

Undergraduate students may study abroad in the Andrews University Year in England at Newbold College. The purpose of this program is to allow students to participate in a culturally enriching academic experience. Information about this program can be secured by writing Newbold College or contacting Campus Ministries, 400 Main Floor, Andrews University, Searsville, Michigan 49343. For more information, contact the Counseling Center, 1000 E. Main Street, Andrews University, Searsville, Michigan 49343.

choices are available on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m., on Friday evenings and daily in the residence halls.

- 7 C **Co-curricular Credit** Students can earn co-curricular credit for experiential learning outside of class. Experiences must involve at least 10 hours of work in a student organization, campus ministry, workplace, church, etc. and be supervised by an advisor (pastor, club sponsor, work supervisor, etc.). Participants must initiate a Learning Contract before the September or January deadlines and will earn five credits upon completion of a Learning Assessment. Please contact Student Life for more information.

C G a F **Co-curricular Fee** A co-curricular fee is assessed at the end of each semester. This fee is cumulative, based on nonattendance. Students are charged \$25 for the first program that falls short of the required number and \$11 for every program short thereafter. A maximum of \$344 may be charged to traditional students and \$179 to non-traditional students per semester. This fee can be minimized or completely eliminated by attending programs.

A c **Co-curricular Programs** Attending co-curricular programs is part of earning an Andrews degree. These programs should receive the same weight as classes when planning work schedules and overall academic load.

U **Co-curricular Requirement** All traditional undergraduates are required to attend 30 co-curricular programs a semester, meeting one or two minimums (below) as part of the total requirement.

- Chapel/Forum Minimum. Students must attend a minimum of 12 Chapels/Forums each semester.
- Residence Hall Minimum. Residents must attend a minimum of 10 Choices offered in their residence hall each semester. Community students are also welcome to attend these programs for credit.

The remainder of the requirement can be fulfilled by attending other Choices programs, as well as by participating in the Changes program.

U **Co-curricular Requirement** Students 25 years and older or who are parents with a child in their care are identified as non-traditional. Non-traditional undergraduates are required to attend only 15 programs a semester, drawn from any of the available programs. They also have the option of viewing Chapels online and submitting a report in lieu of physical attendance. Parents under the age of 25 must present a copy of their child's birth certificate to the Student Life office in order to receive non-traditional status.

- 7 E **Co-curricular Requirement** Marital status or work conflicts do not exempt students from attendance. However, if an undergraduate student is registered for 7 or fewer credits, pursuing a second bachelor's degree or has earned 120 credit hours or more by the beginning of the semester, the student is welcome but not required to attend programs.

Earned credit hours can be viewed using the University Academic Record link on the iVue page. [University Academic Record](#)

Single undergraduate students are eligible for community living at the beginning of the semester in which they turn 22 years of age.

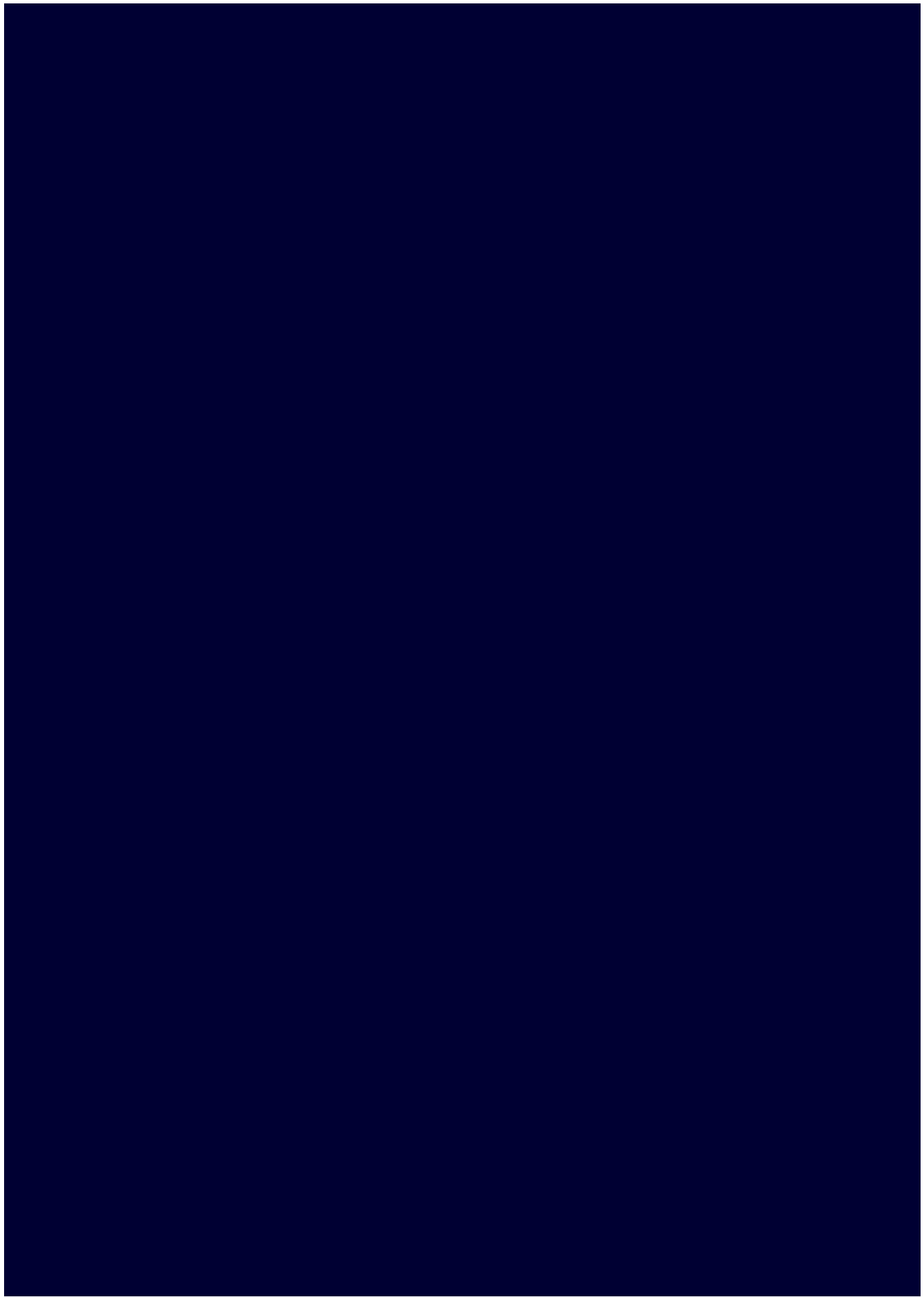
Costs associated with residence hall living are part of the investment in an Andrews University education, thus the Student Life office does not make exceptions on the basis of financial need.

The ONLY alternatives to residence hall living are:

1. Students who live full-time with parents within a 45-mile radius of the University under the terms of an approved Community Residential Agreement.
2. Students who live full-time with a current Andrews University faculty or staff family within a 45-mile radius of the University under the terms of an approved Community Residential Agreement.

Community Residential Agreements forms can be obtained in the Student Life office. Agreements must be signed in person in the Student Life office by students and parents or employee hosts. Parents must provide a copy of their current Michigan or Indiana driver's license with a local address as proof of community residency.

Returning residential students under 22 years of age who meet the criteria for being released from on-campus housing assignments and desire to move off campus must submit applications to the Student Life office prior to the semester of their expected move for approval (deadline schedule below). Submitting an application before the deadline does not mean it is approved. The associate dean for Student Life will respond to all requests within five to ten business days of the deadline. The deadlines for applications are listed below:



classes, laboratories or activities involving situations considered

training and supervision. The center endorses a wholistic approach in working with students, by facilitating the integration of the emotional, spiritual, physical and social qualities of the individual.

The Counseling Center is fully accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services (IACS) and serves as a training facility for graduate counseling and social work interns. Career exploration and counseling services are offered to enrolled students at no charge. Psychological testing and career

maximum of 20 hours per week during the school year and full-time during school breaks and vacations. F-1 students can only work off-campus with permission from the United States Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS). Dependents with F-2 visa status can't work on- or off-campus under any circumstances.

Exchange Visitor students on a non-immigrant J-1 visa are allowed to work on- or off-campus a maximum of 20 hours per week during the school year and full-time during school breaks and vacations. Dependents with J-2 visa status are allowed to study full-time and to work after they receive a work permit called the Employment Authorization Document (EAD) from the USCIS.

Other Campus Services

Other campus services include a barber shop, a beauty shop and the University-branch post office.

Immigration Information for International Students

International students on F-1 or J-1 visas (including dependents) who come to study at Andrews University (AU) should be informed about the immigration laws and regulations in matters related to their visa status. It is the responsibility of the international student to maintain his/her student visa status at all times. Failure to follow immigration regulations, whether intentional or unintentional, is a violation of the student visa status. Consequently, the status of the international student would be terminated and he/she must apply to the USCIS to be reinstated back into the legal student visa status or be faced with possible deportation.

The personnel at International Student Services (ISS) consists of the director, called the Principle Designated School Official (PDSO), and the Designated School Official (DSO). They are appointed by Andrews University and authorized by United States Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) to issue I-20 and sign legal students' documents. The Undertreasurer Department of the General

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attendance reporting date on the I-20 or DS2019 is dated for the summer semester. If so, the student must enroll for a full study load during the summer. Additional information is available in the Office of International Student Services.

1. International students with medical problems must provide a statement from a physician recommending an interruption or reduction in study load.
2. Graduate international students who have completed formal course work and are engaged in comprehensive exam preparation, project, thesis or dissertation are required to register for such. Thereupon they are considered to be pursuing a full course of study.
3. An international student who registers in his/her last semester for less than the minimum credits required must present a letter from his/her academic advisor verifying that these are the only credits that the student needs to fulfill all course requirements.
4. An F-1 student engaged in post-completion Optional Practical Training maintains his/her full visa status. A student in F-1 status doing full-time Curricular Practical Training is also considered to be pursuing a full course of study. But if an international student is engaged in part-time Curricular Practical Training or part-time Optional Practical Training, he/she is required to enroll in classes concurrently.

Students On Exchange Visitor Visas and the Two-year Home Country Physical Presence Requirement

The two-year home country physical presence requirement is one of the most important characteristics of the Exchange Visitor J-1 status. If the international student is bound by this regulation, it will be stated on the J-1 visa and on the bottom left corner of the DS2019. Exchange Visitors, including their dependents, can apply for a waiver of the requirement to return home for two years upon completion of their studies. Without the waiver, such students are not eligible to change their status in the U.S. to another category. Neither can such students become eligible for any change of status until they have been physically present in their country of nationality or the country of last legal permanent residence for a minimum of two years following departure from the USA.

Employment For J-1 and F-1 Students

Immigration laws are very strict about employment. International students desiring to work must be sure to comply with these laws. **UNAUTHORIZED OFF-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT CAN LEAD TO TERMINATION OF STUDENT VISA STATUS AND DEPORTATION.**

J-1 students may engage in two kinds of employment: 1) academic training related to the course of study, or 2) work on-campus or off-campus for a maximum of twenty hours per week while school is in session and full-time during vacation. J-1 students must obtain a letter from the RO or AROs authorizing employment before beginning work.

F-1 students may work on campus up to 20 hours per week while school is in session and full-time during vacations, breaks and holidays. The student can work off-campus only with permission from the USCIS. Permission for off-campus employment is given for 1) economic hardship, 2) curricular practical training and 3) optional practical training.

F-2 dependents cannot work under any circumstances while they are in the country.

(DOS) while the J-1 student is enrolled in school, or approved for Academic Training no later than 30 days after completion of the program. The General Conference is the organization that authorizes the Academic Training once the student provides the required documents.

C u r r i c u l a r P r a c t i c a l T r a i n i n g (CPT) Employment authorization for Curricular Practical Training is given to students whose degree programs require off-campus work experience. International students may NOT begin working until the I-20 has been issued for employment authorization by the DSO. CPT is limited to twenty hours per week if the student is required to take classes during the practicum. If the CPT work is full-time, then the I-20 must be issued for full-time. For more information, contact the Office of International Student Services.

C u r r i c u l a r P r a c t i c a l T r a i n i n g (CPT) International students who are paid for clinicals, practicums or internships as part of a degree program MUST apply for Curricular Practical Training and be issued a new I-20 accordingly. Failure to do so will consider their work illegal.

O p t i o n a l P r a c t i c a l T r a i n i n g (OPT) Optional Practical Training is an optional work benefit for F-1 students, intended for practical work experience in their major field of study. Upon USCIS approval, a student receives work authorization to do OPT anywhere in the United States for a total of 12 months. International students may apply for the post-completion OPT during a five-month window; three months prior to the completion of the degree or 60 days after the completion of the degree.

Accepting Public Benefits is Illegal

Often hospital or medical clinic personnel encourage international students to accept Medicaid or other government benefits. **DO NOT ACCEPT PUBLIC BENEFITS.** Doing so is considered by USCIS to be a violation of your non-immigrant status. Such students will be required to pay back the money received and may risk deportation.

Tracking System

The USCIS created a new system called SEVIS which monitors international students. The government requires all universities and colleges to supply them with information concerning their international students through electronic submission to SEVIS. Information such as the date of commencement of studies, failure to enroll or attend classes, or any disciplinary action taken against the student due to criminal conviction, or otherwise failing to maintain student status must be reported to the government through SEVIS.

The \$200 SEVIS I-901 Fee

International students are required to pay \$200 for the SEVIS I-901 fee. The Office of International Student Services will send along with the I-20 the instructions concerning the different ways of paying this fee. Upon paying the SEVIS fee, the system will automatically generate a receipt which is essential for the students to present at the American Consulate in order for them to obtain the student visa. Canadians must present the SEVIS receipt at the port of entry.

A c a d e m i c E m p l o y m e n t Employment which is directly related to the course of study is permitted by the Department of State