

Pre-Departure Checklist

Carry the following items on the plane. Do *not* pack them in checked baggage.

- Passport with valid F-1 or J-1 visa stamped inside**
- I-20 or DS-2019**
- Mandatory SEVIS receipt**
- Copy of I-94 instructions**
(See previous page.)
- Letter of admission to UK**
- Financial documents**
- Immunization documentation**
(<http://bit.ly/RequiredImmunizations>)
- Prescriptions for medications**
(if needed)
- \$100 in cash and \$1,500 in traveler's checks**



Once you arrive on campus, please come to the UK Office of International Affairs (OIA) in Bradley Hall for additional resources and information. The office is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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Getting Started

Welcome to the University of Kentucky (UK)

The UK Office of International Affairs (OIA) serves students from more than 100 countries. International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) offers immigration services, new student orientation and various intercultural activities to help you make the most of your time at UK. Our staff looks forward to your arrival in Lexington. Please follow these guidelines to prepare for your UK experience.

www.uky.edu/intlaffairs



Introduction

Begin by reviewing the “New Students” section of the OIA Web site (www.uky.edu/intlaffairs). Print any pages you may want to carry with you when you travel.

SEVIS Fee and Visa

All F-1 and J-1 students *must* visit www.fmjfee.com and pay the Student & Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) fee prior to their consular appointment (www.travel.state.gov). Canadian citizens are not required to have a visa, but they must pay the SEVIS fee. **Note:** An I-94 arrival and departure form is provided on all international flights. Be sure to read the instructions for completing this form at www.cbp.gov. Type “filling out Form I-94” in the search field.

Apply for Housing

Housing is *not* automatically reserved for students. To apply for on-campus housing, complete a housing application at www.uky.edu/housing as soon as possible.

Immunizations

UK-required immunizations are listed at <http://bit.ly/RequiredImmunizations>

Arrival Dates

The earliest permitted arrival date is 30 days prior to the date on the I-20 or DS-2019. Students are required to arrive in time for *mandatory* orientation programs.

Visit the OIA Web site and contact your department for exact orientation dates.

Check In

New student must check in with the OIA before registering for classes. Visit <http://bit.ly/ISSSCheckIn> for instructions on scheduling a check-in session prior to your arrival.

Airport Assistance

Visit www.uky.edu/intlaffairs to request a ride from the airport. Go to “International Students & Scholars” and select “New Students,” then “Transportation from Airport.”

Questions

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