

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 vMISCI (PWL) 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 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.
- Protocols for Students Arriving From Outside the US:** All students coming to campus from outside the US must visit the [Protect Purdue](#) website to get the most up-to-date information and guidelines. Make sure to follow all university protocols in place due to COVID-19.
- 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 Patient 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
- Weeks of Welcome (WOW) Events:** [View events](#) on-line to participate in free activities for all new international Boilermakers. Several community groups and local organizations will be on hand to welcome you to the community. Both graduate and undergraduate students are welcome to attend. Use these events as opportunities to meet other students and ask for help from staff or student leaders.
- International Friendship Program (IFP):** New international students arriving in July and August are welcome to join IFP to make new friends with local hosts and their families. For online orientation, sign up and more, visit [Info for New Students](#).
- Follow Us:** ISS is on social media!

