**Information on 2018 Winter Programs**

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| Name of program | Winter in Maryland (WIM) | Taste of Towson (TOT) |
| Program  Description | An intensive English language and U.S. culture immersion program, which includes 20+ hours of English instruction each week, trips to nearby cities, community service learning, conversation partners and local family friendships. F-1 visa required for participants in this program as academic credit is awarded upon completion. | A program which provides students an overview of higher education in the U.S., and includes English language classes, cultural activity, undergraduate class observations, trips to nearby cities, conversation partners and local family friendships.  B-1/B-2 (VWP) permitted for participants. Certificate of completion awarded upon completion. |
| Program website | [www.towson.edu/sim](http://www.towson.edu/sim) | |
| Dates of program | 4 weeks program: January 27th, 2018 to February 23th, 2018  6.5 weeks program: January 10th, 2018 to February 23th, 2018 | |
| Port of arrival | 4 weeks and 6.5 weeks program will start at Towson University and end in New York City.  Recommendation: Book airfare to Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI). If arriving at JFK, take train (Amtrak) **or** bus (MegaBus, Greyhound, Boltbus) to Baltimore Penn Station (train) or Baltimore White Marsh Megabus stop, Greyhound Baltimore terminal, and Boltbus Baltimore stop (bus). | |
| Suggested Dates of arrival | 6.5 weeks program: January 10th, 2018  4 weeks program: January 27th or 28th 2018  \*If students want to come in advance, they might check-in earlier and it subject to extra charge. | |
| Pickup/dropoff availability | TU will pick students up at the bus stop or BWI airport. | |
| Total program cost | 4-week: Original - $3,000 Early bird - $2,850 per participant  6.5-week: Original - $4,875 Early bird - $4,625 per participant  Note: Pricing above includes early bird discount (5% off, if they apply prior to October 31, 2017.) for TU’s partner institutions. | |
| Insurance | Accident/Illness health insurance is included in program cost. | |
| Textbook cost | ESL materials are provided by instructor and are included in program fee. Note that materials from multiple textbooks are utilized. Students will not have one textbook; professors will provide all materials. | |
| Available meals (please describe) | Buffet lunches are included in the program Monday through Thursday when students are on campus; breakfasts, dinners, and meals during off-campus excursions are not included. And if student participate community service on Friday, lunch will be provide.  Note that Towson University provides transportation (Shuttle bus) to a local-area supermarket/shopping mall to purchase food items. (Students stay in the Towson University Marriott Hotel or apartment on campus, which includes a full kitchen, cooking supplies and a variety of other amenities.) | |
| Things students must bring from home | Required items include: passport, U.S. currency (credit, debit card preferred), and immunization records (Tdap, MMR), evidence of financial support (bank statement or receipt of payment). Other essential/recommended items include: medical supplies, personal toiletries, comfortable shoes (running/casual), raincoat and/or umbrella, book bag or backpack, pens and pencils, lap-top, phone, camera, sewing kit, traditional clothing representing the Korean culture, photos of family, friends and home, small gifts/souvenirs for U.S. family dinners, and power converters. Note that the average temperature during the month of February is 26.1°F to 44.8°F (-3.3°C to 7.1°C) in last year; we suggest that students pack winter-weather clothing/gear (Fleece Jacket, Down Jacket, Toque, boots etc.).  \*\*Towson University recognizes and embraces cultural diversity – we strongly encourage that students bring cultural artifacts and attire to share with other students, staff and the community. | |
| Link to application form | [www.towson.edu/academics/international/shortterm/summer/apply.html](http://www.towson.edu/academics/international/shortterm/summer/apply.html) | |
| Online application availability | The application is available online in fillable PDF format. Once completed, the application, financial documentation and Pre-arrival Immunization Form can be submitted electronically to [sip@towson.edu](mailto:sip@towson.edu). | |
| Application deadline | Application deadline is November 30th, 2017 for all of SIM and TOT programs. | |
| Payment method[[1]](#footnote-1) | Payment can be made via credit card or international wire transfer.   1. A $500 non-refundable deposit is due with the application. 2. The remaining balance is due at least 30 days prior to the program start date. | |
| Remarks | Students who complete the Winter in Maryland Program will earn two (2) Towson University transfer credits. As a result, the F-1 student visa is required. However, if students choose not to study for credit, they can apply Taste of Towson Program which is non-credit program. The health insurance plan provides coverage for all of students in SIM & TOT program.  Students must complete the TU Pre-Arrival Health Immunization Form, documenting they have received the following immunizations:   * Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap)   Note: Tdap must have been administered after May 2005 and within the last 10 years.   * Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR) – two doses   Note: The first dose of MMR must have been administered after the applicant’s first birthday. The second dose must have been administered at least 30 days after the first. (Most children receive their second dose at around 4 or 5 years of age.)  Failure to provide evidence of immunizations will necessitate testing and immunizations on campus, which carries additional cost (not included in program fee).  Please visit our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/TowsonSIM](http://www.facebook.com/TowsonSIM) for pictures from our month-long programs this past February and July. We also have a separate Facebook page for each program, where information will be disseminated and students will be able to meet each other in advance.  The 2018 Winter in Maryland and Taste of Towson Program tentative schedules are available upon request. Please email us at [sip@towson.edu](mailto:sip@towson.edu). Note that transportation is included for all weekend trips (Sunday); additionally accommodation is included throughout the duration of the program (when off and on campus).  Accommodation on campus during the WIM/TOT programs is at the Towson University Marriott Hotel. Suites are shared by a maximum 4 persons. All suites have kitchens, dining area, complementary WIFI internet, access to washer/dryers, fitness centers, etc. Housing is conveniently located on the TU campus, and is within walking distance of downtown Towson (mall, movie theater, restaurants, etc.).  Note: participants who do not wish to share a room may pay an additional fee of $850 for a private room (in a two-bedroom suite) for the month, availability permitting.  Also included in program cost is access to all Towson University resources and TU student events, including the TU library, TU fitness center, use of athletic equipment, DVD rental store, on and off-campus shuttles, and admission to TU athletic events.  Trips will included Baltimore City, Washington D.C., Philadelphia, and New York City. (It subjects to change)    Note: short-term program participants at Towson University are predominantly from Asia. Although some students in our programs hail from other nations, when in English class, the majority are from Asia. Activities outside-the-classroom will include domestic students, local-area families, and faculty/staff.  We suggest to book an airplane tickets from your country to JFK airport due to in terms of price and program ending location. However, If someone wants to back their home country from BWI Airport, we might provide extra night in Marriott Hotel after we come back from NYC. | |

1. Payment currently can be made via credit card or international wire transfer. Towson University is in the process of working with FlyWire ([www.flywire.com](http://www.flywire.com)) for payments, and will send notification as soon as it active. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)