ISSS’s Pre-Arrival Orientation on Blackboard is designed to serve students in two key ways. First, it will prepare you for your life in the United States prior to arrival to ensure you are able to ensure you get the most out of Orientation and are able to be successful from Day One in the United States. Second, it allows you to familiarize yourself with Blackboard, the primary academic online platform for your coursework.

ISSS will have modules available November-January. You are required to review these modules prior to arrival. Accompanying each “Module” (the sub folders under the “Content” section) is a “Forum,” where ISSS advisors and current students can answer your questions and concerns. Please see the schedule, below:

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| Introduction & Preparing to Travel  
  *Moderated by Kayla O’Donnell, International Student Coordinator* | November 18-19 | 1. Introduce Yourself on the “Introduce Yourself to Other New Students” Forum.  
2. Complete the pre-arrival procedure to obtain your SUNY ID Card upon arrival (see “Preparing to Travel”)  
3. Complete your Health Service and Immunization Requirements (See “Preparing to Travel”)                                                                 |
| Housing  
  *Moderated by Kayla O’Donnell, International Student Coordinator* | November 21-22 | 1. If you are living on campus, review Residential Life’s website (see “Housing, Living On-Campus”)  
2. If you are living off campus, review ISSS’s resources to help you make an informed decision before signing a lease (see “Housing, Living Off-Campus”); review how to navigate the landlord/tenant relationship  
3. Review the “Housing” forum and post any questions or comments you have                                                                 |
| Great Dane Community Standards  
  *Moderated by Tara Evans, Associate Director* | November 25-26 | 1. Read the Student Code of Conduct (See “Community Standards” sub-folder) and make sure you understand what happens if you violate it  
2. Review the different types of Academic Integrity violations and |
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2. Review Cross-Cultural Communication techniques (See the “Current International Students’…” subfolder) and the concept of “Culture Shock”
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3. Review the “Cultural Adjustment” forum and post any questions or comments you have |

| Academic Success | December 5-6 | 1. Review and make sure you understand the Course Registration process (See “Course Registration and Advisement” sub-folder)
2. Explore the resources for English writing/writing in an American classroom and other campus resources to aid in your success
3. Review the “Academic Success” forum and post any questions or comments you have |

| Immigration Matters | December 9-10 | 1. Explore ISSS’s “Maintaining Immigration Status” section of our website
2. Read through the Immigration Matters” PowerPoint which will be reviewed at Orientation
3. Review the “Immigration Matters” forum and post any questions or comments you have |
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| Managing Your Finances                    | Kayla O’Donnell, International Student Coordinator | December 12-13 | 1. Learn how to pay your bill under the “Financial Information” sub folder  
2. Learn how to open an American bank account under the “Financial Information” sub folder  
3. Review the tips to avoid fraud and protect your money and identity under “Financial Security”  
4. Review the “Managing Your Finances” forum and post any questions or comments you have |
| On & Off Campus Safety                    | Tara Evans, Associate Director           | December 16-17 | 1. Review “On-Campus Safety” to learn how to prevent crime on campus  
2. Review “Off-Campus Safety” to learn about the surrounding Albany area and tips for staying safe while off campus  
3. Review “Online Safety” to avoid being the target of online crime  
4. Review the “Student Safety” forum and post any questions or comments you have. |
| Health Care                               | Tara Evans, Associate Director           | December 19-20 | 1. Know about the U.S. Health Care system  
2. Learn how to log into your student insurance account  
3. Familiar with the general procedure of how to see a doctor in the U.S. |
| Campus Engagement/ Your Experiential Resume | Tricia Tierney, Sr. International Student Coordinator | December 30-31 | 1. Explore ISSS’s most recent Newsletters to see what a typical week at UAlbany looks like  
2. Explore Student Clubs and Organizations, and find one you may be interested in  
3. Learn more about Cultural Connections and sign up for the International Friendship Partner Program, if you’re interested in making friends and meeting other students  
4. Review the “Your Experiential Resume” forum and post any questions or comments you have. |
2. Learn about Career Orientation  
3. Know about Internships and Other Engagement Opportunities.  
4. Learn about Immigration/Visa Options Post-Graduation. |
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*Moderated by Michael Elliott, Director of ISSS*