International Graduate Student Orientation

Latest Arrival Deadline
If arriving in the U.S. after Thursday, January 9 2020, contact the Office of Admissions (admissions@iastate.edu) for a late arrival letter. You are only permitted to enter the U.S. on or after the “Earliest Admission Date” in the section titled “program of Study” on your I-20.

What to Expect at your International Graduate Student Orientation
The International Students and Scholars Office (ISSO) expects you to participate in orientation activities. All orientation activities for graduate students are strictly by appointment only and begin on January 2, 2020.

There are four main activities you will complete with ISSO, depending on your unique situation:

i. Immigration presentation - discusses compliance, rules, and benefits under the F or J visa
ii. Immigration Document Processing
   o Electronic Check-in - provide Ames address and emergency contacts
   o I-9 employment verification form - filled by students employed by the university.
   o Document Collection- submit documents for scanning and pick-up next day.
iii. Panel Session and Welcome Lunch – mingle with other new and current graduate students.
iv. Wellness at State Gym - mingle with others and learn good ways to reduce stress.

Supplemental Meetings Based on Status

• Sponsored Student Meeting
  If you are a sponsored student (with sponsorship from a government, business, or organization), please plan to attend the sponsored students meeting.

• Exchange Student Meeting
  If you are an exchange student please plan to attend the exchange students meeting.

Department Orientation
Consult your department for more information and register for classes.

ID Card and Device Registration on Campus

• Click here for how and where to apply for an ISU ID card. Be prepared to have your photo taken.

• After you arrive in Ames, register your devices on campus network. You must physically be on campus to complete this step.