Grad Coordinators Meeting

Fall 2017 Incoming International Graduate Students

Coordinated by International Student Life
Agenda

• International Student Orientation Information

• Immigration Services

• Health Insurance

• Taxes & Payroll - contact Susan Caldwell at susanc@uga.edu.

• Questions
International Student Orientation

Ben Cecil, International Student Life
International Student Orientation (ISO)

• Held from Monday, July 31 to Friday evening, August 4

• For all matriculating international students – graduate, undergraduate, exchange, and sponsored students

• Housing available – Rutherford Hall

• Transportation within Athens provided

• Includes a balance between informational sessions, small group meetings with current students, and social opportunities

• Not required, but highly recommended even for students with previous study experience in the United States
# What ISO Provides Students

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<td>Breakfast meal plan for Bolton Dining Hall not included in registration prices</td>
<td>$50 extra</td>
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# ISO Costs & Registration Deadlines

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ISO Content

• Academic Honesty & Academic Culture in the United States

• Getting Settled in the USA – social security information, driver’s license, housing, utilities, cell phones/SIM cards, bank accounts, getting around Athens, identity theft, roommate tips, student health insurance, UGA sports and university culture

• Cross-Cultural Adjustment, Culture Shock, Homesickness

• UGA Resources – ISL, OIE, CAPS/Health Center, Food Services, Housing through a resource fair specific to international students

• Important things to know – UGA Police, Student Conduct, Relationship & Sexual Violence Prevention

• Interaction with current students known as World Leaders, trained by ISL to specifically assist with international student transition and insight into being successful at UGA from a student perspective
Orientation Dates

Monday, July 31
- Check in, 10AM, Memorial Hall Ballroom
- Ability to obtain SIM Card/cell service & bank account information on site
- Shopping Trip

Tuesday – Thursday
August 1 - 3
- Educational sessions
- Small group time with World Leaders
- Social opportunities
- Interaction with International Student Life Staff

Friday, August 4
- Morning Sessions
- Afternoon Free Time (including shopping trip)

Week of August 7
- No ISL orientation activities scheduled
- ISL staff available to assist with transition details (housing, utilities, childcare, etc).
- Ability to have a full week of contact time with academic program & faculty
International Student Resources

International Student Life is pleased to offer a number of resources to assist you with your transition to Athens and the United States. Resources are listed alphabetically. If you have any suggestions for further resources, please click the link below.

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*Make sure to check with your Academic Advisor or Graduate Program Coordinator regarding your course schedule and registering for classes.

ISL does not advise on any matters related to immigration. For immigration or visa-related questions, please contact Immigration Services at immigration@uga.edu or 706-542-2500.

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Office Hours:
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST
Monday-Friday (excluding holidays)
Graduate Coordinator Information

INFORMATION FOR GRADUATE COORDINATORS & ACADEMIC ADVISORS

ISL is committed to assisting academic departments and graduate coordinators with a student's transition to the University of Georgia and the United States. Below, you'll find information that may be particularly helpful when working directly with international students.

- Counseling & Psychiatric Services (CAPS)
- Graduate Coordinator Meeting Materials
- Immigration Services
- International Student Resources
- Language Partner Program
- Tax Information
- University Health Center
- University Health Insurance

This page is updated periodically with new resources and information for UGA staff working directly with international students.

Prospective Students
- International Student Orientation
- International Student Advisory Board
- International Tax Assistance Program
- Saeeda Peermahomed Award
- International Graduation Ceremony
- International Student Resources
Health Center Check-In

- Required check in forms can be found online [here](isl.uga.edu/orientation). They include:
  - Health History Form
  - Immunization Forms
    - Certificate of Immunization Form
    - Tuberculosis (TB) Screening Form
  - Patient Agreement Form

- Students participating in orientation will complete Health Center check-in in person through orientation.

- Students who require vaccines or other immunizations in order to lift their Health Center hold will be given time to receive these during orientation once student health insurance policies begin on August 1. Note that some immunizations are not commonly available abroad.
  - Required Immunizations
    - MMR, Varicella, Tdap, Hepatitis B, TB screening
How Orientation Will Help You

• Student interaction with ISL staff

• Students will be familiar with academic expectations, academic honesty policies, and UGA resources

• Students will have been exposed to immigration information, tax information, and how to remain in compliance with visa status

• Students will have completed ‘transitional’ tasks, like securing a bank account, mobile phone, and place to live

• Students will have the opportunity to connect with current students in a resource and mentorship role that exists throughout the year beyond orientation

• Students will have the opportunity to connect with other incoming students in similar situations but in different academic departments, creating social networks

• Students will have or be in the process of having all flags removed from their account
Immigration Services

Ashley Johnson & Marie Goodwin
Immigration Check-In Process

Step-by-Step UGA® International Student Check-in

1. Travel to the U.S.
2. Enter the U.S. Print I-94 record
3. Immigration online check-in: istart.uga.edu
4. VLP flag removed by OIE
5. International student orientation
6. WELCOME to UGA®!
Verification of Lawful Presence (VLP)

International Students must verify lawful presence in the United States to enroll at the University of Georgia.

Immigration Services clears appropriate VLP flags upon completion of Immigration Check-In.

Students will not be permitted to register for classes until the VLP flag has been cleared.

Flags are cleared within 2 business days.
What is iStart?

• iStart is the UGA portal for benefit applications relating to international students, scholars, faculty, and staff at UGA.

• iStart is the “Athena”-side (client-side) portal for the database system (“Banner”-side) that we use to maintain international records.

E-Forms

• Immigration check-in upon arrival to the U.S.
• Dependent requests
• Change of degree program
• Social Security letter request

Some e-forms require advisor approval (second approver)
• Reduced course load requests
• Program extensions
• Work authorization (e.g. Curricular Practical Training, Optional Practical Training)
Second Approver Email

Hello [Your name here]

You are receiving this email because an international student, Zhou, is applying for Curricular Practical Training (CPT) from Immigration Services at UGA. In order for our office to authorize participation in this CPT internship opportunity, you must complete and submit the form linked below. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Please follow the link below to respond to this request:

Curricular Practical Training

Client Name: Zhou
Client ID Number: 811xxxxxx
Your Login ID: immigration@uga.edu
Your Password: EXPEND.00

Immigration Services
Tel: 706-542-2900
Email: immigration@uga.edu
Web: http://is.uga.edu

Thank you for your assistance,

Immigration Services, UGA

(706) 542-2900

immigration@uga.edu
Health Insurance

Joanna Manzi – Human Resources
Student Health Insurance

- United Healthcare Student Resources

- Coverage effective dates:
  - Fall Coverage: August 1 - December 31
  - Spring/Summer Coverage: January 1 - July 31
  - Summer-only Coverage: May 1 - July 31

- 2017-2018 Premiums - will be confirmed soon.
  - UGA premium assistance is 40% (for graduate students with a qualified graduate assistantship, fellowship or training grant)
Student Health Insurance

- **Insurance Eligibility File**
  - registered for classes for fall 2017
  - set up in payroll for fall semester (grad asst, grad fellowship or grad training grant)
  - student must have a U.S.-based mailing address in ATHENA
  - student must have UGA email
  - student must report gender to UGA - required by insurance

- Fall 2017 waiver/enrollment period will open mid-July (estimated around July 17)
Student Vision Insurance

● United Healthcare

● Annual Coverage only
  ■ August 1 - July 31
  ■ enrollment allowed only during fall enrollment period

● 2017-2018 Premiums
  ■ Will be confirmed soon.

● UGA Health Center Vision Clinic is in-network