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PRE-ARRIVAL STEPS + RESOURCES
The following are steps to complete **before** you come to Rutgers.

**GET READY & PREPARED!**

**BE ORGANIZED & CREATE A PLAN FOR SUCCESS!**

Know your resources to prepare yourself to succeed at Rutgers!
Need checklists to stay organized?

- Read the Pre-arrival and Post-arrival steps
- Read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Prepare for Testing & Placement (if required)
- Memorize your netID and Rutgers ID (RUID) numbers
- Prepare to enroll in DUO (two-step login) with your phone
KNOW YOUR VOCAB

Sakai! Add/Drop! RUHere! WebReg! RUPA! Dean! Prerequisites! myRutgers! OneStop! Swipes!

What do these words mean? Can you fluently speak our “Rutgers language”?

LEARN SOME NEW RU VOCABULARY HERE!
Apply for RUID Card

Upload your picture for your RUID card **before** you arrive to campus. This is used to swipe into the dining halls, dormitories, libraries, etc - *it takes time for your card to be made!*

[go.rutgers.edu/idcards](go.rutgers.edu/idcards)

Students living **on-campus** will collect their ID cards upon move-in, and students living **off-campus** will need to visit a service center to collect their ID cards.
Watch “How To” Videos

- 5 Tips On Adjusting To Rutgers Classrooms
- Documents to Open a Bank Account
- Videos explaining Canvas, myRutgers dashboard, and other important Rutgers software
Your safety is important!

Click HERE to learn more about possible scams/fraud that international students may encounter, and learn safety tips on how to AVOID THESE TRAPS.
02. Plan your travel
What airport are you flying to? Do you know your dormitory address? Are you going to Newark, or New York? How much does an Uber cost?

Click HERE for slides to help you plan every step of your journey to NJ
Living on campus?

Housing on-campus are known as dormitories/dorms. Apply for housing, know your assigned dorm room, and read the housing FAQs.

For students who were approved for housing, the international student move-in dates can be found here. If you have been approved, you likely were emailed your housing details and instructions.

If you have questions, email housing at oncampus@rutgers.edu
Living Off Campus?

Rutgers does not own off-campus housing, but has a website full of resources to help you find housing, review leases, and commute safely.

Contact the Off-Campus Housing Office HERE for more information.

The Office of Student Legal Services also has a podcast video with information on renting properties off campus.
You MUST enroll or waive (show alternate coverage) for health insurance when you arrive to Rutgers!

SEE HERE FOR MORE DETAILS
03. ISSS WEBSITE

- RGLOBAL
The Rutgers Global - ISSS website has tons of information about your F and J visa status.
This will be a helpful tool throughout your student journey -

SEE HERE
Have questions about your F/J status? Our office can advise you through email, appointment, or Zoom.

WATCH A VIDEO ON OUR SERVICES HERE (YOUTUBE)
Check-in on RGlobal Portal

Do this **AFTER** you arrive in the US!

Your status will not be legally activated until you have successfully completed this process. Login to your **RGLOBAL account** to complete your information through the check-in forms.

For detailed instructions, please review the **RGlobal Check-in Tutorial (PDF)** or watch the **Check-In Tutorial Demo (Video)**

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Welcome to the RGlobal portal!

The RGlobal portal is the online platform for international students and scholars for a variety of requests and services provided by Rutgers Global - International Student & Scholar Services. The following are the types of online services available for international students, scholars, & staff.

**Full Services for Students and Scholars**

Services for current Rutgers students and scholars with an active NetID. Click the login button below to submit e-form requests for most services provided by ISSS, including new student check-in, reduced credit load authorization, OPT, J-1 Scholar requests, and more.

**Login**

A NetID and password are required.
All F-1 and J-1 students must be studying full-time, enrolling in in-person classes **every spring and fall** semester

[Read more about the in-person class requirements here](#)
ON-CAMPUS JOBS

Have a TA/GA offer? Prepare to apply for a Social Security Number by following the steps listed here -

On-Campus Employment details

This page also lists helpful information for those looking for jobs still!
ATTEND ISO

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION (ISO)
Make friends!
Get ready for classes!
Meet ISSS staff!
Go shopping for supplies!
Learn about local vendors- cell phones, banks, etc.!

Check this link for ISO dates:
HTTPS://GLOBAL.RUTGERS.EDU/ISO
Thank you!

We are here to help!