

International Student Orientation

August 23-26, 2009

UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
State University of New York

Check in for the International Student Orientation Program on Sunday, August 23.

The orientation program officially begins at 9 am on August 24.

DAY 1 Sunday, August 23

Check In, 1-5 pm

Students living on the Uptown Campus should check in at the University Hall. Those living in Waterbury Hall on Alumni Quad (Downtown Campus) should check in there. Students living off campus may check in either place.

(Students living on campus may check in to their permanent rooms between 11am-9pm today.)

Dinner at State Quad, 5-6:30 pm

Get Acquainted Session, 7-8:30 pm

DAY 2 Monday, August 24

Breakfast, 7:30-9 am, near Lecture Center 7

Check In for late arrivals, 8-10 am

Welcome and Opening Address

Ray Bromley, Vice Provost for International Education.

"Nuts and Bolts"

SUNY Card Benefits, Student Accounts.

Immigration Regulations

Learn important requirements for maintaining your student visa status.

Student Health Services and International Health Insurance

Lunch

Break-out Meetings for Freshman, Exchange and Graduate Students

Tax, Payroll and Social Security Workshop for Graduate Students with Assistantships

Campus and Library Tours

TB Testing

Dinner

Optional Evening Activities

Get Acquainted Session or escorted shopping trip to nearby malls

DAY 3 Tuesday, August 25

Academic Advisement - Freshman

Meet with your academic advisor in Advisement Services, 9:00am-12pm, LI 36.

Campus and Library Tours

"How to Succeed at an American University"

Featuring a Faculty Speaker who was formerly an international student

Improving Your Writing Skills in English and Avoiding Plagiarism

Learn about resources on campus to help you succeed (Intensive English Language Program, Writing Center, ESL courses, Institute for Teaching, Learning and Academic Leadership)

Practical Matters

Includes information on telephones, banking, getting a driver's license and shopping tips.

Spiritual Matters

How to connect with religious organizations on campus and in the community.

Dinner

Optional Evening Activities

Soccer (football) or escorted shopping trip to nearby malls

DAY 4 Wednesday, August 26

Academic Advisement - Transfer Students

Attend Group Advisement meeting and meet with your advisor in department.

Student Involvement

Student Involvement Staff--Learn about the many different ways you can get involved with student groups and activities on campus.

Tour of Athletic Facilities

See the gym, swimming pool and fitness facilities. Find out about intramural sports teams.

Counseling Services/Diversity and Affirmative Action

Where to get help when you're feeling low, and what your rights are and what to do if you feel you are being treated unfairly or experiencing harassment, sexual or otherwise.

Safety On and Off Campus

Steps to take to assure your personal safety and the safety of your property on campus and in Albany

Living in Residence Halls

Learn about services and programs offered by Residential Life, as well as how to get along with roommates.

Cultural Adjustment

What to expect as you get used to living in the U.S.

Welcome Reception at the Main Library

Dinner

Walking Tour of Albany

Take the bus downtown for a guided tour of the riverfront area, Lark Street and the Empire State Plaza.

Optional Activities After the Orientation Program

- Free Guided Tours of NYS Capitol and NYS Museum
- Join all new students for "Danes After Dark" movie Friday night and various activities all weekend.