Congratulations on your admission to Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis! In order to prepare you to arrive on campus, the Office of International Affairs (OIA) will send monthly newsletters. If you have missed a newsletter, be sure to review them on our website.

If you have questions about any of the newsletter topics, please email iwelcome@iupui.edu.

This issue will discuss:

**Freshman BRIDGE**  
**IUPUI Websites**  
**General Placement Exam Information**

**Will you be a first-year undergraduate student?**

As an international freshman student, you are required to participate in the IUPUI Summer Bridge Program.

Check the arrival date on your admission letter if you are unsure: August 1, 2017.

Start planning your travel allowing you to be in Indianapolis ready to start activities on Wednesday, August 2, 2017.

This program blends academic support and lessons on college-level expectations with social activities aimed at getting you settled into your new life at IUPUI and in Indianapolis.

Additional information will be emailed to you. Read more information on the OIA website.
Where will I live?

Now is the perfect time to start thinking about where you will live when you arrive in Indianapolis.

Housing on campus as well as the off-campus apartments surrounding IUPUI fill up quickly. Further, the guaranteed on-campus housing deadline is March 15, 2017. **Apply Today!**

When choosing a place to live, think about what type of housing you want:

- **On-Campus Housing**
- **Off-Campus Apartments**
- **Homestay with an American family**

Search “Classifieds” on [One.iu.edu](http://One.iu.edu) as an additional resource for off-campus housing.

Meet other new students (and potential roommates) on the [IUPUI New International Student Orientation – Fall 2017](https://www.facebook.com/groups/iupuinisoso) Facebook.

Many students advertise available rooms, or you can post that you are looking for a room.

Important IUPUI Websites to Know

There are a couple of websites that you will use frequently throughout your IUPUI degree program; they include:

- **One.iu.edu**: is where you register for classes, pay tuition online, look up tax forms, and more! It is like an app store: you find the service you need, and click on that icon to be directed to the appropriate website. Read here for more information.

- **Canvas**: is a course management system where you will submit assignments, check your grades, and communicate with your professor and classmates. Each course you enroll in will have a Canvas webpage.

- **iStart**: is your connection to us! 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**: 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!
When can I travel?

If you are 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 as seen here.

Placement Testing

Check the “additional letter material” included with your admission letter to see which exams you must complete.

You may have to take up to two exams: the math placement exam and/or the EAP (English for Academic Purposes) exam.

These placement exams measure how well you know a topic, and then you will be placed into an English or math class at IUPUI that fits your knowledge level.

Undergraduate students who score at least 95+ on TOEFL, 7.0+ on IELTS, OR 550+ on SAT Critical Reading are exempt from the EAP placement test.

If you are exempt, you will automatically be placed in a section of ENG W131 (English Composition) specifically for EAP students.

Students wishing to take a non-EAP section of W131 may take the placement test to see if the revised placement is appropriate.

Read our Placement Exam newsletter for complete details and instructions.

Important Dates

You MUST arrive by

Recommended Arrival Date

Attend Freshman Bridge Welcome Meeting

Take the EAP Placement exam on

Attend Academic Orientation

Attend Required International Orientation

Mandatory Freshman BRIDGE Begins

Attend useful orientation workshops

First day of Fall 2017 classes

First Year Students

August 1, 2017

August 2, 2017

August 3, 2017

August 4, 2017

August 7, 2017

August 8, 2017

August 18, 2017

August 21, 2017

Transfers and Non-First Year Students

August 13, 2017

August 11, 2017

Not Required

August 15, 2017

August 16, 2017

August 14, 2017

Not Required

August 14-18, 2017

August 21, 2017