PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION
SPRING 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

| Recommended dates of arrival: | Sunday, January 13, 2019 - Tuesday, January 15, 2019 |
| Earliest date you may enter the U.S.: | Monday, December 17, 2019 |
| Last Date you may arrive in Wichita: | Tuesday, January 15, 2019 |
| Move into the residence halls: | Sunday, January 13, 2019 - Tuesday, January 15, 2019 |
| Free arrival assistance: | 8:00 am to 10:00 pm (08:00 to 22:00) |
| Registration for classes: | Tuesday, January 15, 2019 - Friday, January 18, 2019 |
| First day of classes: | Tuesday, January 22, 2019 |
| University Office Hours: | Monday to Friday (08:00 to 17:00) |
| University Holidays (Office Closed): | Friday, December 21, 2018 - Tuesday, January 1, 2019 Monday, January 21, 2019 |

SEVIS FEE INFORMATION

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security requires that all F-1 and J-1 visa applicants pay a nonrefundable US$200 SEVIS Fee at least three days before they apply for a visa. You can find more information about the SEVIS Fee by visiting: http://www.wichita.edu/SEVIS.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A VISA

Most students will need to obtain an F-1 visa (student visa) at the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate before coming to Wichita. Depending on the country, obtaining a visa can range from being quite easy to very difficult. To apply for a student visa, you must submit the following to the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate:

1) Form DS-160 (completed online)
2) Nonrefundable US$160 visa application fee
3) Receipt* that you paid the US$200 nonrefundable SEVIS fee.
   *Make sure to keep the receipt and bring it with you to the U.S.
4) A passport valid for at least 6 months (plus any old passports you may have).
5) A current Form I-20 from Wichita State University
6) A photo (Visit: http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/general/photos.html for details)
7) Evidence of sufficient funds to study in the U.S. including a bank statement
8) U.S. Visa requirements differ from country to country, find visa information for your country by visiting: http://www.usembassy.gov/

Check out our Visa Interview Tips at http://www.wichita.edu/VisaTips
AIRPORT ARRIVAL INFORMATION

We offer FREE airport transportation from 8:00am to 10:00pm from the Wichita airport called Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport (code ICT). If you would like a free ride from the airport, fill out the form at: http://www.wichita.edu/arrival. **We only provide rides from Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport and will not provide pickups from any other airport.** You can choose to take a taxi to the University, taxi fare is approximately US$25.

If you arrive after 10:00pm, you may have to stay in a hotel for one night at your own expense. There are many hotels near the airport which cost approximately US$35 - US$65 per night. If you have to spend the night in a hotel, we recommend you stay at the Wesley Inn, Regency Inn, Howard Johnson, Motel 6, or Scotsman Inn. These hotels are clean and affordable.

A special Wichita State University Welcome Table for international students will be set up in the lobby of the airport near the baggage claim area. The table will be staffed from late afternoon until about 10:00pm throughout the week before classes start. Please visit our Welcome Table to pick up a gift bag of helpful items and treats. The students who are working at the table can answer many of the questions you may have. If the table is not staffed when you arrive, information will be left on the table.

If you have a lot of luggage to bring with you to Wichita, you can ship some items to the University before you leave your country. If you decide to send any boxes or packages to Wichita before you arrive, please send them to the following address:

[YOUR NAME]
c/o Office of International Education
Wichita State University
1845 Fairmount Street
Wichita, Kansas 67260-0122 USA

WHEN YOU ARRIVE ON-CAMPUS

All University offices are open Monday - Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Offices are closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Bring your passport, I-20 (if you are on an F-1 visa), and proof of medical insurance (if you have medical insurance from your country). You will receive further email communication from our office on how to schedule your check-in time approximately one month before the start of classes. If you did not present official transcripts when you applied for admission, please bring your official final transcripts with you to Wichita. For details on our transcript requirements, visit: http://wichita.edu/CountryRequirements

GET MORE INFO & CONNECT WITH OTHERS

Stay up-to-date with the fun things that are happening at the WSU International Education Office by following our Facebook page and Instagram!

"Like" this page www.facebook.com/WichitaStateInternationalAdmissions
Follow @wsu_international_adventures
After you arrive in Wichita, we will assist you in moving into one of WSU’s housing facilities – Shocker Hall or The Flats apartments. **We recommend that you make a housing reservation before coming to Wichita.** We require new International Students to arrive at WSU before the residence halls officially open for the Spring semester. If you are living in Shocker Hall or The Flats you must email housing.wsu@wichita.edu to let them know when you plan to move into your room so they can prepare it as an early arrival.

For more information about on-campus housing or if you have questions about living in one of the University’s residence halls, please visit: [http://www.wichita.edu/housing](http://www.wichita.edu/housing).

**HEALTH MATTERS**

Wichita State University requires international students to have medical insurance. You may purchase insurance when you register for classes. If you already have medical insurance, please bring proof of insurance with you. Your proof of medical insurance coverage must contain the coverage amount and the coverage period. If you have adequate medical insurance coverage, you will not be required to purchase a new insurance policy.

A tuberculin (TB) blood test, requiring an initial payment of US$80, is required for all new students and is given by WSU’s Student Health Service. Please bring your vaccination records with you to the U.S. If you need any vaccinations when you arrive, your student health insurance will cover them and you can get them at Student Health.

We recommend that you take care of any existing medical or dental problems at home since student medical insurance does not cover routine dental work or eye examinations. For more detailed information, please visit:

- **Medical Insurance:** [http://www.wichita.edu/medicalinsurance](http://www.wichita.edu/medicalinsurance) and
- **TB Testing and Routine Medical Care:** [http://www.wichita.edu/TBtesting](http://www.wichita.edu/TBtesting)

**OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT**

After you arrive in Wichita, you may open a bank account. We have two popular banks nearby - Commerce Bank has a branch in the Rhatigan Student Center at WSU and Bank of America has a branch next to our campus. In order to open an account, you will need to show the bank your passport, your I-20, and proof of your address in Wichita (such as your housing contract or apartment rental contract). You will receive an ATM card after opening an account so you can get cash quickly and easily.
Upon your arrival in Wichita, you will be expected to pay for your tuition and fees, housing and meals, books, and medical insurance. You will not be allowed to attend classes or live in a university residence hall without making arrangements to pay all of the above items. The cost below is an estimate. The actual cost will be announced in July when the tuition and fees are determined and approved by the State Government.

### Estimated Cost for Undergraduate/IELC (One Semester)

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The above amounts include tuition, fees, accommodations, meals, books, and medical insurance. These amounts are averages and may vary from student to student. Actual tuition and fees depend on student’s major and number of credit hours taken. Detailed tuition and fees are listed on [http://www.wichita.edu/tuition](http://www.wichita.edu/tuition). Actual housing expenditures depend on: 1) the residence hall or apartment in which the student lives, 2) whether or not the student has a roommate, and 3) the student’s meal plan. International students are required to have medical insurance. Students who do not have medical insurance when they arrive may purchase it during enrollment. Students should bring extra money for personal expenses (such as movies, museums, shopping, etc.). *All new students (and returning students who have not enrolled at WSU in the last 12 months) are required to pay a one-time International Enrollment Fee of $200. This fee covers the cost of activities and other services that benefit currently enrolled international students. The fee is not refundable after the 100% deadline. New undergraduate and graduate academic students will be required to pay a one-time $50, and IELC students to pay $25, Orientation Fee to cover the cost of supplies, food, etc. provided at new student Orientation.*

### PAYMENT OPTIONS

- **Electronic Bank Transfer:** Wichita State University has partnered with Flywire to streamline the process of international wire transfers. Please visit our website for details: [http://www.wichita.flywire.com](http://www.wichita.flywire.com)

- **Cash, Check, Bank Draft, Money Order, or Traveler’s Checks:** If you bring a check or bank draft with you to Wichita, it is very important that the check be made payable to “Wichita State University” (and not to you). Your check should include the address of the bank in the U.S. for collections. If the check is made payable to you, you will not be able to use the money for 10-14 days after the check is deposited (which will delay your registration). If your check is for an amount that exceeds what you owe, any extra amount will be applied to your next semester’s tuition and will not be refunded to you.

- **Credit Card:** If you use a credit card to pay for your tuition, fees, medical insurance, or housing, you will be charged a 2.75% service fee to use the credit card.

- **Installment Payment Plan:** This allows you to pay for your tuition and fees in smaller installments each semester. With this plan, you can make a nonrefundable payment of US $130 (which includes the US $30 administrative fee) when you arrive on campus. You will make one payment when you arrive in Wichita and your final payment on November 15. If you wish to pay by installment, you do not need to do anything now. When you pay your tuition after you arrive in Wichita, please notify the cashier that you wish to pay your tuition and fees in installments.

**Important:** Students are NOT required to pay their tuition and fees before coming to Wichita. However, some students elect to make a prepayment. If you decide to make a payment in advance, it will be used to pay for WSU tuition, fees, on-campus housing, and medical insurance purchased through the University. No portion of your prepayment will be refunded to you to pay for books, off-campus housing, personal expenses, medical insurance purchased off-campus, etc. For this reason you should bring extra money to pay for these expenses. If the amount of your prepayment exceeds the amount you owe, any extra amount will be applied to your next semester’s tuition.