

International Student Orientation and Bulldog Beginnings Events Fall 2019

Schedule as of August 14th, 2019 | Schedule is subject to change

All programming is considered mandatory. All absences must be approved by Lisa vonReichbauer PRIOR to event.

For any questions or concerns contact:

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Saturday, August 17 - Monday, August 19		
<p>Shuttles:</p> <p>August 17 10am, 7pm, and 11pm</p> <p>August 18 10am, 7pm, and 11pm</p> <p>August 19 10am, 7pm, and 11pm</p> <p>Please visit our orientation webpage to submit your travel arrangements and visa confirmation at http://ferris.edu/international/currentstudents/travelform.htm</p>	<p>Student Shuttle Services</p> <p>Students will be picked up by Office of International Education Student Assistants at the Information Desk at the Grand Rapids Airport, bus station or train station and be taken to a hotel in Big Rapids.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember that you must let our office know your arrival information as soon as possible. • Shuttles will only be offered during these designated times. Please wait until the next shuttle arrives if possible. • If your flight comes in on a day other than listed above contact Lisa vonReichbauer (LisavonReichbauer@ferris.edu) to see if we can arrange a shuttle for you. If a shuttle is not available, or you choose alternate transportation, you are responsible for your own transportation to Big Rapids, as well as any cost (approximately \$150 for a taxi). • A block of rooms have been reserved at Quality Inn & Suites, just a few minutes walking distance from campus. Call 231.592.5150 to reserve a room. The cost is \$59 + tax per night. If you share a room, the cost will be \$29.50/night per person. This cost includes breakfast in the morning. If you want a roommate, Quality Inn can assign you a roommate if one is available when you check-in. 	<p>Departure Location: Information Desk, Gerald R. Ford International Airport Grand Rapids, Michigan</p>
Tuesday, August 20		
8:30 – 9:00 am	Shuttle Pick Up from The Quality Inn & Suites	Meet in the lobby of the hotel

9:00 am	<p>Student Check-In (mandatory) Please arrive on time with all of your immigration documents. The following items will be addressed throughout the day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of immigration documents. • Computer sign-in information. • Ferris ID. • Housing on campus. A \$200 deposit must be made and contract signed for residence halls and \$400 deposit for any apartments or East Campus Suites. • Tuition deposit of at least \$3500 (25%) - Ferris accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express (transaction subject to 2.75% convenience fee) in addition to cash, money orders, cashier's checks, and traveler's checks, which have no fees. • Wire transfers are also available through Flywire. Log-into MyFSU to pay your bill through Flywire. ferris.flywire.com • 	Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC Connector)
10:00 am	<p>Welcome to Ferris State University Presentation (mandatory)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Office of International Education Staff. • Overview of orientation schedule. • Breakout into groups with student leaders. 	IRC 120
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	<p>Housing, Dining and Tuition Overview (mandatory) Introduction to housing, dining, and tuition costs. This session will prepare students to choose an on-campus housing and dining option, calculate their semester tuition bill and understand the total amount due today (25%) and total amount due for the entire semester. Students are not required to live on-campus but it is strongly recommended by the Office of International Education. On-campus housing and dining contracts are legally binding for two semesters (Fall + Spring).</p>	IRC 120
12:00 - 1:00 pm	<p>Lunch at The Rock Provided</p>	<p>Rock Café</p> <p>We will leave from the 11:30 AM to walk over to The Rock Café.</p>
1:00 pm – 5:00	<p>Group Break-out Sessions (mandatory)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing and MyFSU Login • Ferris ID, tuition and housing deposits (TIMME) • Immigration document submission • Admissions and health insurance • Student employment, driver's license, banking 	<p>Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC)</p> <p>Times and locations will be assigned at check-in.</p>

Wednesday, August 21		
8:00 – 9:00 am	<p>Late Check-In</p> <p>For students who missed activities on Tuesday, August 20th due to delayed flights or other unavoidable issues. Must be approved ahead of time for late check-in by contacting Lisa vonReichbauer (LisavonReichbauer@ferris.edu). This session will only cover immigration document check-in.</p> <p>Students will be responsible for obtaining Ferris IDs, housing, and paying tuition on their own.</p>	Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC 134)
9:00 am – 11:30 am	<p>Campus Tour</p> <p>Student Ambassadors will take students on a tour around campus to learn about the important offices, resources, and fun places on campus to help you enjoy the fullest college experience. Ambassadors will explain the buildings, navigate you around campus, and answer any questions you might have.</p>	FLITE 108 (Library)
11:30 – 1:00 pm	<p>Pizza at the IRC!</p>	IRC 122
1:00 – 3:00 pm	<p>Immigration and Cultural Adjustment (mandatory)</p> <p>Bring your immigration documents. This session is very important. We will teach you about U.S. immigration laws and talk about how to get a driver's license and social security number. We teach you how to understand and cope with adjusting to life in a new country, including academic (teaching and learning) culture.</p>	IRC 120
3:00 – 4:00 pm	<p>Department of Public Safety (mandatory)</p> <p>Meet our campus police officers and learn about staying safe, obeying U.S. laws, and driving in Michigan. You will also learn about what activities to avoid, how to report crimes, and your rights as an individual in the United States.</p>	IRC 120
Thursday, August 22		
9:00 am	<p>English Language Proficiency Testing (IEP students only)</p> <p>This testing is for IEP students who have not provided official proof of English language proficiency. Please report early to this test as no make-up is offered and testing is required for course placement.</p>	IRC 104
10:00am – 3:30 pm	<p>FSU New Student Orientation (Non-IEP Students)</p> <p>Non-IEP students will attend the general FSU Orientation for new students.</p> <p>Schedule Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ferris student services • Meeting other students in your program 	<p>IRC 134</p> <p>Come to the OIE to pick up your name tag and join your college group.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with your academic advisors • Registering for classes 	Lunch is provided at the Quad Café
12:00 – 6:00pm	<p>Move-In begins (all day shuttles, students may join when finished with activities) Move into your on campus residence hall or off campus apartment. You may start moving into your on campus residence hall after you pay the \$200 deposit at the TIMME Center for Student Services and receive your room assignment from Housing. Shuttles will be available to assist you with moving luggage from Quality Inn to your residence hall or apartment (Big Rapids area only). Ferris ID and Housing Deposit – You must have a Ferris ID, sign the housing contract, and pay the \$200 deposit (residence halls) or \$400 deposit (apartments or East Campus Suites) before you can receive a housing assignment.</p> <p>Shopping Shuttles Take our free shuttles to stores in Big Rapids to purchase food, clothing, or household items you may need. The shuttles will run a circuit between the hotel, dormitories, and shops.</p>	Meet at IRC for shuttle service
Friday, August 23		
10:00 am – 4:00 pm	<p>Move-in and Shopping Continues As the activities today are not mandatory for all student, shuttles will be available to take students to dormitories, shopping, bank, phone store, and more.</p>	IRC Lounge
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<p>Exchange Student Immigration Orientation This is a required orientation for students joining from our Partner Universities as exchange students.</p>	IRC 104
12:00 – 12:30 pm	<p>Tuition and Letters Assistance Student Ambassadors will be available to assist students in payment and official letters.</p>	IRC 134
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	<p>Bulldog Welcome Gather with new students and returning students to start the new academic year.</p>	Top Taggart Field
Saturday, August 24		
3:00 – 6:00 pm	<p>Big Rapids Beginnings Join a fun time in downtown Big Rapids. Big Rapids Beginnings is an opportunity for Ferris students to explore the many venues of the city's downtown area. Shuttle</p>	Downtown Big Rapids

	transportation will be provided to local businesses in the downtown area.	
7:00 am – 10:00 pm	Meijer Mania This event is hosted by the Big Rapids Meijer store and includes bargains, giveaways and more.	Meijer store in Big Rapids
Sunday, August 25		
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	International Student Picnic at Northend Park Shuttles will be available from the IRC. Join new and current international students for food and fun by the river. Bring your footballs (soccer), cricket equipment, volleyballs, or other outdoor sporting equipment. The park has a wonderful children’s play area and a peaceful paved walkway along the river. Do not miss this event!	Meet at the Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC) parking lot at 1:45pm to ride the shuttle to the park.
Monday, August 26		
	Classes Begin If you are taking any online classes, log into FerrisConnect (Blackboard) through MyFSU to read through the course syllabus, check due dates for readings and assignments, and to find contact information for your professor if you have any questions about what do to next.	