Ask Me!
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- Name
- Country
- Degree Level
- Field of Study
- College or School

AGENDA
1. Business
2. Ice Breaker
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Why is it that nothing ever gets done at these meetings?
Fall 2020 Planning

- **Students and Families**: classrooms, living on/off campus, self-quarantine, etc. ([Campus Maize and Blueprint](#))
- **International Center FAQs for Newly Admitted Students**
- **Rackham Guidelines for Planning 2020 Fall Term Enrollment of International Students**
- Recordings available: Pre-Departure Orientation for New Students ([All Countries](#), [China](#), [Taiwan](#))
- **International Center Summer Orientation** (bookmark me!)
  - Newly released: Canvas Site (check out Peer-to-Peer Conversations!)
Canvas

- Enroll in the International Summer Orientation Course
- Announcements: stay informed with the latest updates and information
- Modules: view presentations and videos
- Discussions: ask questions related to the presentations
- Chat: ask peer advisors questions during their office hours
- Presentation examples: Banking, Buying a Car, Getting Involved with Student Groups and Making Friends, Safety, Shopping, Things to Do in Ann Arbor, and many more!
  - Register for live presentations
Immigration Related Questions

● We will not be addressing immigration-related questions during the Ask Me! Sessions.

● Monitor International Center announcements
  ○ Fall Term FAQs for New Students

● Specific questions about your situation? Email icenter@umich.edu
Academic Questions

Undergraduates:
• LSA Undergraduate FAQ
• Academic Peer Advising for New LSA International Undergraduate Students
• Engineering FAQ

Graduate Students:
• Contact your departments with questions!

Deferral Questions
Dining

- Will Dining Halls be open?
  Yes, Dining Halls will be open.
  - University dining halls provide meals for a variety of needs: Kosher, vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, and halal.
  - Students living in off-campus apartments can purchase meal plans.
  - For Fall 2020, meals will be to-go, or students can make reservations for a table if you wish to dine-in.
  - Keep up-to-date date with the M|Dining Fall 2020 FAQs
  - The GET app and Michigan app
Health and Wellness

- Health Care Options: **University Health Service (UHS)** & **Michigan Medicine**
- International Student Health Insurance (Mandatory)
  - Contact **ihi@umich.edu** with questions
  - Be automatically enrolled after you attend your immigration check-in
  - Monthly payment posted on Wolverine Access
  - **Benefits**: Dental care coverage
- COVID-19
  - COVID-19 insurance information available [here](#)
- What do I do if I get sick?
  - Stay home and call University Health Service at 734-764-8320 for an assessment. Telehealth options are available. In an emergency, call 911.
- **Tuition Refund Insurance**: New and administered through UHS
Accessing Campus Resources

● All campuses offices & resources will be available virtually!
● Writing support resources:
  ○ Sweetland Writing Center:
    ■ [Online and virtual services are available!](#)
    ■ [Sweetland International Student resources](#)
  ○ Resources also available through the [English Language Institute (ELI)](#)
Housing

- WILL STUDENTS BE ABLE TO LIVE IN MICHIGAN HOUSING THIS FALL? YES!
- WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE ARRIVING AT MICHIGAN?
  All U.S. students coming to Ann Arbor will be asked to practice enhanced social distancing during the 14 days before arriving on campus.
  ○ For students arriving on campus directly from international locations, the 14 days of enhanced social distancing begins when they arrive, and can be done in the students’ residences.
  ○ See the Housing FAQs for updates and more information!
- LIVING OFF-CAMPUS?
  ○ Review resources offered through the U-M Off-Campus Housing Office!
  ○ Virtual Housing Fair recording
Getting Involved on Campus

- **Maize Pages**
  - 1,600 student organizations

- **FestiFall and NorthFest** *(held virtually this year)*
  - 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

- **UMich Pal Pact: Home** Take the UMich Pal Pact survey and they will match you with a new friend to connect with for the year ahead.

- “Getting Involved and Making Friends” presentation and recording on Canvas.
Other Logistical Questions

● Banking
  ○ Peer-to-Peer Conversation on this topic
  ○ Virtual presentation by PNC Bank on 8/11 (presentation on Canvas)

● Obtaining a Social Security Number (SSN)
  ○ Information about this can be found on the IC website

● Delivery services on campus (Uber Eats, Amazon, etc.)
  ○ Peer-to-Peer Conversation session on Shopping

● Taxes
  ○ Information about this can be found on the IC website
  ○ U.S. Tax Withholding Forms session materials on Canvas
Q&A TIME!

If you still have questions, feel free to type them in chat box.

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Safe travels,
See you in Ann Arbor!