

International Student Orientation 2016 Schedule of Events

This is a draft schedule. Sessions and workshops may change.

All activities will take place in Jordan Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Session descriptions are located toward the back of this program.

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

8:00 - 9:45 a.m. Student Check-in and Registration - Atrium

Continental Breakfast

Station 1: Check in & pick up your Orientation packet

Station 2: Register your immigration documents

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 Jenkins, President of the University of Notre Dame - South Dining Hall West Wing

Meet in Jordan Hall Atrium at 12:15 to walk to South Dining Hall.

2:30 p.m. Mandatory Sessions

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

Green Group

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 - Room TBD

5:00 p.m.

Closing

5:30 p.m.

Optional Off-Campus Dinner with International Ambassadors

Cost: \$6-15. Departs from Atrium at 5:30 p.m. Sign up in advance at the ISSA Programs table.

7:30 p.m.

Graduate Student Social Activity with the Graduate Student Union (GSU) and Graduate Student Life

Location TBD

Thursday, August 18, 2016

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast - Atrium

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 & Responsibilities of Teaching Assistants – Room 101
- Getting Involved on Campus and 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 & Driver's License – Room 105
- Maintaining Your F-1 Status (Make-Up) – Room 322
- English Language Support On Campus (Grad Students) - 310
- Exchange and Visiting Student Meet & Greet
- 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 to 40 minutes from the Hesburgh Library Circle. Sponsored by Bed, Bath & Beyond.

5:30-7:00 p.m. Catholic Faith at Notre Dame: A Dinner for New International Students and Their Families - Coleman-Morse Lounge
New international students and their families are invited to learn more about the Catholic faith at Notre Dame and become better acquainted with the faith landscape at Our Lady's University. Sign up [here](#).

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've just arrived at Notre Dame, it's 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 the perfect 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, representatives from the Notre Dame Security Police Department will talk 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? This session 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 money. Topics will include budgeting, paying bills, signing legal documents, and paying U.S. income taxes.

Getting Involved on Campus and in the Community

Are you interested in getting involved on campus and in the community? This session will provide information about fall on-campus events, student clubs, community service opportunities, and South Bend.

Global Nomads Workshop

Global Nomads, also known as “Third Culture Kids,” are students who have spent a significant part of their lives outside of their parents’ home cultures or passport countries. This session, which will be led by International Ambassadors, will review the unique experiences and challenges 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 out of your time on campus. The presenters will also review other important topics such as working with your advisor, serving as a Teaching Assistant, 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 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 isn’t 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 USA 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, sign up to go on the Shopping Shuttle to Bed, Bath & Beyond and Walmart.

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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 Hesburgh Library to obtain their Student Identification (ID) Cards. Bring your Notre Dame ID number and an official photo ID, such as your passport. The Campus Card Office will be issuing ID cards in the Hesburgh Library on Wednesday, August 17 from 3:00-4:00 p.m., Thursday, August 18 and Friday, August 19 from 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, August 20 from 9:00 a.m. - noon, and Sunday, August 21 from 1:00 p.m. to 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.