



FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

International Student Orientation Summer 2017

Schedule as of March 22, 2017 | Schedule is subject to change

All events are mandatory. All absences must be approved by Lisa vonReichbauer PRIOR to the event.

For any questions or concerns contact:

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Monday, May 8– Wednesday, May 10 Shuttle Services to Ferris		
<p>Shuttles:</p> <p>Monday, May 8 10:00 am and 7:00pm</p> <p>Tuesday, May 9 10:00 am and 7:00pm</p> <p>Wednesday, May 10 10:00 am and 7:00pm</p> <p>Please visit our orientation page to submit your travel arrangements and visa confirmation at http://www.ferris.edu/international/currentstudents/orientation.htm</p>	<p>Student Shuttle Services</p> <p>Students will be picked up by Office of International Education Student Assistants at the Information Desk at the Grand Rapids Airport, bus station or train station and be taken to a hotel in Big Rapids.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember that you must let our office know your arrival information as soon as possible. • Shuttles will only be offered during these designated times. Please wait until the next shuttle arrives if possible. • If your flight comes in on a day other than listed above contact Lisa vonReichbauer (LisavonReichbauer@ferris.edu) to see if we can arrange a shuttle for you. If a shuttle is not available, or you choose alternate transportation, you are responsible for your own transportation to Big Rapids, as well as any cost (approximately \$150 for a taxi). • A block of rooms have been reserved at Quality Inn & Suites, just a few minutes walking distance from campus. Call 231.592.5150 to reserve a room. The cost is \$59 + tax per night. If you share a room, the cost will be \$29.50/night per person. This cost includes breakfast in the morning. If you want a roommate, Quality Inn can assign you a roommate if one is available when you check-in. 	<p>Departure Location: Information Desk, Gerald R. Ford International Airport Grand Rapids, Michigan</p>
Thursday, May 11		
9:45 am	<p>Shuttles from Quality Inn to Campus</p> <p>We will pick you up at Quality Inn and drive you to Campus for orientation.</p>	Quality Inn & Suites

10:00 am	<p>Student Check-In (required) Please arrive on time with all of your immigration documents. The following items will be addressed throughout the day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of immigration documents. • Computer sign-in information. • Ferris ID. • Housing on campus. A \$200 deposit must be made and contract signed. • Tuition deposit of at least \$6,000. Ferris accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express (transaction subject to 2.75% convenience fee) in addition to cash, money orders, cashier's checks, and traveler's checks, which have no fees. • Wire transfers are also available through PeerTransfer. Log-into MyFSU to pay your bill through PeerTransfer. www.peertransfer.com 	Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC 134)
10:45 am	<p>Welcome to Ferris State University Presentation (mandatory)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Office of International Education Staff • Overview of orientation schedule • Breakout into groups with student leaders 	IRC 115
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	<p>Housing, Dining and Tuition Overview (mandatory)</p> <p>Introduction to housing, dining, and tuition costs. This session will prepare students to choose an on-campus housing and dining option, calculate their semester tuition bill and understand the total amount due today (50%) and total amount due for the entire semester. Students are not required to live on-campus but it is strongly recommended by the Office of International Education. On-campus housing and dining contracts are legally binding for the year (Summer, Fall + Spring).</p>	IRC 115
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<p>Lunch Provided Stay with your group and student leaders</p>	Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC) Lounge.

1:00 pm	Group Break-out Sessions (mandatory) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing and MyFSU Login • Ferris ID, tuition and housing deposits (TIMME) • Immigration document submission • Admissions • Huntington Bank – optional. Submit an application to open account and sign up for appointment to open your account. 	IRC 115
Friday, May 12		
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Shuttles from Quality Inn to Campus We will pick you up at Quality Inn and drive you to Campus for orientation.	Quality Inn
8:30 am	Late Student Check-In Required if you missed Check-In on Thursday	IRC 134
8:30 am	Math Placement/English Placement Testing (NOT the TOEFL test) This testing is for students with no SAT and intends to enter their majors immediately. Please check with International Student Services if this is required for college placement in math classes. Please report early to this test as no make-up is offered and is required for course placement. Please bring your immigration documents with you.	FLITE 110
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	Immigration and Cultural Adjustment (Mandatory) Bring your immigration documents. This session is very important. We will teach you about U.S. immigration laws and talk about how to get a driver’s license and social security number. We teach you how to understand and cope with adjusting to life in a new country, including academic (teaching and learning) culture.	IRC 115
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch Provided	IRC Lounge
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	English Placement Testing (IEP Program) Testing for student with no real proof of proficiency in English.	IRC 115
2:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Banking and Shopping shuttles in Big Rapids area	Pickup at IRC 134. Drop off at Quality Inn.
Saturday, May 13		
12:00 am – 2:00 pm	Bowling	Bus leaves from IRC Parking lot.

Sunday, May 14		
All Day	<p>Residence Halls are open at 10am and you may start moving in once you receive your room assignment and pay \$200.00 deposit. Shuttles will be available to assist you with moving luggage from Quality Inn to your residence hall or apartment (Big Rapids area only).</p> <p>Ferris ID and Housing Deposit – You must have a Ferris ID, sign the housing contract, and pay \$200.00 before you can receive a housing assignment.</p>	Shuttles pick up at Quality Inn starting at 10am and run all day.
Monday, May 15		
10 am	Meet with individual College Academic Advisors	Location TBA
1 -2 pm	IEP Orientation New students who are enrolling in the Intensive English Program must attend this orientation.	IRC 104
2:30 pm	Academic Success at Ferris! (Mandatory) Groups will find and learn about important offices and resources on campus to help them succeed. Group will tour campus finding offices and campus icons.	Meet at IRC 122
Tuesday, May 16		
	Classes Start	
	Best of luck with the beginning of your classes!	
Thursday, May 18		
11:00 am	Make-up Immigration Orientation – Seek approval from Lisa vonReichbauer (LisavonReichbauer@ferris.edu) for any late arrivals.	IRC 122