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.

- **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 New Student Check In (PWL) available under Pre-Arrival and Orientation. 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 a shuttle service to get from the airport to Purdue. The shuttle services will make limited stops on and around campus.

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

- **Mandatory Quarantine:** All students coming to campus from outside the US must self-quarantine for 14 days and watch for symptoms of COVID-19. Prior to returning to campus, contact the Protect Purdue Health Center at 765-496-INFO (4636) or 833-571-1043 (toll free) to obtain medical clearance to return to campus. For more information, see the Protect Purdue website.

- **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 of study. 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 credits or research hours
  - Graduate student with no assistantship, or with a fellowship that doesn't require any employment: Minimum 8 credits or research hours

  *Fall 2020 registration requirements have been adjusted to align with COVID-19 procedural adaptations for continuing students only.

- **International Friendship Program (IFP):** New Fall 2020 international students are welcome to join IFP to be paired with local hosts for online or in person friendships. Look for your email invite with registration details. Learn more here.

- **Follow Us:** ISS is on social media! Find us on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok.

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