



Welcome to the International Student Orientation

Hosted by the International Student Services Office, August 26, 2015

8:00-8:30am RSC 2nd Floor Hallway	New international student sign-in at registration tables: 2 nd floor hallway of Rayburn Student Center.
8:30-8:45am Conference Rooms	Welcome by President and CEO Dr. Dan Jones
8:45-9:15 Conference Rooms	Introduction to the International Student Services Office by John Mark Jones, Director: Meet all of the ISSS staff and learn about the services and programs offered by the ISSS.
9:30-10:20am Conference Rooms	Immigration Basics for the F and J Visa: Learn more about the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) rules and A&M-Commerce policies related to the F and J visa.
10:30-11:15am Conference Rooms Traditions Room	BREAKOUT SESSION #1 How to Be Socially Successful: Maximizing Your College Life for Future Success: Learn about social etiquette as well as do's and don'ts of friendship and dating. We will help you adjust to this new culture and maximize your social life in college for future success. Hosted by the Counseling Center. How to Be Successful in the Classroom: Learn about cultural differences with the American education system and also learn about university academic support services. Hosted by the ISSS, Gee Library, Writing Center, and the Academic Success Center.
11:30am-12:00pm Conference Rooms Traditions Room	BREAKOUT SESSION #2 Navigating the A&M System Student Health Insurance Plan: Learn more about the mandatory enrollment and exceptions, coverage information, and payment process. Hosted by the ISSS and Academic Health Plans. Campus Safety: The University Police Department will share tips about being safe on campus, how to protect your belongings, and parking permits.
12:00pm-1:00pm	FREE LUNCH at the RSC Cafeteria on first floor. Join the ISSS staff and other university faculty/staff for lunch.
12:45pm-2:00pm Hallway outside Conference Rooms	Department and Local Services Fair: Locals banks, businesses, off-campus housing providers, and university departments will be available in the Pre-Function area (2 nd floor hallway) on the RSC.

1:45pm-2:15pm	BREAKOUT SESSION #3
Conference Rooms	Navigating the A&M System Student Health Insurance Plan: Learn more about the mandatory enrollment and exceptions, coverage information, and payment process. Hosted by the ISSS and Academic Health Plans.
Traditions	Funding your Education Through Scholarships: A representative from the Scholarship Office will discuss resources to find scholarships, when to apply, and other important information.
2:30pm-3:15pm	BREAKOUT SESSION #4
Traditions	Off-campus Employment: How & When to Apply: Learn about your off-campus employment options while you are studying in your program and after graduation. Hosted by the ISSS.
Conference Rooms	Job Search 101: What to Do and What Not to Do? This session will cover how to conduct your job search, apply for on-campus jobs through HireALion, resume writing, interviewing, networking, and H1-B visa opportunities. Hosted by Career Development.
3:30pm-4:15pm	BREAKOUT SESSION #5
Conference Rooms	Tuition and Fee Payment: The Student Accounts Office will discuss how to pay your tuition and fees, payment options and deadlines, how to set-up a payment plan, and other important information.
Traditions	JAM Session: Session led by current A&M-Commerce international students. This is a great opportunity to ask current students any question about housing, classes, registration, etc...

Free Shuttle to Walmart and Local Banks- The ISSS will provide a **FREE** shuttle for international students to Walmart and local banks only on the following dates and times below. Pickup will be at Chase ATM in front of the Halladay building:

- Tuesday, August 25 from 1pm-4pm
- Thursday, August 27 from 1pm-4pm
- Friday, August 28 from 1pm-4pm

Shuttle to Driver's License Office and Social Security Office- The ISSS will provide a shuttle for international students to the DL's office and SSN office in Greenville, TX on the following dates and times. The cost for the shuttle is \$5 paid through the ISSS marketplace:

- Friday, September 18 at 9am
- Thursday, September 24 at 1pm

Orientation Series

Additional Workshops and Events

Halladay 104	Where Should I Live? Information session about campus housing and off-campus housing options. Free t-shirt for first 3 students at session: Thursday, August 20 and Thursday, August 27 at 4pm
Conference Rooms RSC	Update Your Network- Campus wide event that introduces new students to campus services, employment opportunities, internships, and volunteer opportunities: August 31, beginning at 4:30pm
Halladay 104 ISSS	Ice Cream Social- Join us for free ice cream sundaes or ice cream floats and meet new students and university faculty/staff: September 9 from 2-4pm,
Halladay 104 ISSS	How to Apply for a Driver's License and SSN- Information about the driver's license application process & SSN eligibility. Free t-shirt for first 3 students: September 3 and September 10 at 4pm
Halladay 204 Counseling Center	Recharge to Maximize Your Performance – Enjoy some <u>light refreshments</u> and try the <u>massage chairs</u> in our wonderful Relaxation Room. Learn about the great resources of the Counseling Center and find out how you can join our <u>Active Cultural Exchange</u> group. This open house is specifically for international students. The <u>first 30 students</u> will receive a <u>special gift bag</u> . Join us on Wednesday, September 2nd, 3-5pm.
Gee Library Front Reception Desk	Introduction to the Gee Library Services- This session is intended to provide a quick overview of services that the library has available for students. Students will leave the session with information about how to use the library catalog and library electronic databases to locate research materials for classes. Free t-shirts for the first 5 international students: Wednesday, September 16 at 3pm.