

International Student Orientation Spring 2017

Welcome to Ferris State University! Below you will find the orientation schedule for newly arriving international students for the Spring 2017. All new students must attend orientation. The schedule below is tentative as of November 01, 2016 and may be revised. Revisions will be posted on the website or handed out upon arrival.

All programming is considered mandatory. All absences must be approved by Lisa vonReichbauer PRIOR to event.

For any questions or concerns contact:

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Saturday, December 31 - Monday, January 2		
<p>Shuttles:</p> <p>December 31 10am, 7pm, and 11pm</p> <p>January 1 10am, 7pm and 11pm</p> <p>January 2 10am, 7pm and 11pm</p> <p>Please visit our orientation webpage to submit your travel arrangements and visa confirmation or submit them at the link below:</p> <p>https://goo.gl/forms/qX3OBqU0cfltjssa2</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:</p> <p>Information Desk, Gerald R. Ford International Airport Grand Rapids, Michigan</p>
Tuesday, January 3		
<p>7:30 – 8:15 am</p>	<p>Shuttle Pick Up from The Quality Inn & Suites</p>	<p>Meet in the lobby of the hotel</p>

8 am	<p>Student Check-In (mandatory) 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 for residence halls and any apartments or East Campus Suites. ● Tuition deposit of at least \$3500 (25%) - 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/Flywire. Log-into MyFSU to pay your bill through PeerTransfer. www.peertransfer.com 	Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC 134)
9 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 120
10:00 - 10:50 am	<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 (25%) 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 the spring semester.</p>	IRC 120
11:30 – 12:30 pm	<p>Lunch Provided Stay with your group and student leaders</p>	IRC 104
12:30 pm	<p>Group Break-out Sessions (mandatory)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housing and MyFSU Login ● Ferris ID, tuition and housing deposits (TIMME) ● Immigration document submission ● Admissions ● Huntington Bank. 	<p>Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC)</p> <p>Times and locations will be assigned at check-in.</p>
Wednesday, January 4		

8:00 am	<p>Late Check-In For students who missed activities on Tuesday, January 5th due to delayed flights or other unavoidable issues. Must be approved ahead of time for late check-in by contacting Lisa vonReichbauer (LisavonReichbauer@ferris.edu). This session will only cover immigration document check-in. Students will be responsible for obtaining Ferris IDs, housing, and paying tuition on their own.</p>	Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC 134)
8:30 am	<p>Math/Reading/Writing Placement Testing for regularly admitted students (not for Intensive English Program students) This testing is for students with no SAT scores and those who intend to enter their majors immediately. If you are not sure if you need to take the test, check with the Office of International Education staff. Please report early to this test as no make-up is offered and testing is required for course placement.</p>	FLITE 112 (Library)
11:00 – 12:30 pm	<p>Lunch at The Rock Provided</p>	<p>Rock Café</p> <p>We will leave from the IRC at 11:00 ish AM to walk over to The Rock Café.</p>
12:30 – 3:00 pm	<p>Student Life and Academic Success Tour (mandatory) Groups will find and learn about important offices and resources on campus to help them succeed. The student groups will be taken around the campus in Shuttles finding offices and campus icons. This is an event to help students get familiar with campus.</p>	IRC 120
3:00 – 5:00 pm	<p>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.</p>	IRC 120
5:00 – 5:45 pm	<p>Department of Public Safety (mandatory) Meet our campus police officers and learn about staying safe, obeying U.S. laws, and driving in Michigan. You will also learn about what activities to avoid, how to report crimes, and your rights as an individual in the United States.</p>	IRC 120
6:00 pm – 8:00pm	<p>Move-In begins Move into your on campus residence hall or off campus apartment. You may start moving into your on campus residence hall after you pay the \$200 deposit at the Timme</p>	Meet at IRC for shuttle service

	<p>Center for Student Services and receive your room assignment from Housing. 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 the \$200 deposit (residence halls) or \$400 deposit (apartments or East Campus Suites) before you can receive a housing assignment.</p>	
Thursday, January 5		
9:00 am	<p>Intensive English Language Proficiency and Placements Testing</p> <p>This testing is for IEP students who have not provided official proof of English language proficiency. Please report early to this test as no make-up is offered and testing is required for course placement.</p>	IRC 120
10:00 am – 11:30 am	<p>Graduate students Orientation</p> <p>This is mandatory for all the graduate students attending the MISI program. Talk with your Advisor and Faculty members.</p>	Interdisciplinary Resource Center IRC 104
11:00am – 3:30pm	<p>FSU New Student Orientation (Non-IEP Students)</p> <p>Non-IEP students will attend the general FSU Orientation for new students.</p> <p>Schedule Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ferris student services ● Meeting other students in your program ● Meetings with your academic advisors ● Registering for classes 	IRC 134 Come to the OIE to pick up your name tag and join your college group. Lunch is provided at the Rock Cafe
3:30 pm	<p>Payment of tuition and other required payments due(if you have not yet processed tuition payment and are prepared at this time)</p>	Meet at IRC 134
3:30 pm – 6:00 pm	<p>Banking Shuttles</p> <p>Shuttles will take students to local Banks to open accounts. Area banks include Huntington, Chemical Bank, Isabella Bank and Fifth Third. Many students choose to bank with Huntington, the official bank of Ferris State University (ATMs on campus). But, you may choose to bank anywhere you wish. Sign-up during orientation so that we can notify the bank that you will be setting up your account.</p>	Meet at IRC to get on a shuttle. Shuttles will run continuously from 11am – 6pm. Shuttles will run to the bank until 4 pm. Banks close between 4-5 pm in the United States.
3:00 – 5:00pm	<p>Move-continues</p>	Meet at IRC for shuttle service

	<p>Move into your on campus residence hall or off campus apartment. You may start moving into your on campus residence hall after you pay the \$200 deposit at the Timme Center for Student Services and receive your room assignment from Housing. 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 the \$200 deposit (residence halls) or \$400 deposit (apartments or East Campus Suites) before you can receive a housing assignment.</p>	
Friday, January 6		
9:00 am	<p>Shopping Shuttles Take our free shuttles to stores in Big Rapids to purchase food, clothing, or household items you may need. The shuttles will pick up at the IRC, take you to stores, and then drop you off at your hotel, apartment, or the IRC after you are finished shopping.</p>	Shuttles will run continuously from 9am – 4pm
11:00am	<p>Payment of tuition and other required payments Students must pay the entire amount or first payment plan in the TIMME center and make sure that the further payments are made prior to the due date.</p>	Meet at IRC 134
1:00 pm	<p>Intensive English Program Orientation (IEP students only) New students who are enrolling in the Intensive English Program must attend this orientation.</p>	IRC 115
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	<p>International Student Social Event Yet to be announced.</p>	Meet at the Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC)
Saturday, January 7		
11:00 am – 6:00pm	<p>Shopping Shuttles Take our free shuttles to stores in Big Rapids to purchase food, clothing, or household items you may need. The shuttles will pick up at the IRC, take you to stores, and then drop you off at your hotel, apartment, or the IRC after you are finished shopping.</p>	<p>Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC)</p> <p>Meet at IRC to get on a shuttle. Shuttles will run continuously from 11am – 6pm.</p>

Monday, January 9

8 am

Classes Begin

If you are taking any online classes, log into FerrisConnect (Blackboard) through MyFSU to read through the course syllabus, check due dates for readings and assignments, and to find contact information for your professor if you have any questions about what do to next.

Tuesday, January 10

Late Immigration Orientation

Meet in IRC 134 for important immigration information. **Must be approved for a late arrival or you will be charged two orientation fees.**

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM