On-Line Pre-Arrival Orientation

There is so much to learn when beginning at a new level of education at a new university in a new country. To help you be a successful student at the University at Albany, we want to tell you all about Albany, but we also know that it can be overwhelming to learn about all of this when you first arrive on campus. So, we have developed an on-line pre-arrival orientation.

Our On-line International Student Pre-Arrival Orientation Program will help with your transition to the new environment at the UAlbany. We'd like to help you get ready both personally and academically ready for studies here, so you can be successful.

The Pre-Arrival Orientation provides you with module units on important subjects such as Housing, Academics, and the UAlbany Community. At your own pace you can go through the reading materials, videos and website connections. Student Orientation Assistants and ISSS staff will post items for discussion on a weekly basis.

How to Access Pre-Arrival Orientation

Once you have made your acceptance deposit and have a Net ID, you will be able to access Pre-Arrival Orientation from Blackboard. Your Blackboard user ID and password are the same as your MyUAlbany user ID and password. You access Blackboard from your MyUAlbany page or you can login here: https://blackboard.albany.edu/.

Beginning June 1, the ISSS Pre-Arrival Orientation will be available in Blackboard. You can access by clicking on "International Student Pre-Arrival Orientation" under the Community tab, within the My Organizations box:

You can go through Pre-Orientation in your own time. You can read the materials in the modules anytime, anywhere. However, keep in mind that facilitators will be answering your questions in forum discussion for a limited time. Mark your calendar and don't miss the discussions times. Many of you might be in a different time zone when the forum is in session, but know that Q & A period last over a several day period as follows:
International Student Pre-Arrival Orientation will be available in Blackboard beginning June 1, 2017. Question & Answer periods for each topic are listed below.

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Youku Link (优酷链接): [http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XMTYzjk0NDE3Ng==.html](http://v.youku.com/v_show/id_XMTYzjk0NDE3Ng==.html)

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