UW-Stevens Point’s International Programs (IP) provides extraordinary study opportunities to those wishing an education beyond the bounds of the classroom or the Stevens Point campus. There is no better way to bolster your résumé than to study abroad or spend a year or semester enhancing your major.

What is the National Student Exchange (NSE)?

Since 1968, NSE has offered students a domestic alternative to study abroad. What began with three campuses exchanging seven students is now 200 universities placing 3,000 students each year. UW-Stevens Point became a member institution in 2014 and will begin to send students to NSE participating universities, and welcome NSE students to campus, in the fall of 2015.

Since its founding, nearly 100,000 students have participated in NSE. Founded as a counterpart to study abroad programs and recognizing that not every student is seeking a study opportunity outside the United States, NSE offers low-cost options for our students to study out-of-state, at culturally diverse campuses, with program compatibility to our own campus.

Features of the National Student Exchange include:

- Access to additional courses and programs not available at UW-Stevens Point
- Exchange among university honors programs
- Multicultural opportunities
- Credits applied toward degree
- Tuition reciprocity across the United States
- NSE campuses in 48 states, 3 United States territories, and 6 Canadian provinces
- Duration of exchange can range from one semester to one calendar year
- Exchanges can occur in different academic and calendar years
- Students must be enrolled as full-time at the time of application and during the exchange
- Visit a new region of the country
- Low-cost alternative to study abroad.

Costs:

NSE participants pay UW-Stevens Point tuition and no base tuition to their host university. The host university will work with UW-Stevens Point students on housing and board options as well as ancillary expenses such as course surcharges, books, club fees etc. Students receiving financial aid are eligible to apply aid to their NSE semester or year away expenses.
**Application Deadlines:**

- Fall and spring semester and academic year deadline: December 1 of the prior academic year.
- Late applications may be considered. See IP for availability.

**Informational sessions:**
A series of sessions will be held throughout semester. Times and locations are noted on the IP website. If you are not able to attend an informational session, call the office and we will schedule an individual appointment with you.

**NSE Application / Eligibility Requirements:**

- Students need to schedule an appointment before beginning the process with a UW-Sevens Point IP advisor before choosing host schools. The advisor will explain how best to choose the schools.
- Students must pick at least three possible placement sites; although NSE boasts an 83% first-choice acceptance rate, a second and third choice institution is required at the time of application.
- Students must be enrolled as full-time at the time of application and during the exchange.
- Students must have completed at least one semester before full acceptance can be granted.
- GPA of 2.5 on a 4.00 scale required.
- Students must be in good financial, academic, and conduct standing.

**Resources:**
NSE’s website offers valuable information. We suggest you visit and then come to IP for advising.

[www.nse.org/](http://www.nse.org/)