International Student Orientation 2015
Schedule of Events

All activities will take place in Jordan Hall unless otherwise indicated.
Session descriptions are located toward the back of this program.

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

8:00 - 9:45 a.m.  Student Check-in and Registration - Atrium/Galleria
Station 1: Check-in & pick up your Orientation packet
Station 2: Register your immigration documents
Continental Breakfast & Resource Fair
Optional Campus Tour Departs from South Exit at 8:45 a.m.

10:00 a.m.  ISSA Programs & Maintaining Your F-1 Immigration Status Workshop (Mandatory for F-1 Visa Holders)
Last Name Beginning with A-L - Room 101
Last Name Beginning with M-Z - Room 105

ISSA Programs & Maintaining Your J-1 Immigration Status Workshop (Mandatory for J-1 Visa Holders) - Room 100

Global Nomads Workshop - Room 310
For American citizens admitted from abroad and permanent residents

11:15 a.m.  Meeting with International Ambassador (IA) Group
Look at your nametag for meeting location

12:30 p.m.  Welcome Luncheon with Fr. John I. Jenkins, President of the University of Notre Dame; Dr. J. Nicholas Entrikin, Vice President and Associate Provost for Internationalization; and Dr. Rosemary Max, Director of International Programs
South Dining Hall West Wing - Meet in Jordan Hall Atrium at 12:15 p.m. to walk to South Dining Hall

2:30 p.m.  Mandatory Sessions
Look at your nametag for group color

Green Group
Cultural Adjustment and Safety - Room 105

Blue Group
Healthcare Services in the U.S. and at Notre Dame - Room 101

Red Group
Succeeding in the American Classroom - Room 100
3:20 p.m.  **Mandatory Sessions**  
*Green Group*  
Succeeding in the American Classroom - Room 100

*Blue Group*  
Cultural Adjustment and Safety - Room 105

*Red Group*  
Healthcare Services in the U.S. and at Notre Dame - Room 101

4:15 p.m.  **Mandatory Sessions**  
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Healthcare Services in the U.S. and at Notre Dame - Room 101

*Blue Group*  
Succeeding in the American Classroom - Room 100

*Red Group*  
Cultural Adjustment and Safety - Room 105

**Mandatory Session for Exchange Students, Visiting Students and Non-degree Seeking Students (Undergraduate only)**  
Academic Advising and Finalization of Course Selection - Reading Room 135

5:00 p.m.  **Closing**

5:30 p.m.  **Optional Off-Campus Dinner with International Ambassadors**  
Departs from Jordan Hall Atrium at 5:30 p.m. Sign up in advance at the ISSA Programs Table. Cost: $6-15/person

7:30 p.m.  **Graduate Student Social Activity with the Graduate Student Union (GSU) and Graduate Student Life (GSL)**  
Fischer Community Center (centrally located in the Fischer-O’Hara Grace Graduate Residences complex)
Thursday, August 20, 2015

8:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast - Atrium/Galleria

8:30 a.m.  Choose Your Own Workshop
Please select a workshop from the following list:

- Obtaining a SSN and Indiana Driver’s License - Room 310
- Graduate Student Essentials - Room 101
- Undergraduate Student Essentials - Room 105
- Catholicism 101 - Room 322
- Trip to ID Card Office - Meet at North Exit of Jordan Hall
- Campus Tour - Meet at South Exit of Jordan Hall

9:20 a.m.  Choose Your Own Workshop
Please select a workshop from the following list:

- English Language Support on Campus (Undergrads) - Room 310
- Financial Management for International Students – Room 105
- Roles and Responsibilities of Teaching Assistants – Room 101
- Getting Involved in the Community – Room 322
- Trip to ID Card Office - Meet at North Exit of Jordan Hall

10:15 a.m.  Choose Your Own Workshop
Please select a workshop from the following list:

- Career Services on Campus – Room 101
- Obtaining a SSN and Driver’s License – Room 105
- Maintaining Your F-1 Status (Make-Up Session) – Room 322
- English Language Support on Campus (Grad Students) - Room 310
- Exchange and Visiting Student Meet & Greet (Undergrads) - Reading Room 135
- Trip to ID Card Office - Meet at North Exit of Jordan Hall
- Campus Tour - Meet at South Exit of Jordan Hall

11:00 a.m.  Closing

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  Shopping Shuttle to Bed, Bath & Beyond and Walmart
Shuttle will run every 30-40 minutes from the Hesburgh Library Circle. Sponsored by Bed, Bath & Beyond.
Workshop & Activity Descriptions

Campus Tour
Are you interested in learning more about Notre Dame’s campus? If so, join the walking tour to see the many beautiful buildings on campus and learn about Notre Dame’s vibrant history.

Career Services on Campus
Although you have just arrived at Notre Dame, it is never too early to start thinking about your future career. This session will highlight the resources available at The Career Center and Graduate Career Services to help you find an internship or job after graduation.

Catholicism 101
What is Eucharistic Procession, Mass and the Holy Trinity? What Catholic traditions does Notre Dame uphold? Find out what Catholicism teaches and what that means for students at Notre Dame. This session will also highlight interfaith programs on campus.

Cultural Adjustment and Safety (Mandatory)
Adjusting to a new culture is both an exciting and difficult challenge. A psychologist from the University Counseling Center will discuss the various stages of cultural adjustment as well as how to feel at home at Notre Dame and match your expectations with reality. In addition, a representative from the Notre Dame Security Police Department will speak about campus and community safety and important U.S. laws. This session is mandatory for all graduate and undergraduate students.

English Language Support on Campus
Are you looking for resources to help you improve your English skills? These sessions will provide information on the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) Program at the Center for the Study of Languages and Cultures (CSLC) as well as the University Writing Program, which includes the Writing Center and the Writing and Rhetoric Tutorial for first-year undergraduate students. These programs offer a variety of language support and enrichment resources to help international students succeed.

Financial Management for International Students
This session will provide an overview of the basic elements of managing your finances. Topics will include budgeting, paying bills, signing legal documents and paying U.S. income taxes.

Getting Involved in the Community
Are you interested in getting involved in the community, doing service or volunteering? Community service is a fundamental part of the Notre Dame mission. This session will provide information about the Center for Social Concerns (CSC), its programs, events and activities. In this session you will learn about the local, domestic and international opportunities that the CSC offers for community service and engagement.
Global Nomads Workshop
Global Nomads are students who have spent a significant part of their lives outside of their parents’ home cultures or passport countries. This session, led by International Ambassadors, will review the unique experiences and challenges that Global Nomads may encounter during their college years, present the resources that Notre Dame and ISSA can offer students during this adjustment period and provide an opportunity to meet other Global Nomads and permanent residents on campus.

Graduate Student Essentials
Notre Dame is known for its unique campus culture, community service opportunities, athletics and spiritual life. This session, led by Graduate Student Life and current graduate students, will provide tips and resources to help you make the most of your time on campus. The presenters will also review graduate student support services, getting involved on campus and more.

Graduate Student Social Activity
Meet representatives from the Graduate Student Union (GSU) and Graduate Student Life (GSL) as well as your fellow graduate students at this social event. All graduate students and their families are welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

Healthcare Services in the U.S. and at Notre Dame (Mandatory)
Staff from University Health Services (UHS) and Aetna Insurance Company will present the basics of healthcare in the United States and on campus. This presentation will include information on what is and is not covered in your insurance plan and the services UHS offers. There will also be time to ask questions. This session is mandatory for all graduate and undergraduate students.

Maintaining Your Immigration Status (Mandatory)
This session will review and explain everything you need to know about maintaining your F-1 or J-1 immigration status while attending Notre Dame. This session is mandatory for all Notre Dame-sponsored F-1 and J-1 student visa holders.

Obtaining a Social Security Number (SSN) and Indiana Driver’s License
This workshop will present the steps you must take to obtain an Indiana driver’s license and Social Security number (SSN).

Roles and Responsibilities of Teaching Assistants - An International Perspective
Teaching at the college level in the U.S. for the first time can be a challenge, but the Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning provides a variety of resources to help ease the transition. The Kaneb Center invites all international Teaching Assistants (TAs) to a panel discussion featuring faculty members and experienced international TAs. Graduate students will leave this session with helpful strategies for encountering different learning “cultures” in the classroom and addressing language challenges. This session is for graduate students who will serve as TAs for the upcoming academic year.

Shopping Shuttle
Do you need to purchase items for your residence hall room or apartment? If so, go on the Shopping Shuttle to Bed, Bath & Beyond and Walmart. Sponsored by Bed, Bath & Beyond.
Succeeding in the American Classroom (Mandatory)
This session will provide important information about American classroom expectations, how to successfully participate in classroom activities and discussions, as well as how to work effectively with professors, advisors and peers. In addition, attendees will review Notre Dame’s Academic Code of Honor and the consequences for not abiding by this code. This session is mandatory for all graduate and undergraduate students.

Trip to ID Card Office
International Ambassadors will take students to the Morris Inn Ballroom to obtain their Student Identification (ID) Cards. Bring your Notre Dame ID number (on your nametag) and an official photo ID, such as your passport. The Campus Card Office will be issuing ID cards in the Morris Inn Ballroom on August 19 from 1:00-3:00 p.m., August 20 from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., August 21 from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., August 22 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. and August 23 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Undergraduate Student Essentials
Notre Dame is known for its unique undergraduate campus culture, extraordinary student involvement in the dorms, community service opportunities, athletics and spiritual life. This session, led by current undergraduate students, will provide tips to help you adjust to life in the residence halls and on campus.
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