



Exchange to Ball State University

Inbound Fact Sheet

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**BALL STATE
UNIVERSITY**

**Rinker Center
for Global Affairs**

Year Founded	1918
Institution Type	Public University
History	<p>Ball State University began as a small, private teacher training school in 1899. After the community's efforts to sustain the college failed, the Ball brothers purchased the land and buildings of the defunct institution and donated them to the State of Indiana. This gift became the Indiana State Normal School Eastern Division, which opened in 1918 to meet Indiana's need for more and better teachers.</p> <p>In recognition of the Ball family's generosity, the Indiana General Assembly changed the school's name to Ball Teachers College in 1922 and then Ball State Teachers College in 1929. By the 1960's, the regional teacher's college had begun to attract faculty from outside the Midwest, and students sought majors in areas such as business, architecture, and other emerging disciplines. Enrollment and funding surged with national trends, and new facilities and degree offerings were added.</p> <p>In 1965, the Indiana General Assembly renamed the college Ball State University, acknowledging its phenomenal growth in enrollment and facilities, the variety and quality of its educational programs and services, and the anticipation of the broader role it would play in the state's future.</p>
Mission	<p>We engage students in educational, research, and creative endeavors that empower our graduates to have fulfilling careers and meaningful lives enriched by lifelong learning and service, while we enhance the economic, environmental, and social vitality of our community, our state, and our world.</p>
About Muncie	<p>Muncie is a friendly Midwestern city with vibrant energy. Explore the nationally recognized Minnetrista Museum and Gardens, where art, history, and gardens come alive. Cheer on the Ball State Cardinals or catch a performance at the Muncie Civic Theatre.</p> <p>Muncie offers a thriving arts scene, delicious food, and a strong sense of community. Beyond the city, discover scenic parks and explore Indiana's hidden gems. Experience big-city amenities with small-town charm.</p>

<p>Location and Arrival</p>	<p>Ball State is in Muncie, Indiana, which is in the heart of the Midwest, USA. We're 70 miles northeast of Indianapolis, and the closest airport is Indianapolis International Airport (IND). Shuttle service is available from IND to Ball State campus for arrival and departure. Other airports in the region (without shuttle service to campus) include Fort Wayne (FWA), Cincinnati (CVG), Dayton (DAY), and Chicago O'Hare (ORD).</p>
<p>Postal Address</p>	<p>2000 West University Avenue, Muncie, IN 47306, USA</p>
<p>Contacts</p>	<p>Outbound Exchange and Exchange Agreements Ashley Coker, Director of Study Abroad acoker@bsu.edu or +1-765-285-2652</p> <p>Inbound Exchange Vanessa Lanning, Director of International Student Success smlanning@bsu.edu or +1-765-285-5457</p> <p>International Admissions and Services intadmit@bsu.edu; intlservices@bsu.edu or +1-765-285-5422</p>
<p>Website</p>	<p>Inbound Exchange Webpage: bsu.edu/studyabroad/inbound</p> 
<p>Nomination and Application Dates and Deadlines</p>	<p>Send nominations to smlanning@bsu.edu by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 15 for Fall and Academic Year • October 15 for Spring <p>The nomination email must include the student's name, major/academic program, semester(s) of study and confirmation of eligibility, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum 2.5 cumulative undergraduate GPA on a US 4.0 scale • English proficiency meeting Ball State Institutional Requirements <p>After the nomination has been accepted and eligibility confirmed, the nominee will be instructed to submit the online application. Nominees must accept their admission decision via the Cardinal Landing page by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o June 15 for Fall and Academic Year o November 20 for Spring

Academic Calendar

Academic semesters (Fall and Spring) are approximately 16 weeks long, not including breaks and holidays.

Fall semester: Mid-August to Mid-December

Spring semester: early January to early May

Please visit bsu.edu/calendar/calendars/academic-calendar for the most current calendars.

Departments and Colleges

R. Wayne Estopinal College of Architecture and Planning

Architecture, Construction Management and Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning

Miller College of Business

Accounting, Applied Business Studies, Economics, Finance and Insurance, Information Systems and Operations Management, Marketing, Management

College of Communication, Information, and Media

Communication Studies, Information and Communication Sciences, Journalism and Strategic Communication, Media

College of Fine Arts

Art, Music, Theatre and Dance

College of Health

Counseling Psychology, Social Psychology and Counseling, Kinesiology, Military Science, Nursing, Nutrition and Health Science, Social Work, Speech Pathology and Audiology

College of Sciences and Humanities

Anthropology, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Criminal Justice and Criminology, Data Analytics, English, Environment, Geology, and Natural Resources, Geography and Meteorology, History, Mathematical Sciences, Modern Languages and Classics, Philosophy and Religious Studies, Physics and Astronomy, Political Science, Psychological Science, Sociology, Women's, Gender, and African American Studies

Teachers College

Early Childhood, Youth, and Family Studies, Educational Leadership, Educational Psychology, Elementary Education, Educational Studies, Special Education

Selecting Courses

Take a look at our course catalog here:

banner.bsu.edu/StudentRegistrationSsb/ssb/registration



Housing

Ball State offers on-campus housing in one of our eleven residence halls. Most rooms are doubles with air-conditioning. Bathrooms are private, semi-private, or community-style. Rates depend on room type and range from approximately \$2,400–\$4,500 per semester. Meal plans are required for students living in residence halls; there are many meal plan options with a cost of approximately \$2,500–\$3,500 per semester.

Please visit [bsu.edu/housing](https://www.bsu.edu/housing) for additional information.

English Language Requirement S/IEI

For academic courses, students must submit one of the following scores:

- TOEFL 79
- IELTS Academic Score 6.5
- Pearson's PTE 53
- Duolingo 110
- SAT Critical Reading section or SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing 500
- ACT English Section 21

Students can take 7-week courses in the Intensive English Institute (IEI) if their scores do not meet the minimum for academic coursework. However, they must meet the minimum language scores for the IEI which are:

- TOEFL iBT 42
- IELTS Academic 4.5
- Duolingo 65
- Pearson PTE 40

Emergency Contacts

University Police: +1-765-285-1111

Muncie Police: +1-765-747-4832

Health Insurance

Students and scholars studying on a J visa are required by federal law to carry health insurance that meets certain minimums. The United States does not have a nationalized health care system. If you need medical care and do not have health insurance, you may find yourself owing thousands of dollars. The health insurance system offers you protection against these costs. Ball State University does not offer an international student health insurance plan. Students and scholars can choose their health insurance coverage.

Please note that J visa students and scholars will be required to provide proof of adequate and ongoing insurance coverage to International Services.



CAMPUS RESOURCES WITH WEBSITES

International Student Success

bsu.edu/academics/centersandinstitutes/rinker/international-student-success

International Student Services

bsu.edu/admissions/international/international-services

Campus Health and Safety Resources

bsu.edu/campuslife/healthsafety/campus-health-and-safety

Counseling Center

bsu.edu/campuslife/counseling-center

The Amelia T. Wood Health Center

bsu.edu/campuslife/healthcenter

Multicultural Center

bsu.edu/campuslife/multicultural-center/resources

Office of Disability Services

bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/disability-services/services-resources

LGBTQ+ Support

bsu.edu/about/inclusive-excellence/lgbtq-resources

Immersive Learning

bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/immersive-learning

The Learning Center

bsu.edu/academics/collegesanddepartments/universitycollege/learningcenter

The Writing Center

bsu.edu/academics/centersandinstitutes/writingcenter

University Libraries

bsu.edu/academics/libraries



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The information presented here, correct at the time of publication, is subject to change.

Ball State University practices equal opportunity in education and employment and is strongly and actively committed to diversity within its community.

Ball State wants its programs and services to be accessible to all people. For information about access and accommodations, please call the Office of Disability Services at 765-285-5293; go through Relay Indiana for deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals (relayindiana.com or 877-446-8722); or visit bsu.edu/disabilityservices. MC-75400-25