Appalachian State University, in North Carolina’s Blue Ridge Mountains, prepares students to lead purposeful lives as global citizens who understand and engage their responsibilities in creating a sustainable future for all. The transformational Appalachian experience promotes a spirit of inclusion that brings people together in inspiring ways to acquire and create knowledge, to grow holistically, to act with passion and determination, and embrace diversity and difference.
People come to Boone to enjoy all four seasons — from skiing at one of three local resorts, to hiking or driving on the Blue Ridge Parkway, to exploring local shops and restaurants. There’s something for everyone here, no matter the season.
Appalachian provides world-class academic experiences taught by professors at the cutting-edge of their careers, while maintaining small class sizes, one-on-one interaction with professors and an unparalleled welcoming, safe community. The support provided facilitates students’ success in school, their professions and the communities they enter after graduation. We hope you will join our proud global community of scholars.
Appalachian offers more than 150 undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including:

Accounting  
Actuarial Science  
Anthropology  
Apparel Design and Merchandising  
Art and Visual Culture  
Art Education (K-12)  
Biology  
Building Sciences  
Career and Technical Education  
Chemistry and Fermentation Sciences  
Child Development  
Commercial Photography  
Communication Sciences and Disorders  
Communication Studies  
Communication, Advertising  
Communication, Electronic Media/Broadcasting  
Communication, Journalism  
Communication, Public Relations  
Community and Regional Planning  
Computer Information Systems  
Computer Science  
Criminal Justice  
Dance Studies  
Economics  
Elementary Education  
English  
English, Secondary Education  
Environmental Science  
Exercise Science  
Finance and Banking  
Gender, Women’s and Sexuality Studies  
Geography  
Geology  
Global Studies  
Graphic Arts and Imaging Technology  
Graphic Design  
Health Care Management  
Health and Physical Education (K-12)  
History  
History, Social Studies Education  
Hospitality and Tourism Management  
Industrial Design  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Interior Design  
International Business  
Languages, Literatures and Cultures Management  
Marketing  
Mathematics  
Middle Grades Education (6-9)  
Music Education (K-12)  
Music Industry Studies  
Music Performance  
Music Therapy  
Nursing  
Nutrition and Foods  
Philosophy  
Physics  
Political Science  
Psychology  
Public Health  
Recreation Management  
Religious Studies  
Risk Management and Insurance  
Social Work  
Sociology  
Special Education (K-12)  
Studio Art  
Supply Chain Management  
Sustainable Development  
Sustainable Technology  
Theatre Arts  

Pre-Professional Programs  
Pre-Dental  
Pre-Engineering  
Pre-Forest Resources  
Pre-Law  
Pre-Medical  
Pre-Pharmacy  
Pre-Physician Assistant  
Pre-Physical Therapy  
Pre-Theology  
Pre-Veterinarian  

(Studies in pre-professional areas are available within a variety of majors and require early consultation with academic advisors.)

Majors available as Teacher Education.

See the full list: appstate.edu/majors
What's it like to be an international student?

Appalachian is the perfect setting to strengthen your academic focus, discover your passions, enhance your leadership skills and continue your life's journey. Students participate in several campus activities, including student clubs and organizations and attending athletic events.

Whether you want to join a culturally themed student group, academic societies, sports and recreational teams like the ski, soccer, football or basketball teams, become a social justice educator, or get involved in a sorority or fraternity, plan a diversity celebration or sing a capella, or work in the Women’s Center or LGBT Center, Appalachian offers plenty of student clubs and organizations. Join the community, make friends and get involved. If you don’t see a student club or organization that speaks to you, you can start one!
International student support services

The Office of International Education and Development (OIED) provides services and support to ensure that your time at Appalachian is successful academically and personally. OIED provides many programs and services for international students and their families:

- immigration support and advising
- international student orientation
- support for employment and internships
- airport pick-up during your first semester
- opportunities to get involved and share your culture with the local community:
  - Cultural Ambassadors
  - iPals student group
  - International Friendship Program
  - INTAPP – International Appalachian student group

Appalachian has international students from more than 45 countries!

Learn more: international.appstate.edu/international-students
First-year students are required to live on campus. Our 20 residence hall rooms have basic digital cable television and internet access, and are furnished with twin beds, dressers, desks with chairs, and a closet or wardrobe. Rates include electricity, water and maintenance, and take into account amenities available in each building (i.e., air conditioning, private bathrooms, etc.).

Cost
Per semester cost ranges from $2,235 to $2,700.

Learn more: housing.appstate.edu

After the first year, students have the option to apply for on-campus housing (space is limited) or find off-campus housing in Boone. Off-Campus Student Services is a good place to start – they provide programs and resources to create a connected, engaged and informed community of off-campus students. A database of available rental properties is available, which includes listings by rental companies and posts by students who are looking to sublet or need a roommate.

Learn more: offcampus.appstate.edu
Meal plans

Students who live on campus are required to purchase a meal plan, and students who live off campus may choose to purchase one.

Meal plans operate on a declining balance system and can be used for all food on campus. This includes dining halls, franchises, vending machines, coffee shops, the markets and more. Because Food Services is self-operated and receipt-supported, items are priced a la carte, which gives students complete flexibility of how, when and where to use their meal funds.

A variety of meal options are available, including options for those with dietary restrictions.

Meal plan options
Super: $1,917/semester
High: $1,576/semester
Standard: $1,357/semester

After the first year, students can select the low meal plan, which is $1,055 per semester.

Current costs available at: appcard.appstate.edu

Transportation

Getting around town
Getting around Boone is safe, convenient and free! Boone is a college town; you can walk, bike, or take the AppalCart to class.

AppalCART
A free bus system that serves all of Watauga County and provides transportation access to campus and around town.

Mountaineer Safe Ride
Provides safe and secure transportation around campus for students during the evening hours of the academic year.

Getting out of town
And, if you need transportation off the mountain, there are several bus companies that can assist you with getting to Charlotte, Greensboro and beyond.

Safety on campus

Appalachian’s University Police Department
Protects life and property on campus 24/7. Officers patrol by car, by foot and by bike, and have complete authority to apprehend and arrest anyone who violates North Carolina state law on campus.

Blue light emergency phones
There are 65+ emergency blue light phones located across campus that only require one button to be pushed to call University Police and automatically identify the caller's location.

Boone is one of Safewise.com’s safest cities in North Carolina.

A safety alert system notifies students of any safety issues on campus via SMS/text, phone call and email.
**Scholarships**

**Top merit scholarships**

**Wilson Scholars Program**
Includes full institutional costs plus additional funds each year for experiential learning, such as study abroad, research and/or internship experiences.

**The Diversity Scholars Program**
Awarded to students who demonstrate and value academic achievement, exhibit strong leadership potential and eagerly identify ways to implement positive change.

**Alumni Memorial Scholarship**
Awarded to children of alumni who excel academically and want to be a Mountaineer.

**W.H. Plemmons Leadership Scholars Program**
Awarded to students who demonstrate academic achievement and are actively involved in high school/community activities.

**Academic Excellence Scholarship**
Awarded to first-year and transfer students with a strong academic record, demonstrated leadership and experience providing service to their communities.

**Chancellor’s Scholarship**
Includes full institutional costs and is offered through the Honors College.

Learn about these opportunities, transfer scholarships and more: scholarships.appstate.edu and international.appstate.edu/scholarships

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**Cost**

$29,643 per year*  
2018–19

*Includes out-of-state tuition for 12+ credit hours, standard room, standard meal plan and most textbooks. Cost is subject to change and will vary depending on room type and meal plan. Your I-20 will show an estimate that also includes living expenses.

Learn more: admissions.appstate.edu/cost

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**Value**

7,534 students earned academic credit for internships 2016–17

86% of undergrad students employed or enrolled in graduate program within one year of graduation, 2016

88% student retention rate for first year to second year 2016–17

Learn more: appstate.edu/choose
Application requirements

• A complete admission application
• A non-refundable application fee of $65 (USD)
• Official high school/secondary school transcript
• Official college transcripts
• Official TOEFL, IELTS, SAT or ACT test scores:
  • SAT reading and math without the writing.
  • ACT composite without writing.
• Applicants whose first language is not English or whose high school program was not taught in English must provide a TOEFL, IELTS, SAT or ACT score
• Applicants whose first language is English or have attended an English-speaking school must submit an SAT or ACT score

Optional but recommended

• Curriculum vitae and personal statements

Timeline

• Semesters begin in the fall (August) and spring (January). Applicants should receive an admission decision within two to four weeks of completing their application. Fall students should apply by the November 1 prior to the fall term to be considered for scholarships.

Test score minimums

TOEFL
IBT score: 75
Section scores: 16

IELTS
Score: 5.5

ACT
Score: 17
School code: 3062

SAT
Score: 880
School code: 5010

Learn more: admissions.appstate.edu/apply
Transfer: admissions.appstate.edu/transfer

Next steps after admission

The Office of International Education and Development (OIED) will contact you about the I-20 process. You will need to submit a financial statement, a copy of your passport and other documents in order to receive your I-20, which you will need in order to apply for your F-1 student visa.

Once a student is admitted and decides to attend Appalachian, next steps will be communicated, including additional information about housing, international student orientation, registering for classes and getting to campus.

“OIED has helped me through every step of my college career. They were always available when I needed assistance and have made this experience 110 percent easier and better.”

-Murilo Artese, São Paulo, Brazil
Junior, electronic media & broadcasting

One of the best colleges in America -Niche.com, 2018
A best value college -Kiplinger, 2018
Distance from Boone, NC to:
- Charlotte, NC: 2 hours
- Raleigh, NC: 3 hours
- Wilmington, NC: 5 hours
- Atlanta, GA: 5 hours

Distance from Charlotte airport to:
- Washington, D.C.: 1.5 hours
- New York City, NY: 2 hours
- Chicago, IL: 2 hours
- Denver, CO: 4 hours
- Los Angeles, CA: 5.5 hours

One of SIERRA magazine’s “Cool Schools” for sustainability

5th in the nation for number of students studying abroad – Institute of International Education

120,000 living alumni from all 50 states and many countries across the globe

$136+ million funded research annually

One of Forbes’ “Top American Colleges”

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New York Loft
Appalachian has a facility in midtown Manhattan called the New York Loft where students can stay inexpensively while visiting New York City, either as part of an educational program or for tourism.

ny.appstate.edu

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