YOUR SOONER TO-DO LIST

Now that you are admitted...

☐ OBTAIN A U.S. VISA: Visit ou.edu/cis/iss and click “Coming to OU” for F-1 and J-1 visa application information.

Currently in the U.S.: If you are currently attending another school in the U.S., you must have your SEVIS record (F-20 or DS-2019) transferred to OU to maintain your immigration status. This is a separate process from your academic transfer. For more information, contact International Student Services at iss@ou.edu.

Other VISA types: Prospective or current students who are in the US on a visa other than F-1 or J-1 must contact OU ISS to confirm study is allowed. A visa status other than F-1 or J-1 may restrict you from enrolling in or attending class. If study is not allowed on your current visa, you must work with ISS to complete a change of visa status prior to enrolling. Beginning studies while on a B-1/B-2 visitor visa is a violation of the visitor visa status. F-2 dependents are limited to part time study. Students must receive USCIS approval for a change of visa status or obtain a student visa outside the US before beginning studies in order to maintain lawful US immigration status. For more information, visit ou.edu/cis/iss and click “Immigration & Visa,” then “Changing Your Status.”

☐ SETUP YOUR OUNET ACCOUNT: Your OUNet Account is your key to accessing OU technology resources such as email, enrollment, grades, course materials, computer labs and OU Libraries resources. Many OU offices will only communicate with you via your official OU email account. Please check it regularly.

Set yours up today:
1. Go to account.ou.edu.
2. Click “I’m New to OU,” then enter your OUNet ID and date of birth to set up your account. Your OUNet ID often consists of the first four letters of your last name and the last four digits of your OU ID number. If your last name is less than four letters, use all of your last name and the last four digits of your OU ID number. Example: Da1234
3. Enter an account recovery (non-OU) email address where OU IT can send password reset information in case you lose or forget your password.
4. Enter your cell phone number in the “Receive Text Messages” box to be notified of campus emergencies.
5. Change your email alias. OU IT will automatically set up your email alias as First.MI.Last-1@ou.edu, but you can change this by visiting the Email Alias menu on the Account page.

If you need help, please visit askit.ou.edu or call (405) 325-4357.

☐ SUBMIT HOUSING CONTRACT: Complete your housing contract at au.edu/housingcontract. This will be available beginning in early October. Email housinginfo@ou.edu if you have questions.

Once you arrive on campus...

☐ ATTEND ISS ARRIVAL APPOINTMENT: You are required by law to appear in person at OU International Student Services (ISS) – Hester Hall Room 44, 729 Elm Ave. Schedule your ISS Arrival Appointment by logging into your ouبك visa passport and/or DS-2019. Failure to report to OU ISS may result in cancellation of your immigration status and cancellation of your enrollment at OU. Visit ou.edu/cis and click “Coming to OU”.

☐ Roll in your classes: International Students have enrollment requirements to maintain legal immigration status in the US. Please visit ou.edu/iss/rollinreq to learn more.

In-coming freshmen: You will be advised individually by a professional academic adviser once you arrive on campus. For more information, visit ridecart.com and enter Ouonpoint.ou.edu for information on our campus car-sharing program available by the day or by the hour. In addition, the Oklahoma City Airport is located about 20 miles northwest of the Norman campus. We recommend you check the airport website, flyokc.com, for ground transportation information to get to and from the airport.

When you arrive on campus...

☐ Attend Crimson Connection: You are required to attend the in-person Crimson Connection orientation, which is held during the week before classes begin. Visit ou.edu/cis/iss and click “Coming to OU” to learn more. Students are advised to arrive a week before classes start. To check when classes will begin, visit ou.edu/admissions/academic_calendar. This will allow you to attend orientation, obtain housing, enroll, set up phone service, etc.

To contact an international student association before your arrival, visit our student organization website at ou.edu/college/organization, or review the contact information listed in the enclosed letter from your college of interest.

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☐ Purchase Health Insurance: All international students are required to purchase and maintain a medical health plan. When you enroll, you are automatically charged for the Student Health Plan. You must complete and return an application for the Student Health Plan Office when you arrive and again during the open enrollment period every year in August. Once you are enrolled, you may add any dependents to your health plan. If you have a different insurance policy, it must meet specific requirements including repatriation and evacuation coverage in order to qualify as a waiver. For more information, contact the Student Health Plan office by phone at (405) 325-9396.

☐ Pay Expenses: Tuition, fees, books, housing charges, medical insurance and miscellaneous expenses are due at the time of enrollment. We suggest that you have at least $10,000.00 USD available when you arrive and that you bring one check made payable to the University of Oklahoma for your tuition, fees, housing (if living on campus) and one check made payable to yourself to use for additional expenses. See the enclosed information from the Office of the Bursar regarding payment options for tuition and fees. There is no need based financial aid available to incoming international students. Visit bursar.ou.edu.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How will I get around?
Many of the things you’ll need will be within walking or biking distance of your on-campus living. We have convenience stores, post office, bookstores, over 20 dining options and more right here on campus. We do have other transportation options available if you need them.

For more information, visit needhelp@ou.edu and need sooner report at ou.edu/supd/safety.pdf.

Where will I work?
OU offers on-campus jobs that international students can apply for. Visit jobs.ou.edu to find these on-campus jobs. For off-campus work experience, please contact OU ISS at iss@ou.edu.

Where can I purchase a computer or tablet?
Visit the OU IT Store at 329 W. Boyd on Historic Campus Corner or the One University Store in the Oklahoma Memorial Union for academic discounts on computers, software, accessories and more. Find more information at facebook.com/OUITStore.

How do I get to athletic events? Right before school starts, you will receive information on how to order football and/or men’s basketball tickets. Learn more at sooner-sports.com.

What if I need disability assistance?
The OU Disability Resource Center provides accommodations for students on an individual basis dependent on the need for services including advocacy, architectural accessibility, alternative testing, interpretation, real-time captioning and note-taking services. Visit drc.ou.edu for more information.