Fall 2015 International Student Orientation

Thursday, August 20th

All day  **Move-in Day**

International Students are permitted to move into their residence hall on this date. Please send arrival details to International Programs, so the university is aware of your arrival time. Check in with Allyson if arriving during normal business hours.

**Campus Tour (TBD)**

Orientation leaders will take you on a campus tour so you’ll get an opportunity to visit campus locations like the Center for Health and Wellness and Student Financial Services.

5:30 pm  **Dinner (optional)**

Meet in Howarth 215, and we’ll go to dinner as a group.

Friday, August 21st

9:00 am  **Check-in & Introductions**

Location: McCormick Room (in Collins Memorial Library, 3rd Floor)

*Bring: I-20 or DS-2019, Passport, and Visa*

9:45 – 10:30 am  **Practical Matters**

In this session, you will learn about campus and area resources.

Location: McCormick Room (in Collins Memorial Library, 3rd Floor)

10:45 – 11:30 am  **Immigration & Insurance**

International Programs will walk you through F-1 and J-1 immigration issues, and provide a broad overview of the international student health insurance plan.

Location: McCormick Room (in Collins Memorial Library, 3rd Floor)

11:30 – 1:00 pm  **International Student Luncheon**

Location: The Ram (transportation provided). Depart from McCormick Room.

Puget Sound staff members will join the group for a fun welcome lunch.

1:00 pm  **Cultural Transitions – Part I – Adjusting to Life outside of the classroom**
The first part of this session will cover culture shock and strategies for adjusting to American culture.

2:00 – 2:45 pm  **Cultural Transitions – Part 2 - U.S. academic structure**

We will look at the academic structure and student responsibilities in the U.S. with a presentation and discussion from guest speaker Julie Nelson-Christoph, Director of the Center for Writing, Learning, and Teaching.

Location: McCormick Room (in Collins Memorial Library, 3rd Floor)

2:45 – 3:15 pm  **TENTATIVE: Passages Meeting (only for students going to Passages)**

A Passages leader will come to International Student Orientation to get your questions about Passages answered.

4:00 pm  Convocation (New Student Orientation)

5:00 pm  Welcome Picnic (New Student Orientation)

**Sunday August 30th**

12:45  **Tacoma Rainers Game** (Minor League baseball team).

International Programs has pre-purchased tickets for new international students, third culture kids, and I-Connect partners. This will be a fun opportunity to hang out again and enjoy American baseball. Hot dog, chips, and water provided.

Depart campus at 12:45 for 1:30 game.

* This schedule is subject to change. Please check for an updated orientation schedule on our website: [http://www.pugetsound.edu/academics/international-programs/international-students/admitted-intl-students/](http://www.pugetsound.edu/academics/international-programs/international-students/admitted-intl-students/)