

# OISS Fall 2017 Graduate Orientation Schedule



## Day 1– Tuesday, August 15

*Students will complete all housing and health items, tour the campus, and obtain a student ID (Panther Card). Note: Students must remain in groups until conclusion of program.*

- 11:30a.m. Lunch, Newman \*Meet at Lawson Hall**
- 1:00p.m. Orientation Check-In, University Ball Room**
- 1:30p.m. Welcome, Grand Ball Room**
- 2:00p.m. Campus Tours & Bank,**  
Students will learn and explore EIU's beautiful 320 acre campus. Students will break into groups led by international ambassadors.
- 3:30p.m. Health Services, Grand Ballroom**  
This presentation will cover information on what students need to know about health services. Your health documents will be collected.
- 4:30p.m. Walmart Trip**  
Students interested should meet outside underneath the Bridge Lounge to ride the van for quick shopping.
- 6:00p.m. Dinner, Salisbury Church**  
Students will meet at Blair Hall (OISS) at 5:45pm for this community dinner.

## Day 2– Wednesday, August 16

- 8:00a.m. Orientation Check-In, Grand Ballroom**  
*\*Continental breakfast provided*
- 8:30a.m. EIU Information, Grand Ballroom**  
This presentation will cover information on services provided at EIU.
- 10:30a.m. Panther Cards**  
Students will break into their groups and receive panther cards. Please make sure the panther card form is filled out prior to your visit.
- 12:00p.m. Lunch (Chat & Chew!), Food Court**  
Look for student leaders at a table and enjoy a good conversation over lunch! *\*\$8 Meal vouchers are provided to students for lunch.*
- 1:00p.m. Health Services & Bank**  
Students will go to health services in groups for immunizations. *\*Bring translated health records.*  
*\*Chemistry Grad Students will have entrance exams in the Physical Science building from 1-3pm*
- 3:00p.m. Tech Orientation**  
Technology students will meet in Buzzard Hall 1501 for orientation. All other students will have free time.
- 4:30p.m. Walmart**
- 6:00 p.m. Dinner and conversation at Taylor/Lawson**  
Students will meet at Lawson Hall at 6:00pm for dinner.

## Day 3– Thursday, August 17

**9:00-12p.m. or 12p.m.-3:30pm Health Services:** Students will go to health services in groups for immunizations.

*\*Bring translated health records*

**1:00p.m. Able to move into Permanent Housing:** Students who are staying in temporary university housing will be able to move into their assigned residence hall. Transportation will be provided until 3:30pm. You must leave Lawson Hall by Friday. Please note transportation for move-out will not be provided on Friday.

*\*Chemistry Grad Students will have entrance exams in the Physical Science building from 1-3pm*

**\*Textbook Rental:** Ride the Panther Shuttle to Textbook Rental to pick up your books for classes! Be sure to have your Panther Card!

## Day 4– Friday, August 18

**OISS will be providing transportation all day Friday to the social security office. This trip will be for Graduate Assistants and others who received employment. Students will meet at OISS at 8:15am and must be registered on SEVIS before going to the Social Security Office. Please meet at Blair Hall 1170.**



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# What You Need to Know & Do!



## Hit the Ground Running!

### Maintaining your Immigration Status

**Arrival:** Contact your DSO upon arrival. (Checking in at orientation meets this requirement)

#### Education:

- Attend and pass all of your classes. If you have trouble with English, see a DSO
- You **MUST** take a full course load during each term with the exception of your last semester. Do not drop a class without speaking to a DSO
- If you are planning on changing your program, transferring, traveling outside of the U.S., etc., contact your DSO.

#### Work:

- F-1 students are allowed to work up to 20 hours per week on campus. Off campus employment is **prohibited**.
- F-1 students are eligible for curricular practical training (CPT) and optional practicum training (OPT). Seminars will be held on these topics throughout the semester.

If you have any questions, please email [international@eiu.edu](mailto:international@eiu.edu).

### Checklist Items:

- ❑ **Health Records & Immunizations:** Turn in your official health forms & complete immunizations with Health Services. The office is located on the first floor of the Human Services Building.
- ❑ **Secure Your Panther Card (EIU ID):** Sign your panther card agreement and present your passport or any form of a government-issued photo ID.
- ❑ **Secure On-Campus Housing:** EIU University Housing has a variety of housing options for students.
- ❑ **Submit a copy of your passport and I-94 on D2L.** You will receive an email on your EIU account regarding D2L. D2L is an online management system. You will be able to upload the copy of your passport, visa, and I-94 through this system.

### Be Sure To:

- ❑ Bring your passport/visa, health records, and any important documentation for OISS.
- ❑ Set up a bank account with US Bank in the MLK University Union
- ❑ Ask any questions about EIU Life (i.e. housing, dining services, transportation on and off-campus).
- ❑ Make sure to have all of your questions answered.
- ❑ Pick up your textbooks! Catch a ride on the Panther Shuttle (free with panther card) to get to Textbook Rental.