



# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## International Student Orientation and Bulldog Beginnings Events Spring 2020

Schedule as of December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 | Schedule is subject to change

**All programming is considered mandatory. All absences must be approved PRIOR to event.**

**For any questions or concerns contact:**

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### Saturday, January 4 - Monday, January 6

<p><b>Shuttles:</b>  <b>January 4</b>  10am, 7pm, and 11pm</p> <p><b>January 5</b>  10am, 7pm, and 11pm</p> <p><b>January 6</b>  10am, 7pm, and 11pm</p> <p>Please visit our orientation webpage to submit your travel arrangements and visa confirmation at <a href="http://ferris.edu/international/currentstudents/travelform.htm">http://ferris.edu/international/currentstudents/travelform.htm</a></p>	<p><b>Student Shuttle Services</b>  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"> <li>• Please remember that you must let our office know your arrival information as soon as possible.</li> <li>• Shuttles will only be offered during these designated times.</li> <li>• If your flight comes in on a day when there are no shuttles, contact the Office of International Education. If a shuttle is not available, or you choose alternate transportation, you are responsible for your own transportation to Big Rapids (approximately \$150 for a taxi).</li> <li>• A block of rooms have been reserved at Quality Inn &amp; 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.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Departure Location:</b>  Information Desk,  Gerald R. Ford  International Airport  Grand Rapids,  Michigan</p>
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### Tuesday, January 7

<p>9:00 am</p>	<p><b>Shuttle Pick Up from The Quality Inn &amp; Suites</b></p>	<p>Meet in the lobby of the hotel</p>
<p>9:00 am</p>	<p><b>Student Check-In (mandatory)</b>  Please arrive on time with all of your immigration documents. The following items will be addressed throughout the day:</p>	<p>Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC Connector)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission of immigration documents.</li> <li>• Computer sign-in information.</li> <li>• Ferris ID.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Wire transfers are also available through Flywire. Log-into MyFSU to pay your bill through Flywire. <a href="http://ferris.flywire.com">ferris.flywire.com</a></li> </ul>	
10:00 am	<b>Welcome to Ferris State University Presentation (mandatory)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Office of International Education Staff.</li> <li>• Overview of orientation schedule.</li> <li>• Breakout into groups with student leaders.</li> </ul>	IRC 104
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Housing, Dining and Tuition Overview (mandatory)</b> 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).	IRC 104
12:00 - 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch in Big Rapids</b>	Leaving from IRC
1:00 pm – 5:00	<b>Group Break-out Sessions (mandatory)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing and MyFSU Login</li> <li>• Ferris ID, tuition and housing deposits (TIMME)</li> <li>• Immigration document submission</li> <li>• Admissions and health insurance</li> <li>• Student employment, driver's license, banking</li> </ul>	Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC)  Times and locations will be assigned at check-in.
<b>Wednesday, January 8</b>		
8:00 – 9:00 am	<b>Late Check-In</b> For students who missed activities on Tuesday, January 7 <sup>th</sup> due to delayed flights or other unavoidable issues. <b>Must be approved ahead of time for late check-in by contacting Lisa vonReichbauer (LisavonReichbauer@ferris.edu). This</b>	Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC 134)

	<p><b>session will only cover immigration document check-in.</b> Students will be responsible for obtaining Ferris IDs, housing, and paying tuition on their own.</p>	
9:00 am – 11:00 am	<p><b>Immigration and Cultural Adjustment (mandatory)</b> <b>Bring your immigration documents. This session is very important.</b> 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 104
12:00 – 1:00 pm	<p><b>Department of Public Safety (mandatory)</b> 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 104
12:00 – 1:00 pm	<p><b>Lunch at the Rock Café</b></p>	Rock Café
1:00 – 6:00 pm	<p><b>Move-In begins</b> <b>Shuttles will take students and baggage from the Quality Inn and Suites to their housing.</b> Move into your on campus residence hall or off campus apartment. In order to move into on-campus housing, you must have paid the \$200 deposit (this is paid either online before you arrive, or at the TIMME Center during Orientation).</p> <p><b>Shopping Shuttles</b> Take our free shuttles to stores in Big Rapids to purchase food, clothing, household items, cell phones, and to open bank accounts if necessary. The shuttles will run a circuit between the hotel, dormitories, and shops.</p>	Meet at IRC Lounge
<p><b>Thursday, January 9</b></p>		
9:00 am	<p><b>English Language Proficiency Testing (IEP students only)</b> This testing is for IEP students who have not provided official proof of English language proficiency. <b>Please report early to this test as no make-up is offered and testing is required for course placement.</b></p>	IRC 104
9:00 am	<p><b>ACCUPLACER Testing</b> Students that are required to take ACCUPLACER placement testing will be informed at check-in on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>.</p>	CSS 313F
10:00am – 3:30 pm	<p><b>FSU New Student Orientation (Non-IEP Students)</b></p>	IRC 134

	<p><b>Non-IEP students will attend the general FSU Orientation for new students.</b></p> <p>Schedule Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ferris student services</li> <li>• Meeting other students in your program</li> <li>• Meetings with your academic advisors</li> <li>• Registering for classes</li> </ul>	<p>Come to the OIE to pick up your name tag and join your college group.</p> <p>Lunch is provided at the Quad Café</p>
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	<p><b>Exchange Student Immigration Orientation (J-1 students only)</b></p> <p>This is a required orientation for students joining from our Partner Universities as exchange students.</p>	IRC 104
2:00 – 6:00 pm	<p><b>Move-in and Shopping Continues</b></p> <p>Forgot something? We have a second shopping trip that will run a circuit between the IRC Lounge, Housing, and Big Rapids stores.</p>	IRC 122
<b>Friday, January 10</b>		
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p><b>Letters and Document Assistance</b></p> <p>If needed, students can come to the International Office to request any required official letters and documents.</p>	IRC 134
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p><b>Flywire and Payment Assistance</b></p> <p>If needed, Student Ambassadors will be available to assist in tuition and housing payments.</p>	IRC 122
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<p><b>Lunch</b></p> <p>International Office will provide lunch before the Campus Tour.</p>	IRC 122
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	<p><b>Campus Tour</b></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>	IRC 134
6:30 pm	<p><b>Ferris State Hockey Game</b></p> <p>Ferris State Bulldogs vs Minnesota State at Ewigleben Arena. Join us to cheer for the Bulldogs!</p>	Ewigleben Arena
<b>Weekend, January 11 &amp; 12</b>		

	Enjoy free time to rest and prepare for the upcoming semester. We will let you know about additional university activities going on this weekend.	
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## Monday, January 13

	<p><b>Classes Begin</b></p> <p>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.</p>	
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## Thursday, January 16

11:00 PM	<p><b>New Semester Welcome</b></p> <p>All new and returning international students are welcome to join for a pizza party in the IRC building. Meet other Ferris students and learn about Ferris events this semester.</p>	IRC 104
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