International Programs Office

Bellarmine University
United States of America
Fact Sheet

Website
Bellarmine University homepage: www.bellarmine.edu
Webpage for International Exchange students: http://www.bellarmine.edu/international/

Location
Louisville, KY USA
Bellarmine University is located in Louisville, Kentucky, USA. The region is considered to be “The heart of America” and students are only a few hours’ drive or flight from cities such as Nashville, TN, Chicago, IL and New York, NY. Bellarmine has a single campus site, with almost all facilities within only a few minutes’ walk. A shuttle is provided for longer distances. The campus is in the Highlands neighborhood, a prestigious residential area with an active nightlife. Shops, grocery stores and restaurants are all only a ten-minute walk from the campus.

Accommodation costs
Students live in university housing, also known as dorms. Most students are in double bedrooms grouped around shared facilities. Students are required to purchase a university meal plan for the duration of their stay. The cost of room and board ranges from approximately $4,315 to $7,785 per semester (4 months). There are laundry facilities, a post office, ATM machines, a bookstore and dining facilities located on campus near the student housing. For more information see: http://www.bellarmine.edu/studentaffairs/residence/

Costs
Costs vary considerably according to individual requirements and tastes. Bellarmine University suggests a recommended minimum of $750 per month to cover the cost of books, clothing, personal expenses and travel.

Currency
The US currency is the dollar ($).

Visas
For current visa information, contact the United States Embassy or Consulate. For more information see: http://www.usa.gov/

Disciplines
Bellarmine is appropriate for most majors. Strong areas are:

- Business
- Nursing
- Education
- Arts & Sciences

Structure of University
Academic activities are grouped in schools. Within each school, there are departments responsible for particular fields. There are four schools at Bellarmine University: The Rubel School of Business, Bellarmine College of Arts & Sciences, The Lansing School of Nursing and Health Sciences, and The Thornton School of Education. They offer undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral degrees.

Average semester work-load
Bellarmine students study 12-18 credit hours per semester, which is generally four to six classes.

Subjects
Classes may also be referred to as “courses.” Each course has a title and a code. The letters in the course code indicate the subject area and the first number that follows indicates the level of the course. For example, ECON 231 would indicate an intermediate level Economics course and would typically be taken in the second year. It is possible to take classes at different levels at the same time. Exchange students take mostly third year courses (300-level). Check the compatibility of courses at your home institution with the courses offered at Bellarmine by checking the Class Schedule: https://secure.bellarmine.edu/portal/class/

General Semester dates
Autumn Semester:
- Mid-August –Mid-December
Spring Semester:
- Early January- Early May
  (One week for spring break- usually in March)

Student Life – from an exchange student’s perspective
“Bellarmine is a fantastic place to live and study. The people are friendly and welcoming, the staff unbelievably helpful and the campus beautiful! No matter where you are from, it is very easy to feel at home here!”

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