

## International Transfer Student Orientation Program

### Welcome to the University at Albany!

As a new student at the University at Albany, you may attend a Summer Planning Conference (SPC) which marks the beginning of your orientation to the campus community and will provide you with the information necessary to make your transition as smooth as possible.

**International students who are already in the U.S. may wish to sign up for this program. If you do so, you are also urged to attend the special International Student Orientation Program, scheduled for August 23-26.**

The Summer Planning Conference will help you get a good start as a student here at UAlbany by giving you the opportunity to:

- Meet within your academic department to learn about your major and what it has to offer, including research opportunities and internships. Some departments also provide academic advisement and registration for your 1st semester during the Planning Conference while other departments offer advisement and registration via an online process. For more specific information, please visit the "New Transfer Advisement Information" website at [www.albany.edu/advisement](http://www.albany.edu/advisement).
- Receive your SUNYCard Student ID and register your vehicle.
- Tour the campus.
- Speak with representatives from offices including financial services, parking and mass transit, student involvement and leadership, disability resource center, career services and more.

An \$80 transfer student orientation fee covers the costs of special programs offered during the summer and fall, printing and mailing of orientation confirmation materials, additional staff, and all materials received during orientation.

Check-in for the Conference is at 8:30am and the program ends between 2:00 and 3:30pm, depending on the amount of time you spend in your academic department and participating in other offerings.

### Parent Orientation Program:

Parents/guardians or other relevant family members who are in the U.S. are invited to attend a Parent Orientation Program over the summer that is **offered concurrently but separately from your program**. It is a great way to get the most up-to-date information, meet staff and learn about campus resources that will help family members to help their UAlbany student make a successful transition. Typical topics covered are: academic environment and academic support programs, on-campus living, counseling center, health services, financial aid and billing, and information from the Parent Liaison. There will be an opportunity to register for the Parents Council to receive on-going University updates. Please visit our website at [www.albany.edu/orientation/parents.html](http://www.albany.edu/orientation/parents.html) to view a tentative parent schedule and other information of interest to parents.

Student and parent/family Check-in takes place at 8:30am. Student Check out time varies depending upon the amount of time each student spends in their academic department that afternoon. Remember, **the student and parent programs are separate**.

### To Register for Orientation:

- **Go to [www.albany.edu/orientation/transfer](http://www.albany.edu/orientation/transfer).** Type your information into the Transfer Orientation Reservation Form and the Orientation Payment Transmittal Form. Print and mail both forms and your payment to the Orientation Office.
- **Select and Rank Preferred Conference Dates.** Each conference is identical in content. Therefore, be guided by your personal and family circumstances as you determine your preferred dates. Students are assigned to their preferred dates on a first-come basis until the Conference is full. The Orientation Office will begin mailing confirmation-of-date information just after June 1.

### ■ Return Your Reservation Form, Orientation Payment Transmittal Form and Enclose \$80 Orientation fee to:

Orientation Office  
State Quad U-Lounge  
1400 Washington Avenue  
Albany, New York 12222

Indicate the student's name, 9 digit Albany ID number and the word "Orientation" on checks and money orders.

Use the Orientation Payment Transmittal Form to charge your fee.

Note: A charge of \$20 will be assessed for a returned check.

- Check out the Orientation website for further information, links to other sites of interest, to view pictures of last summer's program and a tentative schedule of the Parent Orientation Program: [www.albany.edu/orientation](http://www.albany.edu/orientation).

### International Students Outside the U.S.

You are expected to participate in the International Student Orientation Program, August 23-26. During this program you will meet with an academic advisor and register for classes. Please complete the Personal Data Form and submit it to ISSS electronically (or by fax or mail) as soon as possible.

### Orientation Office:

PH: (518) 442-5509

EMAIL: [Orientation@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:Orientation@uamail.albany.edu)

### International Student & Scholar Services:

PH: (518) 591-8189

EMAIL: [ISSS@uamail.albany.edu](mailto:ISSS@uamail.albany.edu)

**Register for Orientation  
at [www.albany.edu/  
orientation/transfer](http://www.albany.edu/orientation/transfer).**

### PROGRAM DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

July 1, July 8, July 15, July 22, July 29

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## 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 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 11 am-9 pm 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"**

SUNYCard 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 am-12 pm, 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