Welcome to IUPUI! The OIA will be sending monthly newsletters to you in order to prepare you for your arrival in Indianapolis. If you have questions about any of the newsletter topics, please email iadvisor@iupui.edu.

Check out previous newsletters on our website if you have missed any.

Click on the individual events to go directly to them, or simply scroll down to view all events:

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Welcome from the Office of International Affairs (OIA)!

Greetings from Indianapolis! The Spring 2016 semester is coming very quickly. Currently, you should be working through your iStart Pre-Arrival Checklist (more details below). Be sure to read through our monthly Welcome Newsletters so that you can be ready for your first semester at IUPUI.

We look forward to your safe arrival!
OIA Welcome Services Team
Set up Your University Account

Go to the Account Management Service website to set up your university Network ID and university email! You should do this as soon as possible.

The IUPUI Network ID will allow you to access the One.iu.edu website, which is where you will access online services like enrolling in courses or paying tuition. The Network ID will also allow you full access to immigration services offered in the iStart website. Additionally, your university email account is very important to establish as well.

iStart Checklist

Access iStart by visiting https://istart.iu.edu and logging in with your university account. iStart is an important website that you will use during your entire degree program at IUPUI: iStart is the website where you will request most services that you will need from the Office of International Affairs.

As you prepare to travel to IUPUI, log in to iStart to complete your “Pre-Arrival Checklist”. The Pre-Arrival Checklist is your guide to being ready for your IUPUI university experience; your goal is to complete all tasks in this checklist—after you finish each task, check off the appropriate box to show that you have completed that task. Right now, you should be working on Pre-Arrival Step 1 and Step 2.

If you encounter any issues while using iStart, please email iadvisor@iupui.edu and send a screenshot of the issue.
Where Will You Live?

Have you started thinking about where you will live when you arrive in Indianapolis? If not, you need to start planning! Housing on campus as well as the apartments surrounding IUPUI fill up quickly.

When choosing a place to live, think about what type of housing you want:
- **On-Campus Housing**
- **Off-Campus Apartments**
- **Live with an American Host**

Check out the links above to learn more about those options. Another good resource for finding off-campus housing is the [One.iu.edu Classifieds](http://one.iu.edu) on this webpage many students advertise where they have available rooms, or you can post that you are looking for a room.

Additionally, join our Facebook page --[IUPUI New International Student Orientation – Spring 2016](http://facebook.com/IUPUINewInternationalStudentOrientationSpring2016) you can meet other new students arriving in Spring 2016 and maybe find roommates to share an apartment with!

When You Can Travel

If you are currently outside of the U.S. and plan to enter the U.S. for school, you can enter the U.S. up to **30 days** before the program start date listed on your I-20 document.

Undergraduates: If you plan to come to Indianapolis early, you can schedule your required Academic Orientation early by making your Academic Orientation reservation online: [http://orientation.uc.iupui.edu/](http://orientation.uc.iupui.edu/). This will be available to you until December 18. Otherwise, your Academic Orientation will take place on January 6.
**Important Dates**

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**Required Academic Orientation will be:**

- **Undergraduates:** Wednesday, January 6
- **Graduates and Exchange Students:**
  Check with your academic department

| **First day of Spring classes:** | **Monday, January 11** |

**OIA Contact List**

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- Ask questions about your admission if you are an *undergraduate* student.
- Ask questions about your admission if you are a *graduate* student.
- Ask questions about airport pickups, housing, and other arrival needs.
- Ask questions about U.S. immigration topics (like visas and passports) or iStart website issues.
- This is a great place to ask general questions and find roommates. It is also a fun place to meet new IUPUI int’l students who will arrive the same time as you!