

NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHECKLIST

Spring 2027

For best results,
follow this timeline:

- 1** Complete your ISSS checklist in iTerp using [this link](#). 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** Read the ISSS ["Tip of the Week"](#) for helpful information and attend one of our [Engagement Webinars](#).
 - Tips of the week and webinars start November 3rd, 2026 and are delivered via email every Tuesday
- 5** Sign up for any academic orientations
 - Undergraduate students: [mandatory orientation](#) to sign up for classes
 - Graduate students: check with your department
- 6** Log onto Canvas and start your online ISSS orientation
 - Access starts around early December 2026
- 7** First day newly admitted students can arrive inside the U.S.
 - December 25th, 2026
- 8** Complete your [ISSS documents check](#) after your U.S. arrival
 - Use the 2nd checklist to complete your documents check
- 9** Attend ISSS Welcome | January 25th, 2027
 - 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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