All new and transfer international students MUST attend New International Student Orientation (NISO). Failure to do so could negatively impact your US visa status. There are 5 scheduled orientations to ensure that no matter when you arrive in Norman you will be able to attend. **You must register and print your registration ticket to attend orientation! Register at:**

NISO for degree-seeking students: January 14, 2011
NISO for exchange students: January 14, 2011
NISO for transfer students: January 24, 2011
Makeup NISO: January 25, 2011

**Week 7**

• Which orientation is best for me?
• What is NISO?
Which NISO is Best for Me?

Choosing the right orientation will help you decide when to arrive in Norman. Read below to find out which orientation is right for you.

**NISO for Degree-Seeking Students**: this orientation is for any student who plans to pursue a degree at OU.

**NISO for Exchange Students**: if you will be at OU for only 1-2 semesters you must attend the Exchange Student NISO.

**NISO for Transfer Students**: if you are coming to OU from another US university, you must attend the NISO for Transfer Students. This orientation contains specific information for students who may need to transfer credits etc.

**Makeup NISO**: this orientation happens after school has begun, and should only be attended by those who were unable to attend any of the other orientations.

Student Perspectives:

"The orientation was very important. It helped me understand the university better and I got to know many resources I could utilize during my future studies and life. It was also a great opportunity for me to meet the international student organizations and make new friends with similar backgrounds."

-Weihao Zhang from China
  Master’s in International Studies
The purpose of the New International Student Orientation is to ensure that all incoming international students are aware of the academic, health, and immigration-related responsibilities and issues that impact their time at the University of Oklahoma. Representatives from International Student Services, Education Abroad, International Programs and campus health and safety facilities will be on hand to provide valuable information on how to succeed and be safe and healthy while in Norman. Please come prepared with any questions you may have.

NISO Schedule

**Step 1:** Go to the International Student Services Office and ‘check-in’ so we can note your arrival. You have a 30-day window to enter the US prior to the start of term.

**Step 2:** If you have not printed your registration ticket for NISO, print it now from: www.Ou.edu/iss. Select ‘New International Student Orientation.’ You will need this to ‘check-in’ to NISO.

**Step 3:** Attend NISO. The morning program will consist of informative presentations, and will highlight the information you received via newsletter.

**Step 4:** Attend the NISO Resource Fair: the Resource Fair is an occasion for new international students to explore the various international student groups, campus departments, and local Norman businesses all in one setting.
A second component of the NISO is the New International Student Online Course. All new international students should enroll in this course through Desire to Learn. Desire to learn, more commonly referred to as D2L, is an online component tool used by professors and lecturers to post information about courses, homework, course grades, and to post reading materials and other information. For the purposes of NISO, D2L will post all Sooner Newsletters, as well as information regarding upcoming international student workshops on topics such as: How to arrange payroll as a graduate assistant, how to enroll in the student health plan, and ways to cope with reverse culture shock.