

International Student Orientation and Bulldog Beginnings Events Fall 2021

Schedule as of August 16, 2021 | Schedule is subject to change

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Saturday, August 21 - Monday, August 23		
Shuttles: August 21 10am, 3pm, and 10pm August 22 10am, 3pm, and 10pm August 23 10am, 3pm, and 10pm Please visit our orientation webpage to submit your travel arrangements and visa confirmation at http://ferris.edu/international/currentstudents/travelform.htm	Student Shuttle Services 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please remember that you must let our office know your arrival information as soon as possible. • Shuttles will be scheduled during designated times. However, due to the challenges of COVID-19, we realize there are visa delays and limited flight options, so we will provide shuttle services when needed. • 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 room includes breakfast in the morning. If you want a roommate, Quality Inn may be able to assign you a roommate if one is available when you check-in. 	Departure Location: Information Desk, Gerald R. Ford International Airport Grand Rapids, Michigan
Tuesday, August 24		
9:30 am	Shuttle Pick Up from The Quality Inn & Suites	Meet in the lobby of the hotel
10:00 am	Student Check-In 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. 	Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC 134)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuition deposit - 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 	
11:00 am	Welcome to Ferris State University Presentation Introduction to Office of International Education Staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of orientation schedule. • Breakout into groups with student leaders. 	IRC 115
11:30 am - 12:00 pm	Housing, Dining and Tuition Overview Introduction to housing, dining, and tuition costs. This session will prepare students to understand on-campus housing and dining options, calculate their semester tuition bill and understand the total amount due for the entire semester.	IRC 115
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch will be provided	IRC Connector
1:00 pm – 5:00	Group Sessions (mandatory) <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 	Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC) Times and locations will be assigned at check-in.
Wednesday, August 25		
9:30 am	Shuttle Pick Up from The Quality Inn & Suites	Meet in the lobby of the hotel
10:00-11:00 am	Student Check-In for Late Arrivals For students who could not arrive for the Tuesday Check-in. Please arrive on time with all of your immigration documents. The following items will be addressed throughout the day as needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of immigration documents. • Computer sign-in information. • Ferris ID. • Housing on campus. • Tuition deposit - Ferris accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express (transaction subject to 2.75% convenience fee) in addition to cash, money 	Interdisciplinary Resource Center (IRC 134)

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11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Campus Tour – Meet in IRC 122 (the lounge in front of the Office of International Education in IRC 134). We will tour academic buildings, student support services, and campus activity centers.	IRC 122
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch at the Rock Café	Rock Café
1:00 – 6:00 pm	<p>Move-In begins Shuttles will take students and baggage from the Quality Inn and Suites to their housing. 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>Shopping Shuttles 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

Thursday, August 26

10:00 am	<p>Student Check-In for Late Arrivals For students who could not arrive for the Tuesday Check-in. Please arrive on time with all of your immigration documents. The following items will be addressed throughout the day as needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of immigration documents. • Computer sign-in information. • Ferris ID. • Housing on campus. • Tuition deposit - 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 	IRC 104
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch will be provided	IRC 1343

1:00 pm - 3:00 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.	IRC 115
3:00 – 6:00 pm	Move-in and Shopping Continues Forgot something? We have a second shopping trip that will run a circuit between the IRC Lounge, Housing, and Big Rapids stores.	IRC 122
Friday, August 27		
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Letters and Document Assistance If needed, students can come to the International Office to request any required official letters and documents.	IRC 134
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Flywire and Payment Assistance If needed, Student Ambassadors will be available to assist in tuition and housing payments.	IRC 122
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Preparation for the First Day of Classes – Lunch will be served Student Ambassadors and OIE staff will make sure that you are prepared to begin classes on Monday, August 30. We will meet to discuss student success and to trouble shoot and remaining issues or questions.	IRC 134
Throughout the weekend	Bulldog Beginnings Activities Check out the list of welcome activities happening around campus. https://www.ferris.edu/bulldogbeginnings/homepage.htm	Various locations
Weekend, August 28 & 29		
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Monday, August 30

	Classes Begin If you are taking any online classes, log into Canvas 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.	
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Thursday, September 2

11:00 AM	New Semester Welcome 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.	IRC 122
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