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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Math Placement Exam: Preferred Test-by Date

Earlier this month we sent out the Placement Exam newsletter—read it if you have not yet done so! Now that you have all of the details about the EAP placement exam and the “ALEKS” math placement exam, we want to send a reminder:

June 14th is the preferred test-by date for the math placement exam. If you take the math exam by this date, academic advisors will pre-register you in an appropriate math course for this fall semester. This guarantees you a seat in a math course this fall, if in case some math courses fill up before you arrive in August and register for classes.

If you are required to take the math placement exam, we highly recommend you take the exam by this date!

Preparing to Pack!

It won’t be long before you are preparing to pack your luggage for your move to Indianapolis! We have an OIA webpage full of advice for what to bring/not bring with you, how much cash to carry, or what to buy after your arrival in the U.S.

Check it out! – “What to Pack” webpage
Join the International Peer Mentoring Program!

The “International Peer Mentoring Program” (or IPMP) is a team of IUPUI undergraduate students who help new international undergraduate students coming to IUPUI. The mentors are selected by the Office of International Affairs, and are trained to assist you in areas such as:

- Answering your pre-arrival questions
- Getting settled in Indianapolis
- Finding your way around IUPUI and Indy
- Meeting people and getting involved
- Understanding American culture
- Dealing with cultural adjustment
- Understanding the U.S. education system

Joining IPMP allows you to get help from fellow students so that you can transition into life in Indianapolis and IUPUI more easily—plus you will have the chance to make many new friends through this program!

How can you join IPMP? Fill out the “International Peer Mentoring Program” e-form in iStart. The OIA will match you with a team of 3 international peer mentors, who will then contact you. If you have questions about IPMP, please email imentor@iupui.edu.
“Verify Your Status in the United States” Email

You may have already received an email from the university Registrar Office titled: “Your Action is required to verify your status in the United States”.

This email goes out to all new students admitted to Indiana universities, whether American or international. This email is the result of a law in Indiana where you must confirm you are living in the U.S. legally, or else you would be ineligible for various financial awards.

To verify your lawful presence in the U.S., go to Onestart.iu.edu and log in with your university ID. As international students, you should:

1. Verify that you are NOT a U.S. citizen 
   AND
2a. You are lawfully present with a valid visa and immigration status (if you are already in U.S.) 
   OR
2b. You are currently overseas, but will be arriving in the U.S. with a legal status

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).
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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<td>Ask questions about your admission if you are an undergraduate student.</td>
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