



Winter in Maryland 2016 Tentative Schedule January 24 to February 20, 2016

(Note: schedule subject to change)

Day/Date	Time	Event/Activity
Sunday, Jan. 24	9 am – 6 pm	Arrival at Towson University Check into the hotel (3 or 4 students per room)
	6 pm – 8 pm	Welcome Reception
Monday, Jan. 25	8 am – 8:15 am	Meet International Partnerships Staff in hotel lobby
	8:15 am – 10 am	Winter in Maryland Program Orientation
	10 am – 11 am	Obtain TU ID (OneCards) Note: picture will be taken for card. Bring passport for ID purposes.
	11 am – 12:30 pm	Campus tour
	12:30 pm – 2 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	2 pm – 3:30 pm	English Language Proficiency Test
	3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Meet with International Student Scholar Office to complete Immigration Clearance (Bring passport and Form I-20)
	4 pm – 6 pm	Grocery Shopping Shuttle (available Monday through Friday between TU & Towson Place shopping center)
Tuesday, Jan. 26	9 am – 12 pm	Health Center Immunization Clearance
	12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	2 pm – 4 pm	English Conversation & Culture Class
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.
Wednesday, Jan. 27	9 am – 11 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	11 am – 12 pm	English Elective Class
	12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	2 pm – 4 pm	English Conversation & Culture Class
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.
Thursday, Jan. 28	9 am – 11 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	11 am – 12 pm	English Elective Class
	12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	2 pm – 4 pm	English Conversation & Culture Class
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.

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Friday, Jan. 29	9 am – 11 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	11 am – 12 pm	English Elective Class
	12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	2 pm – 4 pm	English Conversation & Culture Class
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.
Saturday, Jan. 30		Free Day (opportunity to enjoy activities on campus or coordinate trip with International Partnerships)
Sunday, Jan. 31	9 am – 5 pm	Baltimore City Trip
Monday, Feb. 1	9 am – 11 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	11 am – 12 pm	English Elective Class
	12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	2 pm – 4 pm	English Conversation & Culture Class
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.
Tuesday, Feb. 2	9 am – 11 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	11 am – 12 pm	English Elective Class
	12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	2 pm – 4 pm	Habitat for Humanity Orientation
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.
Wednesday, Feb. 3	6:30 am – 1:00 pm	Habitat for Humanity Shift I (lunch included)
	10:45 am – 3:30 pm	Habitat for Humanity Shift II (lunch included)
	2 pm – 4 pm	English Conversation & Culture Class
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.
Thursday, Feb. 4	9 am – 11 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	11 am – 12 pm	English Elective Class
	12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	2 pm – 4 pm	English Conversation & Culture Class
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.
Friday, Feb. 5	9 am – 11 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	11 am – 12 pm	English Elective Class
	12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	2 pm – 4 pm	English Conversation & Culture Class
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.
Saturday, Feb. 6	10 am – 11 am	Check out of hotel and store large bags at front desk
	Depart from Towson @ 11 am	Washington D.C. Weekend Trip – Overnight stay in Washington D.C. Opportunity to see The White House (outside only), Library of Congress, Smithsonian Institute Museums, Jefferson, Korean, Vietnam and Lincoln Memorials, and Chinatown and more
Sunday, Feb. 7	Return to Towson University @ 10 pm	Washington D.C. Trip

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Monday, Feb. 8	9 am – 12 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Undergraduate Classroom Observations
Tuesday, Feb. 9	9 am – 11 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	11 am – 12 pm	English Elective Class
	12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	2 pm – 4 pm	English Conversation & Culture Class
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.
Wednesday, Feb. 10	9 am – 11 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	11 am – 12 pm	English Elective Class
	12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	2 pm – 4 pm	English Conversation & Culture Class
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.
Thursday, Feb. 11	9 am – 11 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	11 am – 12 pm	English Elective Class
	12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Undergraduate Classroom Observations
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.
Friday, Feb. 12	9 am – 11 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	11 am – 12 pm	English Elective Class
	12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Undergraduate Classroom Observations
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.
Saturday, Feb. 13		Free Day (opportunity to enjoy activities on campus or coordinate trip with International Partnerships)
Sunday, Feb. 14	9 am – 8 pm	Philadelphia Trip
Monday, Feb. 15	9 am – 11 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	11 am – 12 pm	English Elective Class
	12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Undergraduate Classroom Observations
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.
Tuesday, Feb. 16	9 am – 11 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	11 am – 12 pm	English Elective Class
	12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Undergraduate Classroom Observations
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.
Wednesday, Feb. 17	9 am – 11 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	11 am – 12 pm	English Elective Class
	12 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Undergraduate Classroom Observations
	4 pm – 7 pm	Campus Activities , Student Organizations , Campus Rec.

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Thursday, Feb. 18	9 am – 11 pm	Comprehensive English Language Class
	11 am – 12 pm	English Elective Class
	12 pm – 1 pm	Lunch at Glen Dining Hall
	1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Final Project Presentations
	3:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Certificate Ceremony and Reception
Friday, Feb. 19	Depart for New York City at 7 am sharp	New York City overnight trip. Includes private New York City tour. Additional information will be made available during orientation.
Saturday, Feb. 20	Checkout by 11 am	Farewell - return to home country from NYC. (Bags may be stored at the hotel lobby if you are not departing the city right away.)

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2016 Winter in Maryland

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The Towson University International Partnerships Office would be pleased to answer any questions you have regarding our winter program. The following are some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding our program.

Tell me more about the English classes that are included in the program.

The *Winter in Maryland* program consists of four unique opportunities to learn English:

- Comprehensive English Language Class
- Elective English Class
- English Conversation & Culture Class
- Undergraduate-level classroom observation

Comprehensive English Language Class

There are four main components to learning a language: listening, reading, writing and speaking. The Comprehensive English Language Class focuses on all four. Students are placed in this class based on the outcome of an English language assessment they take upon arrival at the University. This class typically takes place from 9 am to 11 am, and has a particular emphasis on improving conversation skills and competencies through discussion, debate and presentation. During this class, participants will also gain a better understanding of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) internet-based test (iBT) through exercises and learn valuable test-taking tips.

Elective English Class

The Elective English class is typically held from 11 am to 12 pm. Students will have the opportunity to elect (choose) a class for the program. Elective classes may include film making, theater/acting, poetry/song-writing etc.

English Conversation & Culture Class

The English Conversation & Culture class is typically held from 2 pm to 4 pm in the afternoon and provides students with the opportunity to learn about U.S. culture and history through peer discussion, lectures, and viewing motion pictures which elaborate on the northeastern United States. Such explanation is particularly helpful when we explore Washington D.C., Philadelphia, & New York.

Undergraduate Classroom Observation

Undergraduate observation classes provide the opportunity to experience (sit in and observe) undergraduate-level courses. These experiences take place at the very end of the program (final week), after participants have obtained familiarity and confidence in speaking English with native English speakers.

What are Community Service Learning Projects?

Community service projects provide participants the opportunity to focus on their speaking and listening competencies with members of the community while doing good at the same time. These meaningful hands-on experiences are usually for a half-day in duration. Projects may include building homes for and with low-income families, gardening to teach life skills for the mentally and physically disabled, and teaching your home culture to families in the local area.

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Are all the items listed in the schedule included in the program cost?

Yes. Note that lunch is included every weekday (Monday through Friday) when we are on campus, and is also included when we are off campus during community service learning days. (Lunch is not included on weekends and if/when we tour other cities during the week.)

What is there to do on the “free days?”

Students are free to relax, engage in countless activities on campus, or coordinate a trip that is not part of our program during this time. Note that additional fees apply for such trips; our office provides information regarding on and off-campus events and can assist with logistical arrangements if a group wishes to do something on their own.

Are there opportunities to meet local-area families and/or undergraduate students as part of the program?

Yes, there are countless activities happening on campus where you will have the opportunity to interact with Towson University undergraduate and graduate students. Additionally, we have a family friendship program, Towson University Friends of Internationals (TUFII), in which we partner our Winter in Maryland participants with local-area families. The program is not a home stay, but provides the opportunity for our participants to experience at least one meal at the family’s home.

Having an experience at a U.S. home is an important way to learn more about U.S. culture. The families will want to learn about your home cultures, languages, and perspectives, and look forward to sharing memorable experiences that will last for many years to come. Winter in Maryland students are encouraged to bring photos of home (family, school and other places of interest, etc.), and a small gift to their host family. Note that families will coordinate transportation and may invite students to their home on more than one occasion.

What should I bring with me (clothes, items, etc.)?

During the month of February, the climate in Towson, Maryland is quite cold. Average temperatures are between -2 and 7 degrees Celsius (29 to 44 degrees Fahrenheit). Students are encouraged to dress casually and comfortably and wear layers of clothing (t-shirt, long sleeve shirt, sweater, and jacket) as well as winter hats, scarves, and gloves. During outside activities, adequate sun protection is necessary (hats, sunscreen, etc.). There are occasional snow showers, so a winter jacket and umbrella are highly recommended. We recommend bringing 7 to 10 days of clothing as you will be able to use the laundry services in your hotel.

It is also important to bring items from home so you can share information about the items with students, faculty and community members at Towson and Maryland. There will be opportunities during our conversational activities, community service projects, and homestay weekend for such intercultural sharing. Examples may include traditional attire, pictures, musical instruments and other trinkets from home. If possible, bring your favorite book from childhood, as there may be an opportunity for you to share it with children in the community.

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