

# INTERNATIONAL student guide



The State University  
of New York

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# MVCC

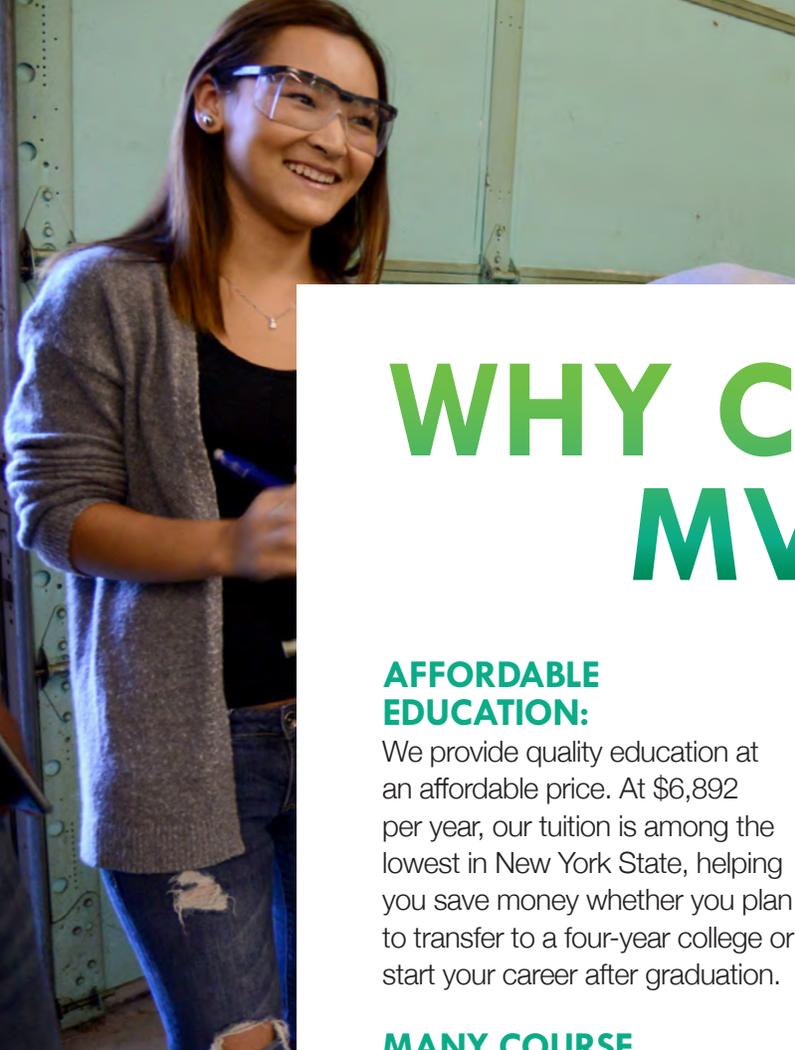
# ABOUT



**MVCC is a community college in the SUNY System, the largest university system in the United States. Studying at a community college before transferring to a larger university has become a popular choice for international students for numerous reasons. Students can save money, and smaller class sizes mean more one-on-one assistance.**

- As a community college, we are publicly funded. This lets us keep the quality of education high and tuition low.
- We have agreements with many colleges and universities that allow our graduates to be admitted into the program of their choice if all other requirements are met.





# WHY CHOOSE MVCC

## AFFORDABLE EDUCATION:

We provide quality education at an affordable price. At \$6,892 per year, our tuition is among the lowest in New York State, helping you save money whether you plan to transfer to a four-year college or start your career after graduation.



## MANY COURSE OPTIONS:

We have more than 90 degrees and certificates for career and transfer. Student support advisors help you consider careers and explore our majors. We offer some of SUNY's most diverse academic programs, ranging from Engineering to Culinary Arts, Cybersecurity to Fine Arts, and Healthcare.

## CAREER AND TRANSFER GUIDANCE:

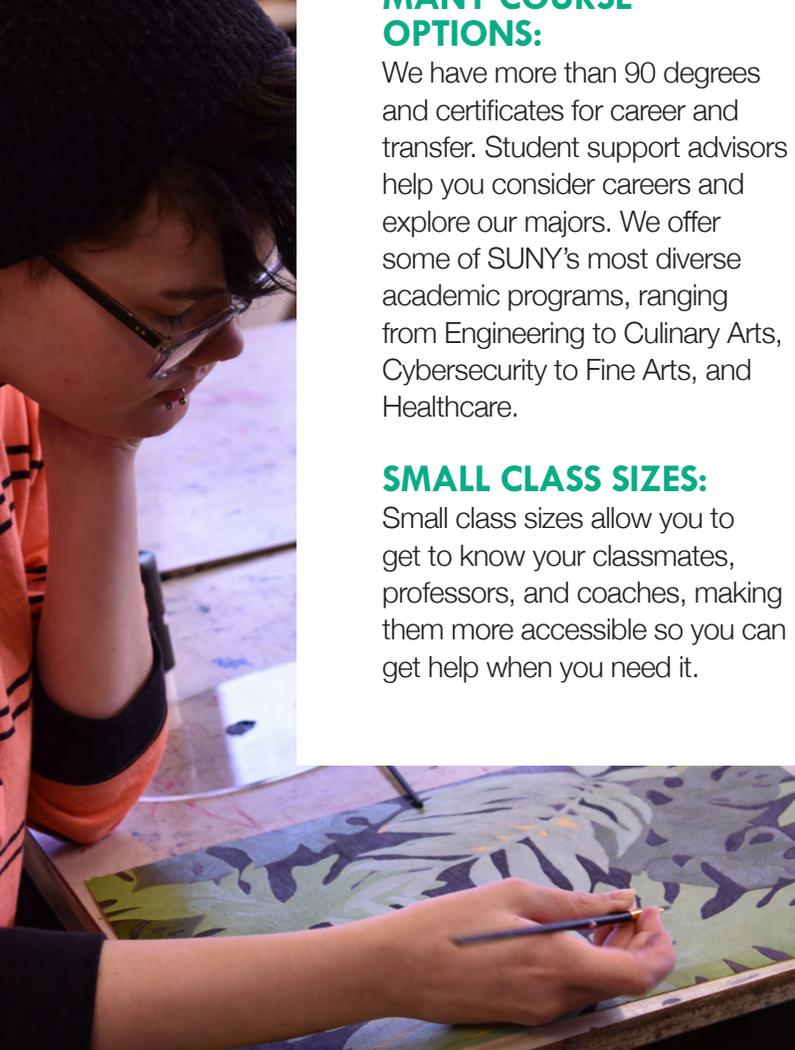
Explore career options with specialists who can help guide you with tools to plan your education based on your interests. Agreements with four-year colleges and universities make transferring easy. Get real-world experience with applied learning opportunities and internships.

## SMALL CLASS SIZES:

Small class sizes allow you to get to know your classmates, professors, and coaches, making them more accessible so you can get help when you need it.

## SOCIAL EXPERIENCE:

On-campus housing, sports teams, and active student clubs provide the full college experience. Our small, inclusive campus community is welcoming and supportive of all students.



# APPLY

## Apply to MVCC

1. Apply for free at [mvcc.edu/apply](https://mvcc.edu/apply).  
Choose the international option.

2. Send the following supporting documents to the International Admissions Office:

- Original high school transcripts and diploma
- International student financial statement
- A copy of your passport and any visas
- Instructions can be found at [mvcc.edu/international](https://mvcc.edu/international).

3. Optional application materials include TOEFL/IELTS scores, Duolingo scores, or SAT/ACT scores. Submission of these scores may assist in course placement, but are not required, as we offer online or on-campus placement tests.

4. Receive your acceptance packet, which includes the I-20; return your Admissions Acceptance Form via mail or email.

5. If you plan to live on campus, complete the housing application and pay the \$100 deposit. The application will be sent to your email address.

## International Admissions Office Contact Information

- Mail: International Admissions Office  
Mohawk Valley Community College  
1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY  
13501-5394 (USA)
- Email:  
[international.admissions@mvcc.edu](mailto:international.admissions@mvcc.edu)
- Phone: 001-315-792-5350
- Fax: 001-315-792-5527

## Obtain your student visa

1. Go to [fmjfee.com](https://fmjfee.com) and pay the US SEVIS I-901 fee using your SEVIS ID number (found on your I-20). Print a receipt of the payment and bring it with you to your visa interview.



2. Schedule your visa interview as soon as possible. There may be considerable wait times for both the visa interview and visa processing. Wait time information for specific embassies and consulates is available at [travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html).

3. Gather necessary information for the visa interview, which includes but is not limited to:

- Your I-20
- Financial ability documentation
- Significant ties to your home country
- Educational goals
- Plans to return home upon completion of studies

See our tips here:

[mvcc.edu/international/student-visa.php](https://mvcc.edu/international/student-visa.php)

## Prepare for arrival at MVCC

1. Communicate your travel plans to the international office, including travel dates and flight information. Work with the international office to coordinate your arrival in Utica. You will receive a Pre-Departure Guide to assist you.
2. Attend the International Student Orientation! This orientation includes registration and advisement, and an introduction to our campus and services.

## Notes:

- MVCC tuition and fees are subject to change without prior notice by decision of the Mohawk Valley Community College Board of Trustees.
- The housing and food cost is based on a Double Room and the Gold Meal Plan.
- Expenses for living off-campus may vary based on lifestyle choices and spending habits of the individual student.
- There is no on-campus family housing at MVCC. Students accompanied by a spouse (husband/wife) and/or children must show additional funding.
- Summer on-campus housing is not included in the estimate on the next page but may be available on a limited basis for a fee. There is no campus meal plan offered in the summer.
- During holiday breaks when the College is closed (i.e. Thanksgiving, winter break, spring break), on-campus housing may be available on a limited basis for a minor fee.



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# COST

## Affordable, quality education

MVCC is a great place to start your education, even if you plan to transfer to a four-year university. We are publicly funded, which allows us to keep the quality of education high and tuition low and gives you the chance to prepare for the financial demands of the remainder of your education. Complete your first two years of college with us!



Estimated international student expenses in U.S. Dollars for one academic year (nine months):

**MVCC tuition:**  
**\$22,500**

- Tuition: \$6,892
- Fees: \$906
- Housing and Food: \$11,326
- Books, Supplies, and Personal Expenses: \$1,739
- Mandatory International Health Insurance: \$1,637

**Total: \$22,500**

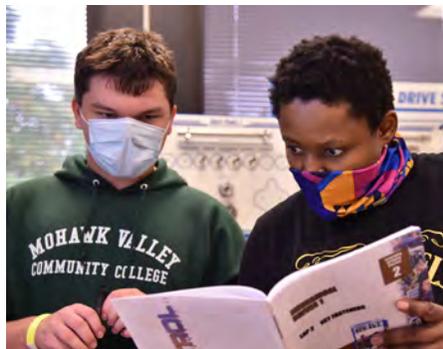
(Costs are approximate for 2021-2022)



## Scholarships

Learn about scholarships available to international students coming to MVCC at [mvcc.edu/international](http://mvcc.edu/international).

Learn about all MVCC's scholarships at [mvcc.edu/scholarships](http://mvcc.edu/scholarships).



## Financial Sponsor Form

International students are required to complete the Financial Sponsor Form at [mvcc.edu/fsa4](http://mvcc.edu/fsa4) and show sufficient proof of funding prior to admission at MVCC. This form should be completed by the student and financial sponsor. The international application will not be considered until International Student Services receives proof of financial sponsorship.





# ABOUT THE AREA

## LOCATION

MVCC is in Utica — a safe, small, diverse American city of 60,000 people in Central New York State. It is within driving distance of many major cities, including Boston and New York, which are about four hours away by car. Toronto, Montreal, and Philadelphia are fewer than five hours away by car, and Washington, D.C., is about seven hours away by car.



### Climate:

Utica experiences four seasons, each with its own distinct weather and scenery.

- **Summer** is when you will arrive. The average temperature in August is warm — 81 degrees Fahrenheit (27 degrees Celsius).
- **Fall** begins in late September and brings beautiful foliage and cooler temperatures of around 54 degrees

Fahrenheit (12 degrees Celsius) between October and November.

- **Winter** is cold! Expect snow and temperatures around 33 degrees Fahrenheit, (1 degree Celsius) in January and February.
- **Spring** begins in late March and can be unpredictable. Expect a lot of rain! Early spring is cold, but late spring can be very warm.



# CANADA

## Diversity:

Utica is a multicultural city in northern New York State. More than 50 nationalities are represented, bringing a rich variety of restaurants to the city, so you can try cuisine from all over the world.



## Experience:

Expand your worldview in Utica! The city is home to **Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute**, an internationally recognized fine arts center located near the historic **Utica Public Library** and **Stanley Center for the Arts**, which brings Broadway shows and performances to the city. Utica is also home to a **zoo**, a **professional hockey team**, and an **indoor soccer team**.





# STUDENT SUPPORT

## International Student Services

MVCC provides many services designed for international students. Our International Student Services Office connects new and current international students and helps provide a comfortable transition so that you may be successful in your academic program.

### Services and activities MVCC offers international students:

- Orientation and arrival assistance
- Cultural adjustment assistance
- SEVIS/Immigration advisement
- Peer Mentor Program
- Academic advisement and transfer planning
- International student clubs, associations, and festivals
- Monthly events or trips



STUDENT/  
FACULTY  
RATIO  
**17:1**

## English as a Second Language (ESL) at MVCC

- TOEFL/IELTS not required
- MVCC placement tests will determine your appropriate English level
- All levels of ESL classes offered
- You may begin academic coursework during your final level of ESL

**The Learning Commons offers free tutoring in a variety of subjects.**



**The Career Development Center can help you make a U.S.-formatted resume and cover letter for applying to on-campus jobs or guide you as you apply for OPT/CPT opportunities.**



## MVCC Support Offices:

- Academic Advisement
- Counseling Center
- Health Center
- ESL Office
- Learning Commons
- Career Development Center
- Department of Public Safety



**You will be fully admitted into college-level coursework if you score high enough on our free placement test or if you submit scores of:**

- 500 on TOEFL
- 173 on computer-based TOEFL
- 61 on TOEFL iBT
- 5.5 on IELTS
- 90 on Duolingo
- (Scores on standardized tests are valid for two years.)

**25+**  
**PROGRAMS**  
can be at least  
half-completed  
**ONLINE**

# ACADEMICS



We have more than 90 majors, and most four-year colleges will accept all credits from our programs. Many colleges and universities have scholarships specifically for students transferring from MVCC.

## Some of our most popular transfer programs:

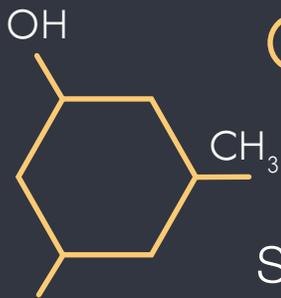
- Art
- Business Administration
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Digital Animation
- Education
- Engineering
- Graphic Design
- Human Services
- Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Psychology
- Science
- Sports Management



170+

**TRANSFER AGREEMENTS**

with 4-year colleges and universities



Student support advisors will help you plan for your educational goals and guide you through the process of transferring to a four-year college or university.

## Flexible Course Scheduling and Format Options

Design the learning experience you want with flexible options in scheduling and modes of course delivery. Choose courses in a traditional in-class format, online, or a combination of both! (Not every course is offered in each delivery method.)

## 4 instructional methods to fit your learning style:

### In-Person

courses are held completely on campus at a designated time and place.

### Online Synchronous

courses are held entirely online with at least one live class meeting online at the same time each week.

### Online Asynchronous

courses are held entirely online with no live class meetings, allowing flexibility in choosing when you do your schoolwork.

### Hybrid

courses are held both online and on campus with at least one class meeting on campus at the same time each week.

We have more than 170 transfer agreements with four-year colleges and universities. Here are some of our most popular transfer colleges:

- SUNY Albany
- SUNY Buffalo
- SUNY New Paltz
- SUNY Oneonta
- SUNY Oswego
- SUNY Polytechnic Institute



**30**  
COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED

# EXPERIENCE



**75+**  
EVENTS  
EACH  
SEMESTER



MVCC offers the traditional college atmosphere you see in American movies! We have residence halls, or dormitories, on campus, making it safe to walk to class and easy to make new friends. Residence Life staff foster a living environment that encourages academic learning, and they organize social and cultural activities so you can meet new people.



**5**  
**RESIDENCE HALLS**  
in Utica with  
built-in academic  
support.

## Student Clubs

There are many student clubs and sports on campus, which will help you get involved and be part of the college community! We have more than 50 clubs, including an International Club, Drama Club, Ski Club, and Strategic Gaming Club. Many clubs and sports offer opportunities to travel to other cities and will help you make new friends.



**50+**  
**AND**  
**STUDENT**  
**ORGANIZATIONS**



## Campus Activities

At MVCC, we welcome students from all over the world and celebrate diverse cultures. There is a Cultural Series that organizes events, lectures, films, and performances throughout the year to help you learn about the world.

## Cultural events and opportunities

We'll keep you entertained throughout the year with concerts, comedians, theater, movies, and other shows. International students get to share their cultures at an International Festival and get to learn about New York through local trips.



# MVCC BY THE NUMBERS



CONVENIENT  
CAMPUS  
LOCATIONS

UTICA  
AND ROME

5,700+  
STUDENTS

47,000+  
ALUMNI WORLDWIDE

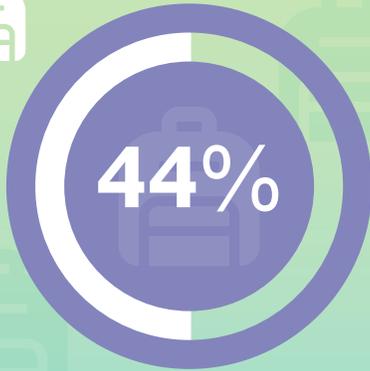
170+  
TRANSFER  
AGREEMENTS  
with 4-year colleges  
and universities

25+  
PROGRAMS  
can be at least half-  
completed ONLINE

14+  
MICRO-CREDENTIALS  
CURRENTLY OFFERED

17:1 STUDENT/  
FACULTY  
RATIO

4 INSTRUCTIONAL  
METHODS TO FIT YOUR  
LEARNING STYLE AND  
YOUR LIFESTYLE



FULL-TIME  
STUDENTS



COMMUTER  
STUDENTS



MATRICULATED STUDENTS  
RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID

## AVERAGE TUITION COSTS

MVCC

LESS THAN  
\$23,000  
EACH YEAR

5

RESIDENCE  
HALLS in Utica with  
built-in academic support.



115

FULL-TIME  
FACULTY



30

COUNTRIES  
REPRESENTED

90+

MAJOR  
OPTIONS

## MVCC'S HONORS PROGRAM

is a member  
of the  
National  
Collegiate  
Honors Council.

50 CLUBS  
AND  
STUDENT  
ORGANIZATIONS

FOUNDED IN



1946

425+  
SCHOLARSHIPS  
OFFERED

18  
INTERCOLLEGIATE  
SPORTS



# AREAS OF STUDY

## TYPES OF ASSOCIATE DEGREES

- **AS:** Associate in Science, for students who plan to continue at a four-year college.
- **AA:** Associate in Arts, generally for programs intended to transfer to a four-year college.
- **AAS:** Associate in Applied Science, for those seeking to enter the workforce or a four-year college.
- **AOS:** Associate in Occupational Studies, for students who intend to enter the workforce.

## DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

### ARTS

- Digital Animation AAS
- Digital Media and Marketing AS
- Fine Arts AS
- Graphic Design AAS
- Illustration AAS
- Photography AAS

### BUSINESS AND HOSPITALITY

#### BUSINESS

- Accounting AAS
- Administrative Assistant AAS and Certificate
- Business Administration AAS and AS
- Entrepreneurship Certificate
- Finance Certificate
- Small Business Management Certificate
- Sports Management AS

#### HOSPITALITY

- Chef Training Certificate
- Culinary Arts Management AOS
- Food Service Administration: Restaurant Management AAS

## HEALTH SCIENCES

- Health Information Technology AAS
- Health Sciences AS
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics & Science AS (Sports Medicine Transfer Advising Guide)
- Nursing AAS
- Nutrition and Dietetics AS
- Radiologic Technology AAS
- Respiratory Care AAS
- Surgical Technology AAS

## HUMANITIES

- English as a Second Language Certificate
- Interpreter Education AAS
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: General Studies AS
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Humanities & Social Sciences AA
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: International Studies AA
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Theater AA

## PUBLIC AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Chemical Dependency Practitioner AAS
- Coaching Certificate
- Criminal Justice AAS and AS
- Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement AAS and Certificate
- Fire Protection Technology AAS
- Human Services AAS
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Psychology AS
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Public Policy AS
- Recreation & Leisure Services AAS

## EDUCATION

- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Adolescence Education AS (Transfer Advising Guides in: Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, English, History/Social Studies, Mathematics, Physics)
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Childhood Education AS (Transfer Advising Guides in: English, General Science, History)
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Childhood Education AS (Utica College Transfer)
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: General Studies Childhood Education AS (Jointly registered with SUNY Oneonta)
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics & Science AS (Physical Education Transfer Advising Guide)

## (STEM) SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATHEMATICS

### CAREER

- Air Conditioning Technology, Refrigeration AOS
- Airframe and Powerplant Technology Certificate
- Carpentry and Masonry Certificate
- Chemical Technology AAS
- Civil Engineering Technology AAS
- Computer Aided Drafting AAS and Certificate
- Computer Numerical Control (CNC) Machinist Technology Certificate
- Electrical Engineering Technology AAS
- Electrical Service Technician AOS
- Geospatial Technology AAS
- Heating and Air Conditioning Certificate
- Mechanical Engineering Technology AAS
- Mechanical Technology: Aircraft Maintenance AAS
- Mechatronics Certificate
- Metal Fabrication AOS
- Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems AAS
- School Facilities Management AAS and Certificate
- Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology AAS
- Welding Technology AOS and Certificate

### TRANSFER

- Computer Applications Programming AAS
- Computer Information Systems AAS
- Computer Science AS
- Cybersecurity AS
- Cybersecurity Certificate
- Engineering Science AS
- Liberal Arts & Sciences: Mathematics & Science AS (Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Studies, Environmental Sciences, General Sciences, Math, Physics, Geology Transfer Advising Guides)



# APPLY FOR FREE

[mvcc.edu/apply](http://mvcc.edu/apply)



Utica Campus 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica, NY 13501  
Rome Campus 1101 Floyd Ave., Rome, NY 13440

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Mohawk Valley Community College  
1101 Sherman Drive  
Utica, NY 13501-5394 (USA)

**Phone:** 001-315-792-5350

**Web:**  
<https://www.mvcc.edu/international>

**Email:**  
[international.admissions@mvcc.edu](mailto:international.admissions@mvcc.edu)

**Fax:** 001-315-792-5527

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