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.

Useful Tips from the OIA

We are looking forward to welcoming you to IUPUI in August! Now that it is April, make sure that you have created your IUPUI username, passphrase, and email account. Additionally, please work on these tasks so that you are well-prepared for your arrival this summer:

- **Log in to iStart.iu.edu and work on your to-do checklist.** You should be in the Pre-Arrival Step 1 or Step 2 stage. Completing all of these tasks will prepare you for August!

- **If you have not yet joined our Fall 2015 Orientation Facebook group, now is the time to join!** You can find us by the direct link or by searching in Facebook for the group “IUPUI New International Student Orientation – Fall 2015” and then request to join. In the group you will be able to ask questions and connect with other students who will join you in August. (If you do not currently have access to Facebook, we’re sorry!—Please join this group once you arrive in the U.S.)

- **Learn about tuition costs and how to pay tuition bills:** the IUPUI Office of Student Financial Services provides video tutorials on topics such as “How to Pay Your Tuition Bill” and “Assigning an Authorized Payer”; there is also the IUPUI Tuition & Fee Estimator. You can learn about more tuition-related services from the Office of the Bursar’s website.

What does “bursar” mean? A bursar is a person who manages the financial affairs of a university.

Good luck completing your tasks! Best regards,
Office of International Affairs – Welcome Services Team
What Dates Do I Need to Know?

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Remember, the earliest you can enter the U.S. is up to 30 days before the program start date on your I-20 document (listed under item #5).

Placement Exams

Check the “additional letter material” included with your admission letter to see if you must complete a placement exam.

Placement exams measure how well you know a topic, and then allow you to be placed into a course that fits your knowledge level. According to your admission letter, you may have to take the EAP (English for Academic Purposes) exam; the EAP exam measures your academic English proficiency level.

Graduate students who score over 100 on TOEFL or 7.5 on IELTS are exempt.

Later this month, we will send out a Placement Exam newsletter to you. It will have complete placement exam details and instructions. Check your email for that soon!
What Is a JagTag?

At IUPUI, we call our campus ID card a JagTag. You can use your JagTag to rent library books and use as a debit card (if you have loaded it with funds). If you arrive on campus earlier than the date on your I-20, you can visit the Campus Card Services office to obtain your IUPUI JagTag prior to orientation. You will need to bring your IUPUI 10-digit ID number and a photo ID (your passport is fine) with you.

When you go to get your JagTag, prepare to have your photo taken!

Important IUPUI Websites to Know

At IUPUI, there are a couple of websites that you will use frequently throughout your degree program; now is a good time for you to learn about them!—

- **Onestart**: This is where you can register for classes, pay tuition online, look up tax forms, and many more necessities! While you will need to know Onestart as you begin at IUPUI, the Onestart website will actually be retired in October. So, you are the last group of new students who will use this website!
- **One.iu.edu**: One.IU is replacing Onestart this year. One is like an app store: you find the service you need, and click on that icon to be directed to the appropriate website. This allows you to access all IUPUI services through one website, rather than searching for multiple IUPUI websites. Read here for more information.
- **Oncourse & Canvas**: Oncourse and Canvas are both course management systems. You will have either an Oncourse webpage or a Canvas webpage for each course you enroll in. This is where you will submit assignments, check your grades, and communicate with your professor and classmates. Learn more here.
- **iStart**: You are probably already familiar with iStart! After completing your Pre-Arrival Checklist and arriving on campus, you will continue to use iStart to request OIA services. Read our frequently asked questions for iStart.
- **UITs**: Lastly, there is University Information Technology Services. You can contact UITS if you are having issues with your university email, connecting to campus wi-fi, forget your passphrase, and much more!
Missed a Newsletter?

Don’t worry! We expect some students will be admitted after we begin sending out our welcome newsletters.

We post all newsletters online so that you can always catch up—you can find them online here.

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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 transportation, 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!

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