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Agenda

- Campus Life and Support
- Immigration
- Orientations and Beyond
- Q&A
International Students: 
- In Fall 2019, U-M enrolled 7,255 international students from 130 countries.
- Ranked No.15 nationally for the size of international student body in 2019
- Immigration advice, health Insurance questions, and programs.

U-M Fall Announcement
- Fall 2020: classes begin Monday, August 31
- Winter 2021: classes begin Tuesday, January 19
- Both fall and spring breaks are eliminated
- Courses will be offered in formats that include in-person, remote and mixed instruction depending on curricular needs.
Campus Life & Support
Weather

Spring 7°C-22°C
Fall 9°C-23°C
Winter -1°C - 1.6°C
Summer 26°C-28°C
Packing

WHAT SHOULD I PACK?

MUST
- Passport, I-20, Visa (copies of each)
- Clothing you can layer for varying temperatures
- Personal necessities (glasses/contacts)
- Cash <$10,000 (Bringing Money to the U.S.)
  a. Any amount/comboination of money (cash, money order, travelers’ checks) over $10,000 must be declared in advance on a U.S. Customs and Border Protection Declaration Form 6059B.
Packing

U.S. DHS - Prohibited and Restricted Items

❖ A lot of cash (> $10,000)
❖ Chinese traditional medicine
❖ Fresh vegetables and fruits

Optional

❖ School supplies
❖ Power strips
❖ TSA luggage lock
❖ Warm winter clothing (hats, mittens, snow boots, heavy coat, scarf)
Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) is a 35 minute drive from Ann Arbor.

- Air Ride/Michigan Flyer shuttle service ($11/ $15)
- Taxi - Lyft/Uber ($40-60)

On Campus Transportation

- Free U-M Blue Bus
- Ann Arbor City Buses “The Ride” (Free with M-Card)
**On Campus**

**Undergraduate**
- South/ East / North / West Quad
- Oxford ...

**Graduate**
- Munger Suites
- Northwood I&II, IV&V
- Martha Cook Residence Hall (Female only)

**Important Information In Holidays (Winter/Summer):**
- Residence halls close during the winter break, but students CAN leave their possessions in their rooms. However, Students CANNOT leave their possessions in the residence halls over the summer.

**Off Campus**

- Apartments
- Room Rentals (1b1b, 2b1b, ...)
- House rentals (6b3b, ...)
- Lease lengths can vary, and you usually pay monthly. Don’t sign a lease for longer than you need. ([Student Legal Services](#) can help you review leases)
- [Virtual Housing Fair](#)
● If you are living in a residence hall, you’ll have an **Unlimited Meal Plan**. This means you can enter as many times as you’d like during **regular dining hours** and never worry about running out of meals.

● Students living in off-campus apartments **can** purchase meal plans.

● University dining halls provide meals for a variety of needs, including but not limited to Kosher, vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, and halal.
● What do you need to open an account?
  ○ Passport
  ○ I-20
  ○ Others vary

● U-M has two affiliated banks:
  ○ University of Michigan Credit Union
  ○ PNC Bank

● How much money to have in your account?
  ○ Banks in the U.S. are insured up to $250,000
  ○ Electronically wire money from China
  ○ Pay attention to the Fees and penalties associated with your checking and/or savings account.
Paying Tuition & Fees

- Bills are posted to your student's Wolverine Access portal monthly and an email is sent to the student.
- **Parents and Family Authorization**: set up a "Friend/Family Account" so they can also receive those messages through Wolverine Access.
- U-M accepts payments on student charges in the form of cash, check, or e-payment.
  - **Optional Payment Plan**: spread payment over 5 payments without interest.
  - Refer to [2020-2021 Payment Plan Brochure](#)
- International payments can be made through [Flywire](#).
International Student Mandatory Health Insurance
- Be automatically enrolled after you immigration check-in
- Monthly payment posted on Wolverine Access

University Health Services (UHS)
- Walk-in visits and appointments available
- Most services are covered by International Health Insurance or have low fees
- Can request interpretation when scheduling

U-M Hospitals - Michigan Medicine: ranked #5 best hospitals in the U.S. and #15 in the world by Newsweek
- International Student Health Insurance plan is accepted
- Translation services available
Mental Health Matters
○ Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

Immunizations
○ Not required by U-M or U.S. government
○ Recommended: Submit your Immunization Records online before classes begin.
○ Can get immunizations at UHS for a fee

Recreational Sports Center (fees included with tuition)
○ NCRB (North Campus Recreation Building)
○ CCRB (Central Campus Recreation Building)
○ IMSB (Intramural Building Sports Building)
Safety on campus

- Emergencies: 9-1-1
- Wolverine Access- UM Emergency Alert
- Safety Resources:
  - Blue Light Phones
  - Late night transportation - Safe Ride
- Common Sense
  - Lock your door
  - Take care of your belongs

Register Devices
- Register valuable devices through DPSS
- You will receive stickers to paste on your devices
- To report the theft of property on campus, call DPSS at (734) 763-1131 or report a crime online.
**Safety on campus**

**Crime Alerts**
- Email automatically sent to all U-M Ann Arbor students, staff and faculty
- DPSS website / Twitter page
- Fliers posted around campus

**Scams & Fraud**
- Coronavirus scams / identity theft / phishing emails / Phone scams and voice phishing (vishing) / Tax fraud / Tech support scams / Text message (SMS) scams (smishing)
- *Don’t lose money* - **Warnings from the IC**
Academic Resources

- **Libraries**
  - Study spaces
  - Online research, publications and books

- **Academic Advising**
  - Undergraduate students: Academic Support Services (add/drop classes, transferring credit, study abroad, degree progress)
  - Graduate students: consult with your academic advisor

- **Office Hours**
  - Times listed in syllabus
  - Great way to build relationship
  - 1:1 support for class materials
Language Support

- **Sweetland Writing Center**
  - Peer Writing Center
  - Online Writing Lab (OWL)
  - Writing Workshop

- **English Language Institute (ELI)**
  - Conversation Circles
  - Language Clinics
  - Courses
  - Other resources
Immigration
● Pay the **I-901 SEVIS Fee** before your visa interview
● Complete the **DS-160** Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application
● Pay the visa application fee
● Make an appointment with the consulate
  ○ Read about local consulate **procedures**
  ○ See U.S. Embassy/Consulate **websites**
  ○ View estimated **wait times**
● **U.S visa application website**
Apply for your visa as early as possible
Students may be issued F-1 visas up to **120 days** before the I-20 program start date
Be prepared to demonstrate your intent to return home after you complete your academic program
The following will provide a list of generally required documents for your visa application
  ○ U.S. Department of State F-1 visa application information
  ○ U.S. Department of State J-1 visa application information
Other helpful links:
  ○ The International Center - Updated information for the incoming students
  ○ The International Center - Visa related information

Routine visas services have been suspended at U.S. posts worldwide
Before arriving:
● **International Student Welcome Booklet**
● Undergrad student **checklist**
● Graduates - look at your school homepage
● International student mandatory check-in
● Confirm all the logistical considerations, such as transportation to campus, banking, housing

After arriving:
● Confirm **I-94** immigration status
● Obtain a U-M student ID card (Mcard) -- **Undergraduates** and **Graduates**
● Attend International Center orientation as much as possible
Maintaining Immigration Status

- Maintain good academic standing and make progress towards degree program requirements.
- Enroll full-time during academic year (fall & winter semesters)
  - Undergraduate = 12 credits/term
  - Graduate = 8 credits/term (6 credits/term if GSI/GSRA)
- Maintain valid passport and I-20
- Maintain health insurance coverage
- May work on-campus up to 20 hours each week during academic year
- May work more than 20 hours each week during breaks/vacation period
- May **not** work off campus without proper work authorization
COVID-19 Update: FAQs for Newly Admitted Students

- Immigration Documents (Visas, I-20s, etc.)
- Travel
- Fall Semester Status
- Late Arrivals/Deferrals
Orientations and Beyond
Midwest Americans are friendly, but they like to keep private life. Don’t be surprised if it takes a while to make close friendships.

- Smiling, saying good morning / hello, but no conversation following which is normal.
- Engage with caution when it comes to: age, weight, sexual orientation, relationship status, political views, income level, etc.
- Potluck and social etiquette
- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI): gender pronouns, accessibility, etc.
Academic

- Language difficulties
- Cultural differences in the classroom
- Different communication styles
- New approaches to learning
- Faculty office hours
- Time management

Personal

- Homesickness
- Lack of support
- Lack of meaningful relationships
- Changing sense of identity
- Unrealistic expectations from family & self
- Financial problems
- Difficulties in home country
Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA)

WeChat ID: UM_CSSA

Sina Weibo: 密西根大学CSSA

Facebook: Cssa at Umich

CSSA New Student Guide
Campus Involvement

● **Maize Pages**
  ○ 1,600 student organizations

● **FestiFall and NorthFest**
  ○ Best way to start finding your community

● **Happening @ Michigan**
  ○ Search for any event happening on campus

● **International Center Student Council**
  ○ Identify and examine issues affecting international students

● Check with your departments about their own student organizations
Career Services Offices:
- University Career Center (for all students)
- Career Services in other Schools & Colleges

Linkedin Group: University of Michigan International Alumni and Students

International Center
- Finding internships in and outside the U.S.
- Understanding U.S. Workplace Culture
- International Alumni Career Panel
- International Career Pathways

Tips:
- Be proactive
- Build cross-cultural knowledge
- Volunteering
- Learn practical skills
Undergraduate Students:
- Wolverine Online Orientation

Graduate Students:
- Rackham Fall Virtual Welcome
- Your school or department may offer an orientation. Speak with your academic department about its specific orientation.

Pre-departure Orientation for New International Students:
- Wednesday, July 8, 3:30-5:00 PM
- Friday, July 10, 9:30-11:00 AM

CSSA Orientation for New Students:
- Shanghai: Saturday, July 18
- Beijing: to be decided
Workshops:

- **Address practical needs**: banking, transportation, driving, car, health care, legal issues...
- **Academic support**: library basics, cultural differences in the classroom, communicating with academic advisers...
- **Health and wellness**: health services, managing stress, making friends, getting involved..
- **Employment**: finding a job on campus, tax forms

**Ask Me!**: a virtual meeting designed to support new international students

**Virtual Chats with Orientation Peer Advisers**
Check your umich email for important information and announcements.

International Center Events

- International Student Lunch Conversation (with CAPS)
- Lunch and Learn Series
- Meet, Eat, and American Life (MEAL) @ Michigan
- Birthday Celebration
- International Coffee Hour
- Immigration workshops
- Career Workshops
- Income Tax Preparation
- Education Abroad Advising
- Graduation Reception
Additional Resources

General Information:
- IC Orientation
- IC New Students Guide
- International Students Welcome Booklet
- 2020-21 CAMPUS MAIZE & BLUEPRINT
- IC Annual Statistical Report
- Student Life Links Page
- U-M Lingo

COVID-19 Updates
- U-M COVID-19 Updates
- IC COVID-19 Updates

Housing:
- Storage services
- Rental Scams
- Virtual Housing Fair

Transportation:
- IC transportation page
- Detroit Connector
- Zipcar, Maven, Enterprise
- Park & Ride Program
- Student Parking Website

Banking:
- IC banking page
- Local banks comparison

Academic Resources & Language support:
- Language Resources Center
- Conversation Partners
- FAQ for LSA Undergraduate Students
- FAQ for Engineering Undergraduate Students
- GSI / GSRA

Life:
- Packing List
- Freshmen Folk Wisdom

Phone Apps:
- Michigan App
- DPSS Safety App
- 21 Apps to help you conquer your first year at U-M

Community:
- International House Ann Arbor
- International Neighbors
- Michigan Language Center
- NEW Wolverine Access

Important U.S. Federal and Privacy Laws:
- Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA): 保护学生教育记录隐私的联邦法律
- Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA): 有关查看及获得你健康信息做出规定的联邦法律

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Please complete the evaluation survey by clicking here or scan the QR code below
International Center
Contact Information

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Safe travels,
See you in Ann Arbor!

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