

# NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHECKLIST

**Spring  
2026**

*For best results,  
follow this timeline:*

- 1** Complete your ISSS checklist in iTerp using [this link](#) and check out all our [pre-arrival activities](#).
- 2** Pay your [SEVIS fee](#)
- 3** Make your visa appointment
  - Needed if you do not have a valid F-1/J-1 visa in your passport
- 4** Sign up for any academic orientations
  - Undergraduate students: [mandatory orientation](#) to sign up for classes
  - Graduate students: check with your department
- 5** Read the ISSS ["Tip of the Week"](#) for helpful information.
  - Tips of the week starts on November 4, 2025 and are delivered via email every Tuesday.
- 6** Log onto Canvas and start your online ISSS orientation
  - Access starts in early December.
- 7** First day newly admitted students can arrive inside the U.S.
  - December 24, 2025
- 8** Complete your [ISSS documents check](#) after your U.S. arrival
  - Use the 2nd checklist to complete your documents check
- 9** Attend ISSS Welcome Events | January 24, 2026 (Tentative)
  - Check for orientations and meetings for other groups you are part of (athletics, graduate school, teaching assistants, exchange students, etc.)

September

October

November

December

January



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