



Graduate Students Guide to Fall 2021 International Student Orientation

Welcome to the Fall 2021 International Student Orientation Program. Here you will find a schedule of modules, sessions, and events that will help you navigate the program. We are so excited that you have chosen Rutgers as your destination for higher education and we look forward to welcoming you - whether you are joining us in-person on-campus this fall or enrolling from overseas.

On behalf of the Rutgers Global - International Student and Scholar Services Team and our amazing Student Orientation Leaders - WELCOME TO YOUR RUTGERS ADVENTURE!!

Here's what you need to do to begin your ISO experience:

Login at canvas.rutgers.edu and select Rutgers Global - ISSS Course. Here you will find a link to begin the International Student Orientation for Fall 2021. If you are having difficulty, please email us at iss-students@global.rutgers.edu.

The Canvas site consists of videos, instructional and informational pages, quizzes, discussions, and various resources to help with your transition to Rutgers University. Apart from the information available through the Canvas site, there will also be other events and activities for you to get involved. We will announce these events through Canvas and you will be receiving emails in your Rutgers email account - make sure you check the account on a regular basis so you don't miss any of the exciting opportunities available to you.

Note: Academic Advising is separate from International Student Orientation. For questions about classes, academic advising, your schedule, your course registration, follow the instructions provided by your school and contact [your academic school](#) if you have any questions.

| PART 1 of ISO - August 10 - August 23, 2021 | PART 2 of ISO - August 24, 2021 | Other Ongoing Events and Activities |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete virtual orientation program on Canvas • Engage with Orientation Leaders & other students • Attend virtual events & programs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend a virtual synchronous/live orientation session. <p>Click here to sign up for your ISO Session now</p> <p>(Note: the form is hosted by google. Depending on your location, you may need to access it through a VPN)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual Speed Friending Thursday, August 19, 10-11 am EDT (zoom link will be provided closer to the event) • Participate in Welcome Week activities • Participate in orientation and other activities organized by your academic program • And look out for more opportunities in the coming weeks/months... |



Students who are starting their programs outside the U.S.

We are glad you have chosen to begin your Rutgers program remotely. Your F-1 or J-1 status will be activated when you enter the U.S. in a future semester.

Students who are starting their programs in the U.S. in F-1 or J-1 status

Follow all the guidelines on our [pre-arrival](#) and [post-arrival](#) guide to make sure your legal status is properly activated.

Canvas Modules for Graduate Students (updated 8/10/2021)

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| Module 1: Welcome to International Student Orientation | |
| Module 2: Pre-Arrival Visa & Immigration Services for International Students | |
| Module 3: Navigating the Rutgers Campus | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Living at Rutgers ● Navigating the Rutgers Campus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Busch Campus Tour ○ Livingston Campus Tour ○ Cook/Douglass Campus Tour ● A Day in the Life: Hidden Gems ● Safety at Rutgers University |
| Module 4: Financing your Rutgers Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Day in the Life - On a Budget ● Knight's Path <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Using Flywire for International Payments ○ Banking and Financial Wellness ○ PNC Bank |
| Module 5: Support Services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Health and Wellness ● Health Insurance for International Students ● Dean of Students ● SCREAM Theater ● Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance (VPVA) ● Rutgers Traditions and Fun Facts ● Public Transportation Around Rutgers |
| Module 6: Getting Involved | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Day in the Life - Making Connections ● Getting Involved at Rutgers - Three Easy Steps ● Chat with Orientation Leaders ● Rutgers University Student Assembly ● Benefits of Attending Campus Events & Programs |
| Module 7: Next Step - Break Out Sessions | |



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| Module 7A: Break Out Session for Graduate Students | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Overview of Breakout Sessions for Graduate Students● Graduate English Language Learner Program● Graduate-ELL Program Introduction Video● Graduate Writing Program |
| Module 8: Next Steps | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● A Day in the Life - College Routine● Closing● Post-Orientation Survey |
| Module 9A: Post-Orientation Survey for Graduate Students | |
| Staying in Legal Status Workshop | Staying in Legal Status Workshop (with quiz; (required for all international students in F-1 status) |