Fall 2017
New International Undergraduate Student Orientation & Programs
NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT
GETTING-STARTED CHECKLIST

Welcome to Tallahassee & Florida State University!
This checklist will help you get a good start to your first semester.

- **SUBMIT HEALTH COMPLIANCE FORMS TO THE HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER**
  If you did not submit them before your arrival, take these forms to University Health Services at the Health and Wellness Center to verify your immunizations. You can download the Health Compliance Forms on the UHS website, studentinsurance.fsu.edu/immunizations.html. If you need immunizations, you can get these at the Health and Wellness Center.

- **PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE**
  You must have adequate health insurance before you can register for classes. If you haven't purchased insurance, you may do so at: studentinsurance.fsu.edu.

- **GET YOUR FSU CARD**
  Go to the FSU Card Center located in the FSU Bookstore. Remember to bring your passport with you to receive the card. With your FSU card as identification, you will be able to ride the bus for free, check out library books, go to the University Health and Wellness Center, use the Leach Recreation Center, attend free concerts and events on campus, and more!

- **EXPLORE YOUR MYFSU ACCOUNT**
  - Log into your account at my.fsu.edu.
  - The “Snapshot” page at log in contains valuable information, including your course schedule, registration holds, and upcoming registration windows.
  - You can also access “My Financials” on this screen to see any outstanding balances, as well as other academic information.

- **REGISTER FOR CLASSES**
  Register for classes during your Open Enrollment dates, which can be found at: registrar.fsu.edu. You will not be able to register until all relevant hold have been removed.

- **PAY TUITION & FEES BY DEADLINE**
  - Pay your tuition after you register for classes and before the posted deadline to avoid class cancellation. The deadline for Fall 2017 is September 8th. For payment methods, go to studentbusiness.fsu.edu/payments. Note: You will not receive a bill.
  - If you are an agency or government-sponsored student, submit an Agency Billing form to Student Business Services by September 1st to avoid a $100 late payment fee.

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The Center for Global Engagement (CGE) hosts Weeks of Welcome (WOW) for new international students. Activities include orientation sessions, on- and off-campus tours, as well as social, cultural, and academic programs to assist you as you get to know FSU, the CGE, and Tallahassee. For more details, review the calendar of events and descriptions in the following pages.

- **F-1 STUDENTS — COMPLETE THE ONLINE IMMIGRATION SESSION (OIS)**
  Watch this brief online presentation on maintaining your F-1 immigration status. You must complete this step or you cannot register for classes. If you did not complete the OIS prior to traveling to the United States, do so now at: cge.fsu.edu/orientation. J-1 students should check with their immigration sponsor regarding orientation.

- **CHECK-IN AT THE CENTER FOR GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT**
  International Student Check-In is a required step in the immigration process. Come to the CGE during any of the Check-In hours listed on the calendar on pages 6 and 7.
  At check-in:
  - Report your local address and the emergency contact of a relative or friend (in or outside the U.S.).
  - Bring your I-20 or DS-2019, passport with visa, and I-94 printout. J-1 students must also provide proof of insurance.
  If you don’t have your I-94 Arrival/Departure Record, you can retrieve it online at: cbp.gov/I94. The I-94 is the official record of your visa status upon entering the U.S. and it will often need to be submitted to benefits providers (such as employers). You should print a copy of your I-94 or save it as a PDF file soon after arrival.

- **ATTEND REQUIRED CGE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION**
  Undergraduate students must attend the CGE International Undergraduate Orientation on Wednesday, August 23 (in The Health and Wellness Center, Room 2100). Registration not required.

- **ATTEND OTHER FSU ORIENTATIONS**
  - Undergraduate first-year and transfer students are required to register for and attend FSU’s New Student Orientation, dos.fsu.edu/nsfp.

- **ATTEND CGE WEEKS OF WELCOME PROGRAMMING**
  All students are invited to the CGE Weeks of Welcome sessions and campus tours! Review the calendar of events and descriptions on the following pages.
The Center for Global Engagement’s Weeks of Welcome (WOW) offer you multiple opportunities to participate in orientation sessions, academic workshops, and social/cultural programs.

We hope the WOW programs and events will provide you with useful information as well as an opportunity to have fun and meet other students from around the world.

Most events take place at the Global & Multicultural Engagement Building (GME), also known as “The Globe,” 110 S. Woodward Ave.
## August 2017

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### Important Dates

**August**
- **Sunday, August 27**
  - Register by this date to avoid $100 late fee
- **Monday, August 28 – Thursday, August 31**
  - Drop/Add Period

**September**
- **Friday, September 1**
  - Agency Billing Form Due
- **Friday, September 8**
  - Tuition and Fees Payment Due

**November**
- **November 13-17**
  - International Education Week
ongoing cge programs

The mission of the Center for Global Engagement (CGE) is to facilitate international diversity and foster global understanding and awareness within the university community. CGE is committed to enhancing the university’s internationalization initiatives through our many ongoing programs.

The CGE hosts intercultural programs and events to promote, support and enhance international education and intercultural exchange at FSU. We organize social events, training opportunities, and campus-wide cultural celebrations. Get involved to make friends, share your culture and engage in our global community.

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE HOUR | FRIDAYS, 5–6:30 PM, GLOBE DINING ROOM
Enjoy refreshments from a specific culture and interact with students and scholars from the U.S. and around the world.

GLOBAL CAFÉ | SELECT FRIDAYS, BEGINS AT 11:30 AM, GLOBE DINING ROOM
Experience a variety of cuisine and cultures from around the world. Student groups and staff prepare food from authentic recipes and serve lunch for just $7 (drink and dessert included).

- September 22
- October 6
- October 21
- November 3

English Conversation Club  TBD, Globe Lounge
All levels of speakers of English as a second language are welcome to meet in a relaxed atmosphere to practice conversational English. Groups are led by experienced English tutors. Students, scholars and their families are very welcome. Sessions are free, and it is not necessary to sign up in advance.

Global Ambassadors Program  (G.A.P.) Info session: Aug 25, 4–5 PM, Room 3500
Share your culture with groups on campus and in the community. As a Global Ambassador, you have the opportunity to visit classrooms on campus and in local elementary and high schools and other community organizations. The CGE provides the training necessary to help you prepare your presentation. Transportation is always provided.

Intercultural Program Series  Select Dates, Globe Auditorium
These programs engage participants in experiential activities significant to the featured country or culture. Participants learn through presentations, performances, hands-on participation, and a sampling of delicious food!

Engage Your World Intercultural Dialogue Series
These lectures and discussions bring together U.S. and international students, faculty, and staff for respectful conversation about the global challenges we all face today.

Global Partner Certificate  (Graduate students only)
The Global Partner Certificate is designed for staff, faculty, or FSU graduate students who are committed to understanding and appreciating cultures and who are interested in learning how to better assist international students and scholars at FSU.

Global Citizenship Certificate  (Undergraduate students only)
This certificate program is to help undergraduate students maximize the rich cultural learning experiences available to them on campus, in the community, and abroad. Students take two required and two elective academic courses and participate in international and/or cross-cultural experiences and events on campus. The program provides invaluable cross-cultural skills and competencies needed to be a global-ready graduate.

International Education Week  November 13-17
International Education Week (IEW) is a national celebration of U.S.-based programs that promote international learning and exchange. During this week, FSU offers a variety of events and activities.

International Bazaar  Spring 2018
The International Bazaar, the Center for Global Engagement’s largest annual event, is held every spring. The event gives student groups and community organizations the chance to share their history and heritage through cultural displays, performances, and food.

Special Spaces at The Globe

Meditation Room
The Mediation Room is for any member of the FSU community who seeks a quiet place to reflect, pray, or meditate. It is on the third floor of The Globe (no reservation needed).

Reflections Reading Room
The Reflections Reading Room is a comfortable space to read and browse literature on topics such as international education, culture, peace and conflict studies, leadership and service. Book donations are always welcome!

Lending Closet
The Lending Closet is available to all FSU international students who would like to borrow or donate household items. It is located in the second floor immigration advising suite.
Stay in touch with us during your time at FSU.
Pay attention to immigration updates and reminders that your immigration advisors send via email and through Blackboard. Also look for CGE e-newsletters with information on upcoming events and programs.

Social media is another great way to become part of our CGE community. Keep up-to-date with the latest announcements, see photos from our events, and share posts with your friends.

You can post questions and connect with other new international students on our New to FSU International Students Facebook page: facebook.com/NewFSUInternational. “Like” the Center for Global Engagement’s main Facebook page and follow us on social media.

Still have questions?
If you have general questions about campus and Tallahassee, look for student ambassadors at the table in the lobby outside the CGE’s International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) office or ask the assistant at the ISSS front desk.

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