



Indiana University of Pennsylvania

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Greetings Exchange Partners and International Sponsors:

We in the Office of International Education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) look forward to hosting your students during the upcoming academic year, 2012-2013. To ensure an efficient application process, we are distributing information about International Student Orientation, arrival dates, tuition, meals and housing accommodations. We strongly recommend that **all exchange applications be submitted to the OIE by MAY 1, 2012**. However, we can continue to accept exchange student applications from most countries until early July, but on-campus housing cannot be guaranteed. Please contact us if you have a late application.

HOUSING & MEALS

The new suite-style residence halls feature: individual bathrooms in each suite, high-speed wired and wireless internet connectivity, microwaves and refrigerators in each suite, individually controlled air-conditioning and heating, and many more features.

All exchange students should choose to live in **Wallwork Hall** when selecting their on-campus housing, as this facility is dedicated to Global Awareness. *Wallwork Suites will remain open during extended break periods such as Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break and Spring Break when other living facilities will be closed and will offer free housing during breaks for international students living on-campus.* The cost for housing in a two-person shared semi-suite is US\$3,225 per semester and other suite options are available at increased costs. Students living on-campus must enroll in one of six available meal plans. More information is available online at <http://www.iup.edu/housing/default.aspx>.

Reciprocal exchange students, whose exchange agreement includes housing and meals, should choose a two-person shared semi-suite in Wallwork Hall. These students should also enroll in the AF+ meal plan, US\$1,273, which consists of 19 meals per week + US\$150 snack money. If other options are chosen by the student, costs that are in excess of those covered by the exchange agreement will be billed to the student.

****URGENT**** With the new on-campus housing, obtaining rooms has become very competitive. The IUP Office of Housing and Residence Life requires all students to **reserve their on-campus housing by JUNE 1, 2012**. Housing requests submitted after this deadline may not be honored due to lack of rooms.

ARRIVAL DATE

All new international students and scholars should arrive on the Arrival Date and must attend International Student Orientation. IUP sponsors a bus pick-up from the Pittsburgh International Airport for students who arrive before 20:00 on the specified arrival date. The cost is US\$50 per person, and a seat must be reserved in advance by submitting the "Orientation Arrival Form" included in the acceptance package. Students not arriving on the official Arrival Date must arrange their own transportation to IUP.

If students cannot arrive at the airport before 20:00 and want to ride the IUP-sponsored bus, we strongly recommend that they then arrive a day early and stay at a hotel near the airport. (More information is provided in the mailed acceptance package which includes our [IUP Pre-Arrival Guide](#)) The hotels near the airport offer free shuttle service to and from the airport so students can be transported back to the airport to catch the IUP-sponsored bus to Indiana on the official Arrival Date.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

International Student Orientation is mandatory for all new international students and a \$100 fee will be charged to all new students for this program. Orientation is designed specifically for international students to help them

succeed at IUP. They will learn about IUP academic and student services, U.S. academic culture, and student visa and immigration regulations. In addition, students will meet with academic advisors and register for courses during orientation.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2012-2013

IUP ACADEMIC CALENDAR	FALL SEMESTER 2012	SPRING SEMESTER 2013
ARRIVAL DATE <i>IUP sponsored transportation from the Pittsburgh International Airport is available for those who arrive by 20:00. The cost is US\$50 and seats must be reserved through our office.</i>	August 20	January 22
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION	August 21-24	January 23-25
ACADEMIC SEMESTER	August 27- December 10	January 28- May 10
RECESS BREAKS: No Classes <i>Free break housing is available for exchange students that apply prior to break. Cafeterias will be closed.</i>	November 19-26 <i>Thanksgiving Break</i> December 15- January 27 <i>Winter Break</i>	March 18-24 <i>Spring Break</i>
FINAL EXAMS	December 11-14	May 13-16
LAST DAY IN RESIDENCE	December 15	May 17

Attached to this email you will find copies of the following: International Exchange Application and Affidavit of Financial Support. Please distribute to your students as necessary. If we can provide further information, please contact us.

Best Regards,

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