



# Pittsburg State University

## International Programs and Services

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## PSU Preparing to Welcome New International Students

The Pitt State Office of International Programs and Services is looking forward to welcoming new international students arriving for the Fall 2021 semester.

To welcome the students, a mandatory New Student Orientation will be held August 10-13, 2021.



The office has already begun preparations for the Fall Orientation in ways such as hosting pre-arrival Zoom meetings, scheduling activities, and coordinating with community groups that will provide meals. Students can look forward to a variety of activities and events that will equip them with tools for their success at PSU.

The orientation is mandatory for incoming students as it will provide them with information that will be essential for their success at Pitt State.

“International Orientation equips students with tools for their success at Pittsburg State University,” said Brenda Hawkins, Immigration and Advising Coordinator, who plans and coordinates the International Orientation. “It is required for international students to attend because it will give them the critical tools to adapt to this culture, academic setting, and life in the USA.”

Students will attend information sessions as well as take care of various logistics necessary to enroll for classes.

“Session topics include, for example, how to succeed in an American Classroom, learning about culture shock, learning the academic system called Canvas, how to pay their bills, and acquiring health insurance.” Hawkins said. “All of the events and sessions planned for orientation lead up to preparing the students for their enrollment appointment with their advisor on the final day of orientation and for success in their journey in the U.S.A. and at PSU.”

However, the Orientation won’t be all business. It will also be a time for new students to connect and begin forming friendships with each other, PSU staff, and community members through a variety of meals and activities.

“Meeting PSU staff and community members, and participating in ice-breaker games with their orientation leader mentors are just some of the things they can look forward to,” Hawkins said. “This will be an opportunity for student to see the PSU campus and the community of Pittsburg first-hand, while setting foot on their new “home away from home.”