

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

FALL 2023

This information supplements important details contained in the admitted student brochure.

Arrival in Des Moines, International Student Orientation, and Accommodations

Starting June 2023

Friday, January 19

Monday-Tuesday, August 14-15

Sunday-Monday, August 20-21

Tuesday-Wednesday, August 22-23

Friday, August 26

Monday, August 28

International Student Pre-Orientation on Blackboard

Virtual Transfer Student Orientation (look for information in your Drake email)

VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION SESSIONS

ARRIVAL in Des Moines

ON-CAMPUS INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION SESSIONS

In-Person Transfer Student Orientation

First day of classes

The International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) staff, within the Office of Global Engagement, will provide information regarding the arrival of new international students at <https://www.drake.edu/global/students/admitted/>. Please read the information on this site carefully and send any questions to the ISSS staff member listed at the bottom of this page.

All international students who are new to Drake are **required to attend all orientation sessions** listed above. There will be no make-up sessions available. International students are also expected to participate in the International Student Pre-Orientation through the Blackboard platform, available starting in November. You can access the Blackboard site by logging into my.drake.edu and clicking the Blackboard button. More information on how to find this course will be sent to your email in May.

Please submit your **Arrival Form** as soon as you make your airline reservation. This form is located on the Admitted Students webpage above and helps us keep in contact with you during your travels in case of delays or an emergency. While we are not able to accommodate you for an airport pick-up, taxi services and rideshare services such as Lyft and Uber are available in Des Moines.

New students who have submitted **housing contracts and deposits** are assigned rooms and notified by e-mail by the end of July. **International Student Move-In will take place Sunday, August 20 from 5-9pm and Monday, August 21 from 9am-5pm.** Students who arrive outside of these times must arrange accommodations at their own expense until they move to their residence hall. For students who are not required to live on campus, take a look at [this list of housing options](#) for assistance.

Registration for Courses

Undergraduates who have submitted tuition deposits and have met the English proficiency requirement can pre-register for courses. The college or school within Drake to which you have been admitted will be in contact with you about this process. **An I-20 will not be provided until passing English proficiency scores are submitted.**

Students who do not attend their first class of each course will be automatically dropped from the course for non-validation. This means you must ensure you arrive in time for the International Student Orientation sessions and the first day of classes.

Student Health Forms and Health Insurance

A medical examination is required of all incoming students. Portions of the health form must be completed by a health-care professional. Return the completed form to Drake prior to your arrival or bring it with you to International Student Orientation on August 22. Additionally, a TB test will be administered by Drake's Health Center during the week of Orientation or the first week of classes for students who require it. More information on the form and other health matters can be found at <http://www.drake.edu/health/>.

All international students are **required** to purchase Drake's international student health insurance policy. The policy costs approximately \$1,500 for 12 months. Other insurance coverage cannot be substituted for Drake's policy. Students whose expenses at Drake are sponsored by a government agency, and whose sponsorship includes mandatory insurance, may apply for a waiver of this requirement. Waiver requests must be received by Kendra Hossain-Morehead no later than August 1. For general information regarding the insurance policy or applying for a waiver, see <http://www.drake.edu/international-students/>.

Contact Information for the ISSS Staff

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