NEW INTERNATIONAL
STUDENT CHECKLIST

PREPARE FOR YOUR JOURNEY TO PURDUE

Please use the information below as you prepare for your arrival at Purdue. Also, be sure to review each section of the online “Prepare to be WOW’ed” publication.

- **Mandatory International Student Check-in (MISCi):** The US Dept. of Homeland Security requires you to check in with ISS and bring all immigration documents with you: I-20 or DS-2019, passport, visa, and I-94 arrival record (and corresponding dependent documents, if applicable). Sessions will begin promptly at the designated times. You must be present during the entire time; late arrival is not permitted.

- **Pre-Arrival and Orientation - New Student Check In:** All students are required to upload copies of their immigration documents before coming to Purdue. Click here to upload your documents through myISS with the New Student Check In e-form.

- **Graduate Students:** The Office of Graduate Admissions will have a representative in Stewart Center during MISCi to collect official documents (either transcripts or diplomas) that were listed in your official on-line admission letter. Graduate students may submit these documents either before or after the MISCi session.

- **International Friendship Program (IFP):** Get paired with a local host family and meet 3-4 times during your first semester on campus. The International Friendship Program is a great way to make a friend, get connected with the community and learn about American culture while sharing your own culture. Look for an email invite by July 16 with registration details.

- **Weeks of Welcome (WOW) Events:** View events on-line to participate in free activities for all new international Boilermakers. Several community groups and local organizations will be on hand to welcome you to the community. Both graduate and undergraduate students arriving in August are welcome to attend. Use these events as opportunities to meet other students and ask for help from staff or student leaders. Look for the CILMAR table in the WOW Resource Center during MISCi and learn about other events and trips that occur after the school year begins.

- **Boiler OUT! Volunteer Program:** Get to know your new community by volunteering with other international students through Boiler OUT! (Outreach, Understanding, Teamwork). On-line applications are due this summer. The application will become available by July 16.

- **Traveling to Purdue:** As you make your travel plans, remember that you are not permitted to enter the US more than 30 days before the start date on your I-20 or DS-2019. For detailed information on what to expect as you enter the US, refer to the Department of Homeland Security’s website.

- **Shuttle to Campus:** After you have scheduled your flight, you should arrange a shuttle service to get from the airport to Purdue. The shuttle services will make several stops on and around campus.

- **Transportation to your Residence Hall or Off-campus Apartment:** As part of Weeks of Welcome, volunteers from CILMAR will pick you up from the Purdue Memorial Union Club Hotel (PMU) and take you to your residence hall or off-campus apartment for free. Students must sign up on-line. Please complete the on-line form so that arrangements can be made to pick you up upon your arrival at PMU. If you don’t see the van, please ask at the hotel front desk.

- **Housing Reminder:** It is strongly suggested to make your on-campus or off-campus housing arrangements before your arrival.

- **Health Insurance:** Purdue University Health Services is your primary site for health care on campus. Please follow the instructions to comply with state and university requirements and make sure to enroll in the required health insurance. Also, use the on-line portal to complete your immunization requirements.

- **Review Your Class Schedule Carefully:** All F-1 and J-1 international students are required by law to enroll in a full course load, and a maximum of 3 on-line or digitally delivered credit hours may apply to your minimum full-time enrollment. Your assigned schedule might have too many on-line or digitally delivered courses, so it is your responsibility to review and adjust as needed. Minimum full-time enrollment is as follows:
  - Undergraduate: Minimum 12 credit hours
  - Graduate student with an assistantship (TA/RA) or fellowship administered as an assistantship: Minimum 6 credit hours
  - Graduate student with no assistantship, or with a fellowship that does not require any work: Minimum 8 credit hours

- **Facebook Invitation:** ISS and CILMAR are on Facebook! The ISS fan page is a great place to connect with current international students. The CILMAR fan page is a great place to learn about events with CILMAR, the rest of campus, and the community. There are many options to stay connected and find your community at Purdue. Become fans today!