

## 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.

- ☐ **Social Media Requirement:** As part of expanded U.S. Department of State security screening measures; F and J visa applicants must set their social media profiles to public and list all social media usernames or handles of every platform they have used from the last 5 years on the DS-160 visa application form. Applicants certify that the information in their visa application is true and correct before they sign and submit. Omitting social media information could lead to visa denial and ineligibility for future visas.
- ☐ **Virtual Mandatory International Student Check-in (vMISCi):** The US Department of Homeland Security requires you to check-in with ISS as you obtain your immigration documents and upon arrival to campus. Your check-in is completed through myISS and will consist of pre-arrival, arrival, immigration video and immigration quiz e-forms. You may begin your check-in by visiting [myISS](#) and completing the vMISCi e-form available under the Requests section on the Home Page. **Failure to comply with vMISCi may jeopardize your valid F/J lawful status.**
- ☐ **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 [Study in the States](#) website, provided by the US Department of Homeland Security. After you have scheduled your flight, you should [arrange transportation to campus](#).
- ☐ **Housing Reminder:** It is strongly suggested to make your housing arrangements before your arrival.  
On-Campus Housing: [West Lafayette](#) / [Indianapolis](#)  
Off-Campus Housing: [West Lafayette](#) / [Indianapolis](#)

Under the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) § 265 (8 U.S.C. § 1305), all noncitizens residing in the United States—including international students in F-1 or J-1 status—are legally required to report any new or updates to their residential address within **10 calendar days** of the change. This update must be made directly to your designated school official (via [myISS](#)), who will then ensure your SEVIS record reflects the change appropriately.

- ☐ **Health Insurance:** Purdue University Student Health Services (PUSH) is your primary site for health care on campus. Please follow the instructions for [State Immunization Requirements](#) and make sure to [enroll](#) in the required health insurance.
- ☐ **Review Your Class Schedule Carefully:** All F-1 and J-1 international students are required by law to enroll in a full course of study. A maximum of 3 online or digitally delivered credit hours may apply to your minimum full-time enrollment requirement. Your assigned schedule might have too many online or digitally delivered courses, so it is your responsibility to review and adjust as needed. Minimum full-time enrollment for fall and spring semesters is as follows:
  - Undergraduate Students: Minimum 12 credit hours
  - Graduate Students: Minimum 8 credits or research hours
- ☐ **Weeks of Welcome (WOW) Events:** You are invited to attend WOW activities and events open to all new international Boilermakers. Continue to check our [West Lafayette](#) and [Indianapolis](#) events pages for newly added events. Community organizations will be on hand to welcome you and answer your questions. Don't miss this opportunity to meet new students and student leaders from around the world.
- ☐ **International Friendship Program (IFP) - West Lafayette:** Are you interested in engaging with local residents from the Greater Lafayette community during your first semester at Purdue University? New international students attending classes in West Lafayette are welcome to join IFP to make new friends with local hosts. For sign up instructions, orientation information, and more, visit [Info for New Students](#).
- ☐ **Follow Us:** ISS is on social media!

