

International Orientation Fall 2021

Key items for International Orientation:

- Please physically check in with ISS staff on September 1 or 2 during the check-in hours listed below.
- All sessions occurring between 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. are required for F-1 and J-1 students unless indicated as optional.
- We ask all students to use a mask or face covering during indoor sessions.
- Meals: All meals will be served from Warch Campus Center, Andrew Commons (First Floor) and may be taken to-go style using the green clamshell provided upon your check-in. Orientation Leaders will meet outside Warch Campus Center at the indicated time, below, and students can join in a group meal, if they wish.

Wednesday, September 1

Arrivals & Check In

Lawrence airport shuttles and student arrivals throughout the day

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| 8 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 9-11 a.m. | International Student Check-in Hours, International House |
| 12 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1-4 p.m. | International Student Check-in Hours, International House |
| 4 p.m. | <i>Optional:</i> Campus Tour, International House Porch |
| 6 p.m. | Dinner |
| 8:30 p.m. | Lawrence International (LI) Social Event (see insert) |

Thursday, September 2

Arrivals & Check In

Lawrence airport shuttles and student arrivals throughout the day

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| 8 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 9-11 a.m. | International Student Check-in Hours, International House |
| 10 a.m. | <i>Optional:</i> Downtown Tour, International House Porch |
| 12 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1-4 p.m. | International Student Check-in Hours, International House |
| 2 p.m. | <i>Optional:</i> Campus Tour, International House Porch |
| 3 p.m. | <i>Optional:</i> Downtown Tour, International House Porch |
| 4 p.m. | <i>Optional:</i> COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance, Meet at International House |
| 6 p.m. | Dinner |
| 8:30 p.m. | LI Pizza Party, Wriston Amphitheatre |

Friday, September 3

Helpful Faces and Supportive Spaces
Wriston Art Center Auditorium, Room 224

- 8 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 8 a.m. **Optional: Class Registration for Winter and Spring opens on Voyager**
*Orientation leader support will be available in **Briggs 421** from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Feel free to bring your laptop to Briggs Hall.*
- 10 a.m. **Welcome Remarks and Attendance**
Wriston Art Center Auditorium, Room 224
Presenter: Leah McSorley, Associate Dean of Students, International Student Services
- 10:30 a.m. **Maximizing your Faculty Advisor Relationship**
From choosing your classes for the year to exploring your hopes and dreams, learn how to get the most out of interactions with your academic advisor.
Presenter: Dr. Sonja Downing, Associate Professor of Ethnomusicology and Co-Coordinator of Advising
- 11:00 a.m. **Welcome to Your Library**
All of us at the Seeley G. Mudd Library want to welcome you to Lawrence! We provide services, materials, and staff that will support your academic and personal interests. This session will introduce you to the way the library is organized, the kinds of things we provide, and the ways the library connects with you and your work. A brief tour will follow the session.
Presenter: Gretchen Revie, Reference Librarian
- 12 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1 p.m. **Afternoon Remarks & Attendance**
- 1:15 p.m. **Navigating Career Resources as an International Student**
Get to know the Career Center and learn how to get engaged with the experiential learning process and how to start think about your future career goals. Opportunities for volunteering in the local community will also be discussed.
Presenter: Career Center Staff
- 2 p.m. **Sustaining your Spiritual and Religious Life**

Understand how spiritual growth can be part of your Lawrence experience and create a plan to sustain your spiritual and religious life during the fall term.

Presenter: Esch Hurvis Center for Spiritual and Religious Life Staff

- 3 p.m. **Diversity and Intercultural Center Resources**
The Diversity and Intercultural Center (D&IC) wants to support you during your journey here at Lawrence. Learn more about how you can use the D&IC space and other resources our staff provides.
Presenter: Dr. Brittany Bell, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of the Diversity and Intercultural Center
Yeng Lee, Assistant Director of the Diversity and Intercultural Center Coordinator
- 4 p.m. **Optional: COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance, Meet at Wriston Auditorium**
- 6 p.m. **Dinner**
- 8:30 p.m. **Lawrence International Social Event (see insert)**

Saturday, September 4

Getting to Know the “Little Apple”

- 8 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10 a.m. **Optional: Downtown Tour, Meet at International House**
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- 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. **Optional: International Bazaar, International House**
A collection of items donated by graduating international students and local families ranging from school supplies, clothes, and housewares to small electronics. Stop by to see what treasures you can find!
- 12 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1 p.m. **Optional: Mall & Walmart Shopping Trip**
Meet at International House
Departures will return to campus at 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m.
- 8:30 p.m. **Lawrence International Social Event (see insert)**

Sunday, September 5

Preparing for a Strong Start

TENTATIVE Lawrence Memorial Chapel

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| 8 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 12 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1 p.m. | Afternoon Remarks & Attendance TENTATIVE Lawrence Memorial Chapel |
| 1:15 p.m. | Getting Involved <i>An introduction to life at Lawrence including the natural environment and social relationships.</i> Presenter: Patricio Cardenas '23 |
| 2 p.m. | LI Bridging Borders Session led by upperclass students discussing adjustment to life in the United States and Lawrence. Be sure to watch for the Lawrence International fashion show featuring appropriate dress for every season. Presenter: Lawrence International Executive Board |
| 3 p.m. | The Lawrence Experience: First Year Studies Perspective <i>The student experience in First Year Studies will be discussed with an emphasis on Lawrence's pedagogical approach and expectations for understanding content rather than memorization of information.</i> Presenter: Nicole Lagman '24 |
| 3:15 p.m. | Everything You Need to Know about Technology <i>Review the major technology platforms at Lawrence including Voyager, Canvas, OneDrive, updating your course schedule and buying textbooks. Options for getting a phone/SIM card will be explored.</i> Presenter: Momin Panhwar '21 |
| 6 p.m. | Dinner |
| 8:30 p.m. | Lawrence International Social Event (see insert) |

Monday, September 6

Essential Information

TENTATIVE: Stansbury Theatre

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| 8 a.m. | Breakfast |
| 10 a.m. | Morning Remarks & Attendance |

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- 10:15 a.m. **Learning at Lawrence**
Staff from the Center for Academic Success will cover important strategies for your first year including an overview of academic culture at Lawrence, a discussion about U.S. classroom expectations and a tour of academic success resources.
Presenters: Julie Haurykiewicz, Associate Dean of Academic Success
Cecile Despres-Berry, Director of the Waseda/Pathway Program and
Instructor in English as a Second Language
- 11:15 a.m. **Diverse Identities and Introduction to Social Justice in the U.S.**
In this session we will explore elements of personal diversity and social identity groups that are common in the United States and around the world and the role of social justice education within the Lawrence community. Through this session you will learn tips and resources on how to engage in campus discussions on anti-racism, diversity, and inclusion. Additionally, how you can help us create an inclusive community.
Presenter: Dr. Brittany Bell, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of
the Diversity and Intercultural Center
- 12 p.m. **International Welcome Luncheon with Student Life Leadership
Wriston Amphitheatre (Rain Location: Sommerset Room)**
Student Life leadership will give a special welcome to international students and give their best advice for a great experience at Lawrence!
Presenters: Curt Lauderdale, Dean of Students and Christopher Card, Vice
President of Student Life
- 1 p.m. **Afternoon Remarks & Attendance**
- 1:15 **Lawrence life and Wisconsin culture**
Become familiar with local culture and sites and how to become a true Cheesehead.
Presenters: Rebecca Hollinger, Administrative Assistant, International
Student Services and Orientation Leaders
- 1:30 p.m. **Behavioral Expectations, Policies, and Support Resources**
Important student policies, support resources, and the intersection of
cultural perspectives will be explored. Major components will include
Campus safety, local laws, awareness of sexual misconduct policies, bias
incidents, and the Lawrence Social Code and Academic Honor Code.
Presenters: Lawrence Student Panel and Leah McSorley, Associate Dean
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2:30 p.m. **All About Roommates, Residential Education, and Housing**
A description of the Residential Education structure and overview of roommate expectations and common cultural practice of shared living spaces.

Presenter: Residential Education & Housing Staff

3:30 p.m. **Immigration Responsibilities & Verification**
F-1 and J-1 students will learn about essential immigration rules and expectations as well as information about how to complete the registration with the International Student Services (ISS) office.

Presenter: Leah McSorley, Associate Dean of Students for International Student Services

6 p.m. **Dinner**

8:30 p.m. **Lawrence International Social Event (see insert)**

Tuesday, September 7

Establishing a Foundation for Wellness

Warch Campus Center: Sommerset Room 324

8 a.m. **Breakfast**

10 a.m. ***Encouraged but optional:* COVID-19 Rapid Testing**
Location: TBD

11 a.m. **Morning Remarks & Attendance**
Warch Campus Center: Sommerset Room 324

11:15 a.m. **Interdependency for Academic Success**
This session emphasize the importance of using campus resources in order to achieve academic goals and learn more about UNIC 117, Investigating Academic Success: Cognitive and Affective Theories in Practice
Presenter: Dr. Imelda (Melly) Gledhill, Student Success Specialist

12 p.m. **Lunch**

1 p.m. **Afternoon Remarks & Attendance**

1:15 p.m. **Wellness and Cultural Adjustment**

Learn about the cultural adjustment curve often experienced by students as they transition to college. Identify key resources to support your health and wellness and create your personal cultural adjustment plan.

Presenter: Wellness Services Staff

2 p.m.

Your Health Insurance and Medical Care

An overview of health services provided on and off campus, how to use medical insurance in the United States, and resources for wellness.

Presenters Jill Drier, Director of Health Services and Leah McSorley, Associate Dean of Students, International Student Services

3 p.m.

Wellness Resources and Facilities

Lawrence's extensive array of fitness and wellness activities, club sports, facilities, and other wellness resources will be featured.

Presenter: Erin Buenzli, Assistant Dean of Wellness Services

3:30 p.m.

Optional: Wellness Activities

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a friendly athletic competition.

6 p.m.

Dinner

8:30 p.m.

Lawrence International Social Event (see insert)

Wednesday, September 8

Excursion to "Titledown"

9:30 a.m.

Optional: Cultural Excursion to Green Bay, WI

Meet at Wriston Turnaround (behind the Library)

Participants will travel by school bus to nearby Green Bay (50 KM from Appleton) for some special local experiences. The day will include a tour of the Oneida Nation Native American Museum and Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary with hiking, educational displays, and wildlife viewing. A picnic lunch will be provided.

Facilitator: Marcy O'Malley, Director of International Admissions

For the remainder of orientation, please follow the Welcome Week 2021 schedule.

International Student Dates to Remember

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| International Connections Reception Dinner | Wednesday, September 15 at 5 p.m. Wriston Amphitheatre Warch Campus Center (rain location) |
| Friendship Family Kick Off (for applicants only) | Sunday, September 26 at 3 p.m. Wriston Amphitheatre Warch Campus Center (rain location)) |
| Social Security Administration Appointments | Sign up with ISS to get your SSA card available on various dates! |

[Insert campus map in handout]