



FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

International Student Orientation Spring 2019

Welcome to Ferris State University! We are very excited to meet you at the International Student Orientation which begins on Tuesday, January 8, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. EST. We suggest that you arrive in Big Rapids on or before January 7 in order to rest and prepare for orientation. We also need to know your travel plans to facilitate your arrival in Big Rapids. We will provide two to three free shuttles runs per day from Grand Rapids to Big Rapids from January 5th through January 7th. Please fill out the Travel Arrangement Notification form to provide your information to us about when and how you are traveling. Below you will find the orientation schedule for newly arriving international students for the Spring 2019. All new students must attend orientation. The schedule below is tentative as of December 19th, and may be revised. Revisions will be posted on the website or handed out upon arrival.

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, January 5 - Monday, January 7		
<p>Shuttles:</p> <p>January 5 10am, 5pm, and 11pm</p> <p>January 6 10am, 5pm and 11pm</p> <p>January 7 10am, 5pm and 11pm</p> <p>Please visit our orientation webpage to submit your travel arrangements and visa confirmation or submit them at the link below:</p> <p>https://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 Jacob van Laar (jacobvanlaar@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:</p> <p>Information Desk, Gerald R. Ford International Airport Grand Rapids, Michigan</p>

Tuesday, January 8

8:30 – 9:00 am	Shuttle Pick Up from The Quality Inn & Suites We will pick you up at Quality Inn and drive you to Campus for orientation.	Meet in the lobby of the hotel
9 am	Student Check-In (mandatory) Please arrive on time with all of your immigration documents. The following items will be addressed throughout the day: <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 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 PeerTransfer/Flywire. Log-into MyFSU to pay your bill through PeerTransfer. www.peertransfer.com	Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC 134)
10:00 am	Welcome to Ferris State University Presentation (mandatory) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Office of International Education Staff• Overview of orientation schedule• Breakout into groups with student leaders	IRC 104
11:00 - 12:00 pm	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 the spring semester.	IRC 104
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch Provided Stay with your group and student leaders	IRC 104

1:00 – 5:00pm	Group Sessions (mandatory) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MyFSU Login • Immigration document submission (IRC 109) • Admissions, Student Resources, Health Information • Ferris ID, tuition and housing deposits (TIMME) • Housing (Cramer Building) 	Interdisciplinary Resource Center IRC 107 Times and locations will be assigned at check-in.
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Wednesday, January 9

8:00 am -11:00 am	Move-In begins 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).	Quality Inn and Suites
8:30 am	Math/Reading/Writing Placement Testing for regularly admitted students (not for Intensive English Program students) This testing is for students with no SAT scores and those who intend to enter their majors immediately. If you are not sure if you need to take the test, check with the Office of International Education staff. No make-up is offered and testing is required for course placement. Students taking Placement Tests can join move-in once they have finished.	CSS 313 (Students can meet at International Office at 8:00 and walk over together)
11:30am – 1:00 pm	Lunch at the Rock Café	We will walk together from IRC
1:00pm – 2:00pm	Campus Tour 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.	Meet at IRC 122
2:00 pm – 5:00pm	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.	Meet at IRC for shuttle service

Thursday, January 10

10:00 am	Intensive English Language Proficiency and Placements Testing 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.	IRC 120
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10:30am – 3:30pm	FSU New Student Orientation (Non-IEP Students) Non-IEP students will attend the general FSU Orientation for new students. (F-1 students only) Schedule Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ferris student services Meeting other students in your program Meetings with your academic advisors Registering for classes 	IRC 134 Come to the OIE to pick up your name tag and join your college group. Lunch is provided at the Rock Cafe
12:00 pm – 2:00pm	Payment of tuition and other required payments Students can meet International Helpers in IRC 122 for help with tuition, housing, classes, or any other issues that they need resolved.	Meet at IRC 134
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Shopping Shuttles Shopping shuttles available for students to go to phone store, banking, groceries, and more.	Meet at IRC to get on a shuttle. Shuttles will run continuously from 12pm – 5pm. Shuttles will run to the bank until 4 pm. Banks close between 4-5 pm in the United States.
Friday, January 11		
10:00 am - 11:00 pm	Exchange Student Immigration Orientation (J1s only) This is a required orientation for students joining from our Partner Universities as exchange students.	IRC 104
11:00 pm - 12:00 pm	Intensive English Program Orientation (IEP students only) New students who are enrolling in the Intensive English Program must attend this orientation.	IRC 104
12:00 pm – 1:00pm	Lunch Provided Stay with your group and student leaders	IRC 104
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Immigration and Cultural Adjustment (mandatory) 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. Department of Public Safety (mandatory) 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.	IRC 104

6:00 pm	Hockey Game Bulldog Hockey Hosts Minnesota State! Students and International Office staff meet before the game and go together.	Meeting time and place will be announced
Saturday, January 12		
	Free Day	
Sunday, January 13		
	Free Day	
Monday, January 14		
8 am	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.	
Tuesday, January 15		
<p style="text-align: center;">Late Immigration Orientation</p> <p>Meet in IRC 134 for important immigration information. Must be approved for a late arrival or you will be charged two orientation fees.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00 AM – 11:50 AM</p>		