Pre-Arrival Checklist

BEFORE you depart

• After you receive your I-20, pay the SEVIS fee and print your receipt (F-1 students only).
• Apply for an appropriate visa at the nearest U.S. consulate.
• Photocopy all of your important documents (passport, visa, I-20, etc.) Put copies in a different place such as your carry-on and checked luggage.
• Arrange for housing in the United States (on- or off-campus).
• If you need to bring medicine into the U.S., bring a written prescription from your doctor.
• Plan to arrive in the U.S. no more than 30 days before the start date on your I-20.

DURING your trip

• Carry these items with you on the airplane. Do NOT put them in your checked bags.
  √ Passport and visa
  √ I-20
  √ Financial support letter
  √ Name and address of where you will live
• Know the name, address, and phone number of the IELP

AFTER you arrive

• Arrange travel from Albany International Airport to your housing: http://www.albany.edu/pub_health/Travel_to_Albany.pdf.
• If your housing will not be ready, reserve a hotel room and carry the name, address, and phone number of the hotel.
• Bring the following items to the IELP on the first day of Registration and Orientation.
  - Passport and visa
  - I-20 (F-1 students)
  - Required Health Form
  - Financial support letter
  - Proof of MMR immunization