NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION - MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018

On behalf of the Rutgers Global – International Student & Scholar Services office (ISSS), WELCOME TO RUTGERS! We would like to invite you to participate in a full-day orientation program designed to meet the needs of new international students coming to the U.S. or Rutgers for the first time. Come make new friends, get important information, and learn a little bit about life at Rutgers before classes start. The program also includes lunch.

Orientation begins Monday, January 15 at 9:00 a.m. at the College Avenue Student Center

Check our website at https://global.rutgers.edu/ for further details and updates as we get closer to the orientation date

"Orientation really helped me get familiar and feel comfortable in my new surroundings"

Please note: International Student Orientation is MANDATORY for all new international students (including Transfer students new to Rutgers).

The cost of the program will be automatically billed to your student term bill. The value of the program is in attending and making the most of as many sessions as your schedule permits.

Please Note: Federal regulations require ALL new international students to complete a “check-in” procedure at the ISSS office upon arrival on campus, regardless of whether you are able to attend orientation. You will receive email instructions to check-in using our RGlobal student portal on the ISSS website.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Online “Check-in” and document verification
- Workshop on Staying in Legal Status, including information on SEVIS regulations and employment (on and off campus)
- Services provided by the Rutgers Global-International Student and Scholar Services office
- Guidance on eligibility and application for a social security card
- Introduction to health care services
- Classroom Culture and University Policies Regarding Academic Integrity
- Informal “chat” time with staff and returning students
- Student Life at Rutgers: Understanding the System
- Free lunch with staff and orientation volunteers
- Shopping trip to local stores

PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION

The ISSS website has information that will help you prepare for your arrival to Rutgers and provide you with the most up to date orientation information. The pre and post arrival guides contain information including visa application, useful checklists, things to bring, healthcare, and much more. Please use these guides, in addition to the Campus Resources guide, for planning and preparation.

https://global.rutgers.edu/international-scholars-students/students/newly-admitted

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Students transferring from one U.S. school to another MUST complete an F-1 or J-1 transfer (of their SEVIS record) no later than the last day of the University’s spring drop/add period. Failure to do this will cause you to fall out of status and to be ineligible for any of the benefits of F-1 or J-1 status, such as on-campus employment. To have completed the transfer process, you have to be in possession of an updated I-20/DS-2019 from Rutgers, and complete the online check-in process upon your arrival at Rutgers. Completing the check-in process and registering for classes, finalizes your transfer and allows us to activate your SEVIS record. This can be done ONLY AFTER you have “checked in” & shown proof of registration for classes.

Please note that you may be invited to attend other orientations (e.g. through your department). These programs are separate and designed to address all your needs before the start of classes. You should try to attend all orientations that apply to you.

If you have any questions about this orientation program, please e-mail us at globalservices@global.rutgers.edu or call us at (848) 932-7015. The detailed program and any updates will be posted on our website closer to the date at https://global.rutgers.edu/