

# STUDENT CHECKLIST

## PREPARE FOR YOUR JOURNEY TO PURDUE

Please use the information below as you prepare for your arrival at Purdue. Also, be sure to review each section of the online "[Prepare to be WOW'ed](#)" publication.

- Virtual Mandatory International Student Check-in (vMISCI):** The US Department of Homeland Security requires you to check-in with ISS as you obtain your immigration documents and upon arrival to campus. Your check-in is completed through myISS and will consist of pre-arrival, arrival, immigration video and immigration quiz e-forms. You may begin your check-in by visiting [myISS](#) and completing the vMISCI e-form available under the Requests section on the Home Page. **Failure to comply with vMISCI may jeopardize your valid F/J lawful status.**
- Traveling to Purdue:** As you make your travel plans, remember that you are not permitted to enter the US more than 30 days before the start date on your I-20 or DS-2019. For detailed information on what to expect as you enter the US, refer to the [Study in the States](#) website, provided by the US Department of Homeland Security. After you have scheduled your flight, you should arrange transportation to the [West Lafayette](#) or [Indianapolis](#) campus.
- Housing Reminder:** It is strongly suggested to make your [on-campus](#), [West Lafayette off-campus](#), or [Indianapolis off-campus](#) housing arrangements before your arrival.
- Health Insurance:** Purdue University Health Services is your primary site for health care on campus. Please follow the [instructions](#) to comply with state and university requirements and make sure to [enroll](#) in the required health insurance. Also, use the Patient Portal to complete your [immunization requirements](#).
- Review Your Class Schedule Carefully:** All F-1 and J-1 international students are required by law to enroll in a full course of study. A maximum of one course or 3 online or digitally delivered credit hours may apply to your minimum full-time enrollment. Your assigned schedule might have too many on-line or digitally delivered courses, so it is your responsibility to review and adjust as needed. Minimum full-time enrollment is as follows:
  - Undergraduate: Minimum 12 credit hours
  - Graduate student with an assistantship (TA/RA) or fellowship administered as an assistantship: Minimum 6 credits or research hours
  - Graduate student with no assistantship, or with a fellowship that doesn't require any employment: Minimum 8 credits or research hours
- Weeks of Welcome (WOW) Events:** You are invited to attend WOW activities and events open to all new international Boilermakers. Continue to check our [West Lafayette](#) and [Indianapolis](#) events pages for newly added events. Community organizations will be on hand to welcome you and answer your questions. Don't miss this opportunity to meet new students and student leaders from around the world.
- International Friendship Program (IFP):** Are you interested in engaging with local residents from the Greater Lafayette or Indianapolis community during your first semester at Purdue? New international students are welcome to join IFP to make new friends with local hosts and their families. For online orientation, sign up and more, visit [Info for New Students](#).
- Follow Us:** ISS is on social media!

