



Indiana University of Pennsylvania

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Greetings Exchange Partners:

We, in the Office of International Education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), look forward to hosting your students during the upcoming academic year, 2016-2017. To ensure an efficient application process, we are distributing information about International Student and Scholar Orientation, arrival dates, tuition and fees, meals and housing accommodations. We strongly recommend that all exchange applications be submitted to the OIE by the deadlines listed below. However, we can continue to accept exchange student applications from most countries after the deadline, but on-campus housing cannot be guaranteed. Please contact us if you have a late application.

HOUSING & MEALS

IUP offers suite-style residence halls. Each suite is equipped with individual bathrooms, high-speed wired and wireless internet connectivity, microwaves and refrigerators, individually controlled air-conditioning and heating, and many more features. The cost of housing in a two-person shared semi-suite is approximately US\$4,200 per semester and other suite options are available at increased costs. More information is available online at <http://www.iup.edu/housing>.

All exchange students should choose to live in **Wallwork Hall** when selecting their on-campus housing, as this facility is dedicated to Global Awareness and remains open during break periods such as Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, and Spring Break when other living facilities are closed. Housing during Thanksgiving Break and Spring Break is free for international students and scholars living on-campus. For Winter Break housing costs, please refer to the attached cost sheet

Students living on-campus must enroll in one of six available meal plans. Descriptions and pricing of each meal plan are available online at <http://www.iup.edu/page.aspx?id=23033>.

****URGENT**** Obtaining the suite-style rooms has become very competitive. The IUP Office of Housing, Residential Living and Dining requires all Fall Semester students to **reserve their on-campus housing by JUNE 1, 2016**. Housing requests submitted after this deadline may not be honored due to lack of rooms. Spring Semester housing is typically less competitive.

FEE-PAYING EXCHANGE

For fee-paying exchange students, tuition is discounted from the out-of-state rate, currently US\$8,825, to approximately US\$6,000 (a 32% discount over other IUP international students). In addition, out-of-state fees and international fees are approximately US\$2,365 per semester. For a full course load, undergraduate students will register for 12-15 credits per semester.

RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE

Reciprocal exchange students will be assessed fees based on the exchange agreement. In addition, reciprocal exchange students whose tuition and fees are waived per the exchange agreement are assessed the following mandatory fees: Orientation, Immigration Services, Evacuation/Repatriation Insurance, and Student ID Card fee (approximately \$275).

ARRIVAL DATE

All new international students and scholars should arrive on the Arrival Date and must attend International Student and Scholar 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\$60 per person, and a seat must be reserved in advance for each student by submitting the "Orientation Arrival Form" through his or her personal MYIUP account (instructions are included in the acceptance packet). 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 they plan to 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.

Please note that the Pittsburgh International Airport is approximately 2 hours from IUP, depending on traffic, weather and road conditions.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

International Student and Scholar Orientation is mandatory for all new international students and scholars. A \$125 fee is charged for this program. Orientation is designed specifically for international students and scholars 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 2016-2017

IUP ACADEMIC CALENDAR	FALL SEMESTER 2016	SPRING SEMESTER 2017
APPLICATION DEADLINE	May 1, 2016	November 1, 2016
ARRIVAL DATE <i>IUP-sponsored transportation from the Pittsburgh International Airport is available for those who arrive by 20:00. The cost is US\$60 and seats must be reserved in advance.</i>	Monday, August 22	Tuesday, January 17 <i>(University Closed Monday, January 16 for MLK Holiday)</i>
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION	August 23-26	January 18-20
ACADEMIC SEMESTER	August 29-December 16	January 23-May 12
RECESS BREAKS: No Classes <i>Cafeterias will be closed.</i>	November 19-27 <i>Thanksgiving Break</i> December 17- January 22 <i>Winter Break</i>	March 11-19 <i>Spring Break</i>
FINAL EXAMS	December 12-16	May 8-12
LAST DAY IN RESIDENCE	December 17 <i>(must depart by 10:00 a.m.)</i>	May 13 <i>(must depart by 10:00 a.m.)</i>

CURRENT COSTS OF ATTENDANCE

FALL SEMESTER		SPRING SEMESTER	
TUTION & FEES	\$8093*	TUTION & FEES	\$8093*
FEES — Immigration, Evac/Repat, Orientation and I-Card Fee (required from all international students)	\$275*	FEES — Immigration, Evac/Repat, Orientation and I-Card Fee (required from all international students)	\$275*
ROOM & Commons Fee	\$4200*	ROOM & Commons Fee	\$4200*
MEALS (14 Meals per Week)	\$1290*	MEALS (14 Meals per Week)	\$1290*
OTHER ESTIMATE EXPENSES (Medical Insurance, Books, Personal expenses, etc)	\$2000	OTHER ESTIMATE EXPENSES (Medical Insurance, Books, Personal expenses, etc)	\$2000

***Please assume a 3-4% increase in costs for 2016-17. The final cost of tuition and fees will be set in July 2016 after the State of Pennsylvania passes the budget, and funds are provided to the university.**

WINTER BREAK HOUSING POLICY

A student may stay after fall semester (up to 4 days past the date of graduation) for a fee of \$35 per night. Returning students may arrive early for spring semester (up to 4 days prior to returning student check-in) for a fee of \$35 per night. All international students staying later/coming earlier than the 4-day window will be charged the flat winter break housing amount of \$425.

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

Best regards,

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