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: You are invited to attend WOW activities and events open to all new international Boilermakers. Continue to check our events page 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.

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