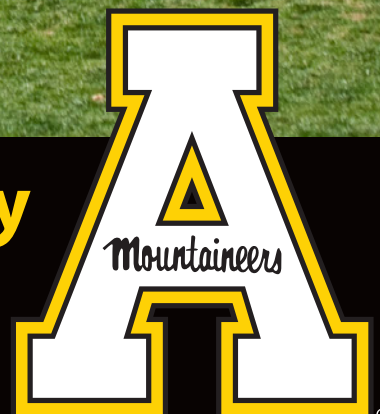




# **Appalachian State University**

## **Boone, North Carolina**

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE**







## Appalachian State University

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.

**3rd**

top public university  
in the South  
*U.S. News & World  
Report, 2018*



approximately

**19,000**  
undergraduate and  
graduate students

**best**

a  
value college  
in America  
*Niche.com, 2017*







## Boone, North Carolina

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.



**50+**

hiking  
trailheads  
within driving  
distance of  
campus



Hundreds of ways to get involved and serve the Boone community through Appalachian and the Community Together (ACT)

Lively local art scene – in town and on campus – including App State athletics, theatre and dance performances and First Friday Art Crawl



**86cm**

average amount of  
snow each winter



**252**

miles of the Blue  
Ridge Parkway in  
North Carolina



## Academics



**16:1**

student-to-faculty ratio



**150**

majors and programs



**99%**

full-time faculty have the highest degree in their field



**27**

students – average class size



**8**

colleges and schools

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	Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies	Public Health
Actuarial Science	Geography	Recreation Management
Anthropology	<i>Geology</i>	Religious Studies
Apparel Design and Merchandising	Global Studies	Risk Management and Insurance
Art and Visual Culture	Graphic Arts and Imaging Technology	Social Work
<i>Art Education (K-12)</i>	Graphic Design	Sociology
<i>Biology</i>	Health Care Management	<i>Special Education (K-12)</i>
Building Sciences	<i>Health and Physical Education (K-12)</i>	Studio Art
<i>Career and Technical Education</i>	History	Supply Chain Management
<i>Chemistry and Fermentation Sciences</i>	<i>History, Social Studies Education</i>	Sustainable Development
<i>Child Development</i>	Hospitality and Tourism Management	Sustainable Technology
Commercial Photography	Industrial Design	<i>Theatre Arts</i>
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Interdisciplinary Studies	<b>Pre-Professional Programs</b>
Communication Studies	Interior Design	Pre-Dental
Communication, Advertising	International Business	Pre-Engineering
Communication, Electronic Media/Broadcasting	<i>Languages, Literatures and Cultures</i>	Pre-Forest Resources
Communication, Journalism	Management	Pre-Law
Communication, Public Relations	Marketing	Pre-Medical
Community and Regional Planning	<i>Mathematics</i>	Pre-Pharmacy
Computer Information Systems	<i>Middle Grades Education (6-9)</i>	Pre-Physician Assistant
Computer Science	<i>Music Education (K-12)</i>	Pre-Physical Therapy
Criminal Justice	Music Industry Studies	Pre-Theology
Dance Studies	Music Performance	Pre-Veterinarian
Economics	Music Therapy	
<i>Elementary Education</i>	Nursing	(Studies in pre-professional areas are available within a variety of majors and require early consultation with academic advisors.)
English	Nutrition and Foods	
<i>English, Secondary Education</i>	Philosophy	<i>Majors available as Teacher Education.</i>
Environmental Science	<i>Physics</i>	
Exercise Science	Political Science	
Finance and Banking	Psychology	

See the full list: [appstate.edu/majors](http://appstate.edu/majors)



## Student life



### 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!



Appalachian has more than **150 clubs and organizations** that **focus on community service**.

**400+**  
clubs and  
organizations

**20**  
NCAA Division I  
varsity sports

**101**  
intramural and  
club sports

### Organization highlight

INTAPP – A student organization promoting and supporting the internationalization of Appalachian.







## Student support

### 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](https://international.appstate.edu/international-students)





## On-campus housing



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](http://housing.appstate.edu)

## Off-campus housing

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](http://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](http://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](https://scholarships.appstate.edu)** and **[international.appstate.edu/scholarships](https://international.appstate.edu/scholarships)**

## 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](https://admissions.appstate.edu/cost)**

## 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](https://appstate.edu/choose)**



# First-year application process

## 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.

Learn more: [admissions.appstate.edu/apply](https://admissions.appstate.edu/apply)

Transfer: [admissions.appstate.edu/transfer](https://admissions.appstate.edu/transfer)

## 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

## 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





70 graduate programs

**\$136+**

million  
funded research annually



#### 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



**5th**

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



One of SIERRA  
magazine's  
"Cool Schools"  
for sustainability

**120,000**

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

One of Forbes'  
"Top American Colleges"

#### Contact: International Admissions

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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](http://ny.appstate.edu)

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