campus. This community is
	comprised of U.S. and international students
	who are interested in sharing cultures and
	supporting each other.
Peer Mentorship	The International Office has a team of
	dedicated student mentors to support
	exchange students. International students will
	be assigned a mentor to help with their
	integration to campus life by aiding with
	campus involvement, connecting students with
	support resources, and more.

IMMIGRATION	INFORMATION
Student Visa	Once a student has been admitted to Lenoir-Rhyne University, they will be issued a Form DS-2019. This document is required to apply for the J-1 visa. Students should apply for the J-1 visa at the closest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. More information about applying for a visa can be found on this website: https://www.lr.edu/academics/study-abroad-international-education/exchange-visitors/exchange-students/immigration-requirements#a23611
Insurance	To maintain valid J-1 status, students must maintain insurance coverage that meets the requirements outlined on page two of the DS-2019 form. The insurance offered by Lenoir-Rhyne meets these requirements and will automatically be purchased and billed to the student along with their semester fees.