



CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY



2022 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDEBOOK

Welcome to Cleveland State Global

Located in the heart of downtown Cleveland, Ohio on Lake Erie, Cleveland State University is home to more than 17,000 students. CSU is a public research institution offering more than 175+ academic programs to choose from, including popular undergraduate and graduate courses in engineering, business, STEM, accounting, finance and marketing.

International Student Services

About Our Signature Student Experience

As an international student enrolling through the Cleveland State Global program, you have access to exclusive programs and services as part of your degree.

The Cleveland State Global team — in collaboration with CSU — gives you personal attention through your entire educational journey, from application to graduation. The Cleveland State Global team sets you up for success with:

APPLICATION SUPPORT

- Streamlined application process
- Assigned counselor
- Major/field-of-study guidance

PRE-ARRIVAL GUIDANCE

- Visa application and interview help
- Preparation webinars and checklists
- Help with required forms

CAMPUS TRANSITION

- Airport welcome
- Student and parent orientations
- Cultural group outings and events

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- Classes for your academic level
- English-language & ESL help
- Tutoring support

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- On-Campus and Virtual Programs
- Internship and job assistance
- Resume, interview prep and more

At no additional cost to you—these are all included in your tuition!

 **LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SERVICES AT**
global.csuohio.edu

Preparing You for the Global Workforce

Whether you plan to begin your journey as an undergraduate or take the next step as a graduate, CSU is ready to support you from application all the way to your graduation. Your CSU advisor will work with you through the application process (including your student visa and visa interview!) and help you adjust to your new life on campus.

CSU offers career services and professional development programs designed to help international students like you build successful careers and establish a global network. With the CSU student employment job fairs, explore working while you study at top US companies in Cleveland.

As a part of the CSU student community, you can also participate in student orientations and connect with new international students just like you. Explore life outside the classroom and choose from more than 200 student-run organizations, including the Indian Student Association, Student Organization of Fine Arts, Chinese Students and Scholar Association, and much more.

Highlights

1000+
international students

17000+
student population

- Career coaching & advisors
- Internship & job search help
- Résumé, cover letter & interview prep
- Networking opportunities

Cleveland State University By The Numbers

With a focus on building a global community, CSU partners with world-class hospitals, Fortune 500 companies, government research centers and cultural institutions to provide students with a one-of-a-kind educational experience.

Tier 1

Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs

— U.S. News & World Report, 2020

200+

student organizations, including student government, academic and social clubs, intramural sports, and more.

#1

CSU was recently ranked first in the U.S. for increases in research expenditures.

—National Science Foundation

#18

in public universities for upward mobility and research impact

—Brookings Institution, 2017

\$84M

in research grants (2018)

3000+

CSU connects students to thousands of internships and experiential learning opportunities every year.

TOP 100 School

—USA Today, 2018

250+

research and industry partnerships

2000+

CSU graduates in executive management positions at US companies

AACSB

An AACSB Accredited Business College. The Monte Ahuja College of Business is among 5% of business schools worldwide that have earned accreditation from AACSB International

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Cleveland is home to more than 8 Fortune 500 companies, including Goodyear, Sherwin Williams, and Parker-Hannifin.

6,739

jobs and a \$679M economic impact

—Center for Economic Development, 2015

Discover Cleveland

Explore the revitalized city of Cleveland, a vibrant community of industry and culture that is home to the world-renowned Cleveland Clinic Hospital, NASA Glenn Research Center, the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, Cleveland Museum of Art and NBA basketball champions, the Cleveland Cavaliers.



Cleveland at a Glance

Annual cultural events

Cleveland hosts more than a dozen cultural festivals, including Dyngus Day, Cleveland Asian Festival, Cleveland Thyagaraja Festival, Kurentovanje, and more.

Diverse cuisine

Students can look forward to satisfying their taste buds with a wide range of restaurants in Cleveland from Brazilian, Hungarian, and Indian all the way to Salvadoran, Ethiopian, Polish, and Mediterranean.

The great outdoors

Explore the outskirts of Cleveland at Cuyahoga Valley National Park or immerse yourself in nature at Holden Arboretum. Have a day out with your friends at Lakewood Park and relax at Wade Lagoon.

Weather

 **Summer**
23 °C

 **Winter**
2 °C

Note: The above weather data are based off of average temperatures.

CSU — A Campus Experience of a Lifetime

- Ultra-modern residence halls such as Euclid Commons
- 200+ student organizations, including student government, academic and social clubs, intramural sports, community service groups and Greek life
- Center for International Services & Programs (CISP) dedicated to services for international students
- Recreation center with an Olympic-sized pool, fitness classes, machines and equipment, indoor track and adventure programs
- CSU Student Center, featuring dozens of dining options, campus bookstore, student organization offices, computer lab and lounges
- 18 NCAA Division I sports for men & women



Discover endless opportunities at CSU

Mechanical Engineering faculty and students participate in research programs sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, and industrial partners like Parker-Hannifin, General Electric, and more.

City Highlights

Located on Lake Erie

Top 50 Foodie City
—WalletHub, 2019

8 Fortune 500s are headquartered here, including Progressive Insurance, Sherwin-Williams and Goodyear Tire.

300 Miles of trails & lakefront parks

#14 Most Welcoming City
—*New American Economy Cities Index*, 2019

Top 100 Best Places to Live
—*U.S. News & World Report*, 2019

Home to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and the world-famous Cleveland Orchestra



Your Career Starts Here

Get Experience, Get Engaged

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY'S ENGAGED LEARNING program connects students with 3,000 internships and real-world learning experiences. Résumé-building opportunities abound across the city and beyond.

Access on-site recruitment and networking events such as the Business Internship and Co-op Expo to expand your professional network. Explore lucrative opportunities with US employers and get inspired by experienced entrepreneurs at the College of Business Employer Engagement Session.

“Universities are about people, opportunity and place, where experiences in formative years shape our lives forever. At CSU, the Office of the President is dedicated to enhancing our learning environment to best serve students, faculty and staff alike, as well as the broader community.”

— PRESIDENT HARLAN M. SANDS, JD, MBA

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Top Places To Work In Cleveland (Zippia)

- Cleveland Clinic
- Cleveland Indians
- Cleveland Metropolitan
- School District
- General Electric
- Goodyear
- NASA Glenn Research Center
- Nestlé
- Progressive Insurance
- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum

Become an Aspiring Entrepreneur

Start Your Startup at CSU

CSU's annual Startup Vikes event brings together nearly 100 entrepreneurs to pitch ideas and refine their business plans. NEO Physique, which is developing energy-efficient motorized exercise equipment, received the top prize last year.

“It is exciting to see students from different disciplines form teams and make connections to continue to advance their business ideas.”

— KATIE VAN DYKE, DIRECTOR OF CSU'S SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER



Make It at the MakerSpace

The Dan T. Moore MakerSpace is a state-of-the-art building dedicated to technology, innovation and creativity. Students develop projects using the center's prototyping, design and production equipment.

In the common area, students can access equipment such as laser cutters, 3D printers, and open space tables to plan out their projects. The woodshop trains students in the use of industrial woodworking equipment, including mitre saws, shopbots, bandsaws, drill presses, and more. With the metal shop, students can utilize advanced equipment like the Tormach CNC, metal lathe, PlasmaCam table, and milling machines.





Be the Next Global Leader

At Cleveland State, students are empowered to take the future into their own hands and work toward becoming leaders. Through the Professional Development Center, students can engage in focused training, networking, and bootcamps which help them prepare for successful careers as professionals.

The Professional Development Center allows students to explore training in unique fields including information technology, sales and marketing, accounting and finance, human resources, and more. Students can also begin certificate programs to add to their portfolios and enroll in online courses with professional certification exams in fields including project management, web design, computer programming, and more.

Cleveland State graduates excel in leadership and workforce position throughout Northeast Ohio and around the world, with mid-career salaries that are more than \$10,000 higher than graduates at similar universities (Brookings Institution).

Highlights

- **\$700M+** annual economic activity
- **7000+** jobs
- **\$177M+** employee payroll
- **\$13.9M+** research grants issues

Work With Experts and Make an Impact

THE NASA GLENN RESEARCH CENTER

Dozens of CSU students intern at NASA's John H. Glenn Research Center every year.

- Santino, MS '19 worked on a concept design for an improved lander for surface-exploration missions to Venus.
- Andrew, BA '18 helped develop novel high-temperature, nickel-based superalloys for use in future aerospace applications.
- Melanie, BBA '16 assisted in the administration of a comprehensive database for national and international oversight of radio spectrum use.

“My internship with NASA allowed me to apply what I learned in college outside of school, providing me with first-hand work experience. It demonstrates to employers that I have initiative.”

— MELANIE, OPERATIONS AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT, BBA '16

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Undergraduate Programs

Opportunities for Every International Student

Cleveland State University is committed to excellence. Choose from more than 175 fields of study and pursue top-ranked undergraduate degree programs in business, computer science, and finance, and more.

When students begin an undergraduate degree at CSU, they can look forward to receiving a world-class education from a variety of disciplines and prepare for success in the global workforce.

LEARN MORE ABOUT USTART AT shorelight.com/csu

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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Adolescent/Young Adult Education

- Integrated Language Arts Education
- Integrated Mathematics & Physics Education (BS)
- Integrated Mathematics & Physics Education (BA)
- Integrated Mathematics Education (BS)
- Integrated Mathematics Education (BA)
- Integrated Sciences Education
- Integrated Social Studies Education

Allied Sports Professions

- Exercise Science
- Sports Management

Early Childhood Education

Foreign Language Education

- French
- Spanish

Middle Childhood Education

- Language Arts and Mathematics
- Language Arts and Sciences
- Language Arts and Social Studies
- Mathematics and Science
- Mathematics and Social Studies
- Science and Social Studies

Music Education

Special Education

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

Anthropology

Arabic

Art

- Art History
- Design
- Studio Art

Black Studies

Communication Studies

Comparative Religion

Criminology

Dance

Economics

English

Film & Media Arts

French

History

International Relations

Journalism and

Promotional Communication

Liberal Studies

Linguistics

Music

Philosophy

Political Science

Social Studies

Social Work

Sociology

Spanish

Theatre Arts

Women's and Gender Studies

COLLEGE OF SCIENCES & HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Biology

- Medical Laboratory Science

Chemistry

- American Chemical Society (ACS) Certified

- Pre-Professional Studies

Environmental Science

Health Sciences

- General Interest Track
- Health Promotion
- Pre-Occupational Therapy Track
- Pre-Physical Therapy Track
- Pre-Physician Assistant Track

Mathematics (BA)

Mathematics (BS)

Pharmaceutical Sciences

Physical Education and Sport

Physics (BA)

Physics (BS)

Psychology

Speech and Hearing

ADDITIONAL PRE-PROFESSIONAL TRACKS

Pre-Anesthesiology

Pre-Dental

Pre-Medicine

Pre-Optometry

Pre-Pharmacy

Pre-Veterinary Medicine

MAXINE GOODMAN LEVIN COLLEGE OF URBAN AFFAIRS

Economic Development

Environmental Studies

Nonprofit Administration

Organizational Leadership

- Business Management

- Communication

- Urban Studies

Public Safety Management

Urban and Regional Studies

- Environmental Policy and Management

- Geographic Information Systems

- Public Management

- Regional Planning

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Nursing

WASHKEWICZ COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Chemical Engineering

Civil Engineering

Computer Engineering

Computer Science

Electrical Engineering

Electronic Engineering Technology

Mechanical Engineering

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Grow as a Student and a Professional

Our community celebrates student achievement inside and outside the classroom. While students work toward completing their degree, they will have the opportunity to learn from industry professionals. Students can also look forward to gaining real-world work experience at Fortune 500 companies and top employers in Cleveland, such as Cleveland Clinic, Progressive Insurance, and Sherwin-Williams.



“As an international student, I didn’t know much about Cleveland, but once my film program started, I was surrounded by the best faculty and professionals in the field. Cleveland State’s film school is located in Playhouse Square, which is the largest theater district in the U.S. outside New York City. My film instructors have Hollywood and industry experience and create a friendly atmosphere in their classrooms.”

– MOHIT, FILM AND MEDIA ARTS, INDIA



Kickstart Your Degree with UStart

UStart is designed exclusively for international students with academic credentials which may not meet traditional entry requirements and helps them build their academic skills and cultural awareness in a positive and inspirational environment. With the UStart program, international students from all academic backgrounds and proficiencies get the support and guidance to successfully pursue a US university degree, including admission to CSU – no additional application required!

LEARN MORE ABOUT USTART AT shorelight.com/csu

“UStart is an opportunity for talented international students who need extra resources to succeed academically, socially, and professionally. We address student needs holistically, with compassion and all best teaching practice.”

– DR. SARAH WEST, CLEVELAND STATE GLOBAL

Professor Spotlights

NASA TO CSU
Dr. Surendra Tewari – a professor of chemical engineering – has brought in more than \$15 million in sponsored projects from NASA, the U.S. Department of Energy and more. His research focuses on how the lack of gravity in space impacts material and structures.

MACHINE-LEARNING IN FOCUS
Dr. Iftikhar Sikder – an associate professor of information systems – researches space-time processes involving geographical information systems, data mining and predictive analytics.

TREATING DIABETES
Dr. Moo-Yeal Lee and his team are leading a \$1.6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to develop a human tissue model to treat type-2 diabetes.

Undergraduate Costs and Dates

TYPICAL COST FOR 2 SEMESTERS

Tuition	\$18,570
Housing	\$10,500
Dining	\$3,930
Other	\$2,000

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Spring 2022	November 16, 2021
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Note: Costs are estimates and subject to change. For the most accurate information on tuition and deadlines, please visit global.csuohio.edu

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Graduate Programs

CSU provides a broad range of graduate degree programs, including academically rigorous business and engineering degrees. International students can apply to the following graduate degree programs through Cleveland State Global. For a full list of all graduate programs, please visit grad.engagecsu.com/academics

MONTE AHUJA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Master of Information Systems (MIS)

WASHKEWICZ COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Master of Computer Science (MCS)

Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering (MSBME)

Master of Science in Civil Engineering (MSCE)

Master of Science in Chemical Engineering (MSCE)

Master of Science in Electrical Engineering (MSEE)

Master of Science in Engineering Mechanics (MSEM)

Master of Science in Environmental Engineering (MSENV)

Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering (MSME)

Master of Science in Software Engineering (MSSE)

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College of Engineering

THE WASHKEWICZ COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING promotes research to empower sustainable urban living. Graduates are prepared to solve real-world challenges, including solutions that contribute to economic growth, developing high-quality health care and securing clean energy.



“Everyone is here to support you, and your classmates are people you can depend on. Washkewicz has a culture that rewards determined individuals who, in turn, help their peers, and ultimately lift up everyone..”

— EMILY ZHAO, COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR, OHIO

STUDENT STORIES

From Hyderabad to Cleveland

K. ADITYA, MS '17

After completing his undergraduate degree in electronics and instrumentation at GITAM University in Hyderabad, India, K. Aditya set his sights on pursuing a master's in electrical engineering at CSU.

“CSU is a prestigious university with friendly faculty and staff. The college has a good reputation and ranking, its campus located in the heart of the city,” he says. “I was challenged by rewarding coursework, learning the importance of remaining proactive in asking questions.”

He credits the large international student body as well as many fellow students from India, in helping him easily acclimate. “I found that Indian foods were easily available. Indian festivals are celebrated [at] a Hindu temple in Parma.”

Being active in student organizations was also important to Aditya. “I was a member of CSU's Indian Student Association and International Friendships Inc., where students share their country, culture and values,” Aditya says. He also networked with the Campus Activities Board (CAB) for job opportunities.

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“The U.S. has amazing opportunities for higher education, and CSU offers many part-time jobs to students. I loved the learning flexibility coupled with meeting others from different cultures. Studying in the U.S. is an experience I'll never forget.”

— K. ADITYA, INDIA



The Future of Engineering is Female

WOMEN EXPLORING ENGINEERING

This inspiring one-day event welcomes female high school students' participation in lab tours, competitions and presentations led by female engineers and students of the Society of Women Engineers chapter organization. Students explore concepts in civil, mechanical, electrical, computer and chemical engineering.

PATHWAYS TO ENGINEERING

In Spring 2018, this six-week program invited students from grades 4-12 to participate in weekly hands-on competitions, while engaging with professors and industry professionals.



College of Business

THE MONTE AHUJA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS provides students with an experiential business education. As a trusted partner to successful businesses in Cleveland and beyond, CSU prepares graduates to lead and drive success within their organizations.



“CSU has proudly served as one of Cleveland’s anchor institutions for more than 50 years. With dedicated partners spanning the private, public and nonprofit sectors, we continue to share knowledge, research and resources – for the benefit of all – as we redefine the urban university for the 21st century.”

– **PRESIDENT HARLAN M. SANDS, JD, MBA**

Launch Your Career

CSU’s Career Direct program offers professional development, career preparation and OPT placement opportunities for OPT-eligible students pursuing an MCS or MIS.

- Access to interviews and placement opportunities for OPT-eligible students
- Development of professional skills and strategic career goals
- Courses focused on professional and practical training

Note: The Career Direct program will be available starting Fall 2021. MIS and MCS degrees.

With Career Accelerator, students can also take part in eight week-long virtual externships while studying from their home country.

- Participate in exclusive training workshops
- Gain practical work experience through work projects
- Learn from and network with industry professionals

“It has been three months since I arrived and Cleveland State Global is making sure I am comfortable. It is good to know that I have someone I can call when I am in need without hesitation.”

– **ZAID, MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, INDIA**



Mentorship In Action

The Weston Ideation Lab is a collaborative environment dedicated to student innovation projects. Located in Cleveland Heights, the center helps MBA candidates start, sustain and grow their businesses. On-site business advisors provide training, technical assistance, loan guidance and other start-up mentorship services.

TOP 5%
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How to Apply

Our dedicated admissions team is here to answer your questions about campus visits, scholarship opportunities, tuition and billing, and more. Applying to an international school can be difficult, but at Cleveland State University, we are ready to help.

Students applying to the Cleveland State University will benefit from:

STREAMLINED APPLICATION PROCESS

Submit a simple application and receive an offer of admission that's best for you, all within one week.

ENROLLMENT SERVICES ADVISER


With counseling from start to finish, we make the enrollment process easy to understand and finish quickly.

VISA INTERVIEW SUPPORT

For many students, navigating the U.S. visa process can be overwhelming, but we're here to help. Whether you have questions about which visa to apply for or what to expect during your visa interview, dedicated advisers will aid you in conquering your application with ease.

PRE-ARRIVAL SUPPORT

From what to pack to booking your flight, we give you detailed information on how to best prepare for your campus arrival.

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THE LATEST ON COVID-19

Student health and safety is our top priority. Stay informed with COVID-19 updates from our campus teams.

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