

New Student Orientation - 2026



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LU CONNECT – International Students

Introductions



Lacy Storm

Director of International Student Services
Principle Designated School Official (PDSO)



Yajie Xue

International Student Services Coordinator
Designated School Official (DSO)



Cheyenne Koscher

International Admissions Counselor
Designated School Official (DSO)



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Pre-Arrival Checklist

- Activate Lawrence Account
- Visa Status Update
- Health Forms, due August 1st
- Virtual Academic Advising
- Submit a photo for your student ID ASAP.
 - ✓ <https://www.lawrence.edu/offices/student-life/student-id/photo-submission>



Travel Form



- Travel Arrival Form is **due July 20th**
 - We cannot guarantee airport pick-up from ATW if form is submitted late.
 - If arriving by car, still complete the form.
 - Students in fall athletics or Lawrence Launch should also fill out the form.
 - Select your bedding.
 - ❖ If you submit form after July 20th, you will need to arrange your own bedding!



Health Insurance

- Lawrence University students are required to have health insurance.
- International students are automatically enrolled in an insurance plan.
- An insurance waiver can be submitted by July 1 if you have comparable insurance.
- An email was sent regarding the waiver on June 15th.
- The cost is applied to your student account in July.
 - Annual, \$1,580 + \$78 for August arrivals



Port of Entry Process

- F-1 and J-1 students are not allowed to arrive to the United States more than 30 days in advance of their program start date.
- You will need:
 - Your SIGNED Lawrence University form I-20 (if you are under 18, make sure your guardian has also signed the form)
 - Your passport (valid for at least 6 months beyond your date of entry) with your F-1 or J-1 visa in it.
- Strongly recommended:
 - Evidence of financial resources
 - Receipt of your SEVIS fee
 - Letter of acceptance
 - Name and contact information of your school (Lawrence University)

Note: A valid visa does not guarantee admission to the United States



Port of Entry Process continued



- Secondary inspection
 - Allows officers to conduct additional research without causing delays to other passengers
- CBP will attempt to verify your status on SEVIS
 - Your F-1 DSO (Designated School Official): Cheyenne Koscher
 - ❖ Emergency contact number (WhatsApp): +1 (920) 832-6531
 - Your J-1 RO: Lacy Storm



Port of Entry Process continued

- Notice to Student or Exchange Visitor Form (I-515A)
 - Temporary access to the United States
 - Notify ISS immediately and work with us to submit proper documentation if this happens
- Once your inspection is successful, the officer might stamp your passport and will update your I-94 arrival/departure record
- Collect and recheck your luggage and proceed to your connecting flight with your documents (do NOT throw any documents away)



Social Media

U.S. Customs and Border Protection(CBP) has the authority to search electronic devices, including phones, laptops, and tablets.



LU Arrival and Move In

- **Airport pick up:** Shuttle driver contact information will be provided a few days prior to your arrival. Check your Lawrence email.
- Shuttle drivers will bring you to the International House on campus.
 - Welcome Folder
 - Residence Hall Room Key and ID Card
 - Tote Bag
 - Bedding (if selected in the arrival form)
- Global Ambassadors will bring you to your room and help you get moved in.
- Snacks for the late-night arrivals.
- Students arriving by car or bus will receive an email with additional details.



Bedding

- If you are sending your bedding in advance, please mail it to:
(Your name)
711 E Boldt Way
International House
Appleton, WI 54911
- Please have your bedding delivered by August 28th. If it is delivered after the 28th, we cannot ensure it will be at the I-House when you arrive.
- If you selected on the arrival form to have ISS purchase your bedding for you, it will be ready at the I-House when you arrive. It costs around \$50 and will be charged to your student account. Bedding includes a sheet set with pillowcase, comforter, and pillow.



International Student Orientation

- International students are required to arrive September 3rd or 4th
- International Student Orientation, September 5th – 7th
- Domestic students arrive September 8th
- Welcome Week (includes domestic students), September 8th - 13th
- Classes start September 14th



Global Ambassadors

<https://www.lawrence.edu/offices/office-international-student-services/international-orientation/global-ambassadors-program>

- New international students will be paired with a Global Ambassador to help them transition to life at Lawrence, providing mentorship and cultural support.



Daniel Seo
Major: Chemistry
and Biochemistry



Nhi Hoang Quach
Major: Piano Performance
and Economics



Anwar Gafar
Major: Economics and
Data Science

Tasnim Ara Siddique



Friendship Family Program

- Connects local families with international students.
 - When you apply, you'll be matched with a local family that you can get to know, spend time with, and do fun stuff together!
 - A great way to adjust to American culture.
 - Families love to learn about different cultures.
 - Families are not required to provide housing or rides.
 - Sign-up [Friendship Family Program | Lawrence University](#)



Student Clubs

Lawrence International (LI)

- LI is one of the largest student organizations at LU, connecting the international community with American students on campus.
- LI organizes campus-wide events including dance formals, picnics, cultural dinners, the annual Cabaret, and so much more.
 - Korean Culture Club
 - Vietnamese Student Organization
 - Chinese Student Association
 - Japanese Culture Exchange Club
 - African and Caribbean Union



ISS Handbook

- [International Student Handbook](#)



