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QUICK FACTS ABOUT RAMAPO

Founded — 1969
Type of Institution — Public, Liberal Arts
Areas of Study — 539 Course Offerings
Student to Teacher Ratio — 18:1
Average class size — 23
Students — More than 6,000
Accolades —
  » AACSB International Accreditation (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business)
  » Kiplinger’s Personal Finance Magazine - 100 Best Values in Public Colleges
  » Princeton Review - Best in the Northeast
  » Ranked annually by U.S. News & World Report as one of the Best Regional Public Universities North category
  » Safewise - Ramapo College’s hometown of Mahwah ranked one of the safest communities in the state of New Jersey
  » Named among the top three (after Princeton and Stevens Institute of Technology) and Number One among the public institutions in New Jersey in College Choice’s rankings for 2017-2018.
  » Recognized as a “Military Friendly School” by Victory Media
  » Recognized on CollegesofDistinction.com, a website dedicated to honoring schools nationwide for their excellence in student-focused higher education
WHERE ARE WE?

Our 300-acre facility (1.2 sq km) is ideally located on a quiet campus, surrounded by the tranquil scenic vistas of the Ramapo Mountains, while in close proximity to New York City’s incomparable cultural, recreational and career opportunities.

NEARBY CITIES

To New York - Approx. 1 hr. | 35.5 miles (57.1 km)
To Philadelphia - Approx. 2 hrs. | 120 miles (193.1 km)
To Boston - Approx. 3.5 hrs. | 220 miles (354 km)
To Washington, D.C. - Approx. 5 hrs. | 250 miles (402.3 km)
WHAT IS AN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE?

Students attending exchange partner institutions have the opportunity to spend one semester or one year studying at RCNJ. A full year can be the academic year (Fall to Spring / August – May) or calendar year (Spring to Fall / January – December).

The nature of an exchange allows students to pay their home institution tuition and fees. Exchange students are required to live on-campus, thus paying Ramapo College for housing and meals (meal plans are optional).

PARTNER SCHOOLS

» American College of Greece (Athens, Greece)
» Anglia Ruskin University (Cambridge, England)
» Copenhagen Business Academy (Copenhagen, Denmark)
» Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Kumasi, Ghana)
» Kansai Gaidai University (Osaka, Japan)
» Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Milan, Italy)

WHO IS A VISITING STUDENT?

International students who are interested in attending Ramapo College for one-to-two semesters and are NOT exchange students, will apply as non-degree students and pay all relevant tuition, fees, room and board.
ACADEMIC CALENDAR TIMELINE

FALL SEMESTER

August  |  Final Week: Arrive at Ramapo for orientation
September  |  First Wednesday: Classes start
October  |  Midterms
November  |  Third Week: Thanksgiving Break (No classes)
December  |  Final Exams
          |  End of Fall Semester
          |  Start of Winter Break

SPRING SEMESTER

January  |  Second Week: Arrive at Ramapo for orientation
          |  Third Tuesday: Classes Start
March  |  Third Week Spring Break
May  |  Final Exams
          |  End of Spring Semester
          |  Start of Summer Break

ramapo.edu/academic-calendars/future-calendars

ACADEMIC OFFERINGS

Anisfield School of Business (ASB)
Accounting
Finance
Economics
Information Systems
Information Technology Management
International Business
Management
Marketing

School of Contemporary Arts (CA)
Communication Arts
— Digital Film Making*
— Global Communication and Media*
— Journalism*
— Visual Communication Design*
— Writing*

Contemporary Arts
— Professional Communication*

Music
— Music Industry*
— Music Performance*
— Music Production*
— Music Studies*

Theater
— Acting*
— Design/Technical*
— Directing/Stage Management*
— Theater Studies*

Visual Arts
— Art History*
— Art Therapy (Drawing & Painting)*
— Art Therapy (Sculpture)*
— Drawing & Painting*
— Electronic Art & Animation*
— Photography*
— Sculpture*

Salameno School of Humanities and Global Studies (SSHGS)
Afirican Studies
American Studies
History
International Studies
Liberal Studies
Literature
— Creative Writing*

Additional course information can be found here: ramapo.edu/catalog

* Concentrations are part of a major.
Exchange students have full access to all of our support services on-campus and online.

» Bradley Center (fitness center and sport facilities)
» Career Services
» Center for Reading and Writing
» Center for Student Involvement
» Civic & Community Engagement Center
» George T. Potter Library
» Health & Counseling Center
» Public Safety
» Office of Student Conduct
» Office of Violence Prevention
» Queer Peer Services
» Roadrunner Central, purchase discounted tickets for:
  Broadway Shows | Bus to N.Y.C.
  Professional Sporting Events | Ski Trips
  Other Activities On- or Off-Campus
» Roukema Center for International Education
» Specialized Services
» Mathematics and Science Tutoring Center
» Theaters
  Myron and Elaine Adler Theater | Sharp Theater
» Women’s Center
All exchange students get placed in the College Park Apartments. These apartments are for upper class students and house four students per apartment with two double bedrooms, a shared bath and a shared kitchen/living room.

ramapo.edu/reslife/college-park-apartments-cpa

OTHER RESIDENCE HALLS

Pine Hall - 340-student first-year residence with three double occupancy bedrooms, sitting room, bath with double sinks, stall shower and toilet compartment in each suite.

Mackin Hall - 360-student hotel-like residence of double occupancy rooms with private baths (configured for two first-year students per room).

Bischoff Hall - 250-student hotel-like residence of double occupancy rooms with private baths.

The Village - 22 buildings with apartments for 528 students comprised of four single bedrooms, kitchen, living/dining room, bath with double sinks, stall shower and toilet compartment.

The Overlook - 295-student residence of four-person suites with two bedrooms, two bathrooms and a sitting room.

Laurel Hall - 432-student suite-style residence with four single bedrooms, bathroom with stall shower and sitting room.
Based on the College Park Apartment (CPA) room assignment, all students receive the Simple 7 meal plan. This plan offers any seven meals per week at the Birch Tree Inn or the Pavilion, including late night dining. It includes an additional $575 flex per semester which can be used for additional meals in the student restaurants, at any of our retail locations, student catering and to pay for guest meals at Birch Tree Inn or the Pavilion. 

ramapo.sodexomyway.com/my-meal-plan

The CPAs do have a kitchen, so you are not required to have a meal plan. If you do not want a meal plan, please communicate that to the Roukema Center for International Education and email mealplan@ramapo.edu to get your meal plan removed.

OTHER MEAL PLAN OPTIONS

The Ultimate - Unlimited meals per week and $100 flex per semester
The Maroon 12 - 12 meals per week and $250 flex per semester
The Tasty 10 - 10 meals per week and $100 flex per semester

Unused flex dollars carry over to the following semester.

SELECTING YOUR PLAN

Meal plan selection is made during the housing selection process. If would like to purchase a meal plan or if you would like to make a change to the plan you have already selected, please email mealplan@ramapo.edu with your selection. Include: first and last name and Banner ID Number (R#). Questions regarding any meal plan information can be directed to the Dining Services Office at (201) 684-7773.

Students residing in Pine, Bischoff, Mackin and Overlook Halls are required to purchase a meal plan each semester.
GETTING INVOLVED

At Ramapo College, being involved outside the classroom is recognized as just as important as being active inside the classroom. Students are urged to take advantage of the many opportunities available, including clubs/organizations, intramurals, LGBTQIA empowerment, Student Government Association, performing arts, etc.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
There are more than 150 clubs and organizations including cultural, academic, religious, recreational, entertainment, political, social and special interest groups. Joining can provide students with interesting friends and provide life long memories of their college years.
If students browse through the list and find their interests are not represented, they should inquire at the Center for Student Involvement about starting a new club or organization. Once the College recognizes an organization, it is eligible to receive financial support from the Student Activities Allocations Committee.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION (ISO)
ISO is a socio-cultural organization that bridges students for around the globe. This organization supports and promotes different cultures and perspectives, empowering individuals to enhance their knowledge world cultures. ISO prides itself on diversity, mutual respect and tolerance of race, ethnicity, culture, religion, and sexual orientation. Our main goal is to unify cultural diversity among the Ramapo community.

INTRAMURALS
Intramural sports offer all Ramapo College students, faculty and staff the chance to participate in a wide variety of team and individual sports, and special events. Everyone is given the chance to compete, stay fit and make new friends, regardless of your ability level. Whether it’s your first time playing or not, intramural sports offer the right league for you!

PERFORMING ARTS - BERRIE CENTER
If you are a fan of the arts and either want to get hands-on involvement on set or behind the scenes, or perhaps, as a spectator in the audience, please check out what the Berrie Center has to offer for performing and visual arts fans. Schedule of Events: ramapo.edu/berriecenter

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS FACILITIES
The School of Contemporary Arts has facilities for photography, video & sound editing, television studio, multimedia lab, music recording studio, electronic music studio, music production suite, 338-seat theater, black-box theater, dance studio, scene shop, costume shop, fine arts studios, and sculpture studio. ramapo.edu/ca/facilities

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
The Ramapo College Student Government Association serves as the persistent voice of the student body. While representing the student body and ideals of the Ramapo College of New Jersey, the Student Government Association through unity in diversity, embraces student leadership in all forms.

WOMEN’S CENTER / LGBTQIA CENTER
The Women’s Center’s mission is to create a campus environment free of racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, classism, ageism, and other forms of oppression and discrimination. We are committed to diversity, gender equity, inclusion, multiculturalism, and women’s empowerment. The Women’s Center provides educational, social, and cultural opportunities for members of the Ramapo College community to promote acceptance and to challenge multiple forms of oppression and discrimination.

 ramapo.edu/womenscenter/get-involved
COST OF LIVING

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<td>Tuition/Fees (2018-2019)</td>
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<td>Course/Lab Fees</td>
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<td>Transcript Fee</td>
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<td>Estimated Semester Total</td>
<td>Exchange: $4,535 to $7,735</td>
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<td>Visiting: $16,392.60 to $19,592.60</td>
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*Exchange students are not required to pay this, as they will pay their home school tuition and fees.

OTHER ESTIMATED COSTS NOT BILLED BY RAMAPO COLLEGE

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* (Depending on home location), preferred arrival airport (Newark - EWR)

More details on cost, can be found at ramapo.edu/student-accounts/costinfo

APPLICATION CRITERIA

PROCESS AND DEADLINES

CRITERIA
» Home institution nomination
» Minimum score: TOEFL: 79
   IELTS: 6.0

PROCESS
The following materials must be submitted by the application deadline:
» Passport Copy
» TOEFL/IELTS Scores
» Student Identification
» Course Selection Form
» Official Transcript
» Participation Approval Form
» International Exchange Student Application Terms and Conditions

Following acceptance, more forms will be required.

DEADLINES
Fall semester > early March
Spring semester > mid-October
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