International Arrival and Welcome Handbook



International Arrival and Welcome Fall 2022 Schedule of Events

Graduate Students International Welcome

Friday, Aug. 12, 8:15 a.m. – 12 p.m. (noon), Desert Financial Arena. Tempe

New international graduate students are expected to attend this welcome and celebration of the fall semester hosted by Graduate Programs Office and Graduate and Professional Student Association. Topics covered at this program are designed to help students successfully transition to ASU and range from immigration to U.S. classroom culture to upcoming networking events.

Undergraduate Students International Welcome

Monday, Aug. 15 ASU Gammage Auditorium 8:15 a.m. – 4 p.m., Tempe

New international undergraduate students are expected to attend this welcome and celebration of the fall semester hosted by International Students and





Scholars Center and New Student Programs. Topics covered throughout the day are designed to help students successfully transition to ASU.

ASU Welcome Events

Kick off your new life at ASU by attending as many of the fun and free Welcome events as you can. Activities are scheduled at every campus location. Events include:

CIS Welcome Carnival and Resource Fair: Aug. 15

Welcome Speaker: Aug. 15 Culture Kickoff: Aug. 16 Sun Devil Welcome (for firstyear students): Aug. 16:

Infernofest Concert: Aug. 16
MCOE Open House: Aug. 17

On-Campus Employment Fairs: Aug. 17-18

Involvement Fairs:

Aug. 17-18

Echo from the Buttes:

Aug. 20

Explore all the events planned at your campus, including activities just for international students. Search for events on your campus using the Welcome link below:

ASU Family — Resources and Engagement:

Have children of your own? Sign up to learn more about programs for you and your family: links.asu.edu/parentingstudents

Explore ASU Family's website for PK-12 resources, engagement opportunities and more: **family.asu.edu**

Join the ASU Family Hub community: asu.campusesp.com
Follow ASU Family on Facebook and Twitter: @GoASUfam



Here are some priority tasks you can complete when you are not attending sessions or workshops during International Arrival and Welcome before classes start. Keep in mind, many offices are only open during traditional business hours of 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- Get your official ASU Sun Devil ID card: cfo.asu.edu/cardservices
- Finalize your class schedule and find your class locations on campus: asu.edu/map/
- Submit your MMR immunization documentation: eoss.asu.edu/health/parents/immunization
- Complete your SEVIS check-in upon arrival: issc.asu.edu/f-1j-1-students/sevis-check-in
- Check My ASU to ensure you have completed all required tasks: my.asu.edu



- Secure an on-campus parking permit and/or coordinate transportation (purchase a car/bike, get an Arizona drivers' license and insurance): cfo.asu.edu/permits
- Buy and/or rent your course textbooks for the fall: bkstr.com/arizonastatestore/shop/textbooksand-course-materials
- Pay your tuition and fees: students.asu.edu/payment
- If applicable, move-in and set-up your on-campus housing: housing.asu.edu
- If applicable, search for and sign a lease for off-campus housing: offcampushousing.asu.edu
- Search for Welcome events to attend at your campus: eoss.asu.edu/welcome/events
- Plan to attend signature ASU Welcome events at the Tempe campus: eoss.asu.edu/welcome/events/signature



The International Students and Scholars Center works to facilitate the success of international students during their stay in the U.S. by providing assistance with F-1/J-1 visa compliance in accordance with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's and Department of State's immigration regulations. We also provide support with academic integration, employment opportunities, leadership development, and communication skills.

Connect with us

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Some of our programs include:

ISSC Passport

Pick up your ISSC Passport and record the ISSC events you attend. Earn passport points by attending ISSC events then turn your points in to win different prizes!

Coffee and Conversations

Stop by at our weekly Coffee and Conversations event, every Tuesday we will be hosting a time to talk about helpful topics for first-year international students. This is an open space to meet people, learn more about living in the U.S. as a student at ASU and gain helpful information on different topics.

Learn Arizona

Learn Arizona is a series that will be focusing on exploring Arizona and different things to do and places to go in Arizona. It includes public transportation, hiking, biking, thrifting, fun activities and more! Learn Arizona will meet on Thursday afternoons, except for specialty Learn Arizona events.

Learn Arizona topics to look forward to include:

Welcome and Scavenger Hunt Aug. 19, 2022, 4-5 p.m. Getting Off Campus Sept. 1, 2022, 4-5 p.m.

Sept. 15, 2022, 4-5 p.m.

Places to Visit

Global Friends

Global friends is a bi-monthly event for students who want to engage in cultural exchange, learn more about different countries and cultures, as well as create global and international friendships.

Dates: Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4, Nov. 18, Dec. 2 (all dates are 2022)

Other ISSC events to look forward to for fall 2022:

Game Nights

Join us for our fall Game Nights to be held in Hayden Library, Tempe campus (Sept. 1 event will be held in the Downtown Campus Library). We will be playing tabletop games and board games, and snacks will be provided as well.

Dates: Sept. 1, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9.

International Story Slam Night

There is no better feeling than knowing that you're not alone and there's someone out there who knows exactly how that feels too. Our International Story Slam night is a place for student to share or hear difficult, funny and heartwarming stories about living and or studying abroad from ASU students and staff. **Dates:** Sept. 22 and Nov. 17

ISSC Sport and Wellness Events

Our wellness events are a chance for students to explore different strategies to help with mental health activities like yoga, and it's a chance to potentially gain a new hobby.

Global Professional Preparation Academy (GPPA)

The GPPA is a semester-long series for first year international students to build their professional portfolios through workshops hosted by the ISSC, Career and Professional Development Services, and the W.P. Carey Business School.

To join the academy you must attend our welcome event (Aug. 26) or contact us ahead of time.

Check out our Event List on our website: issc.asu.edu/events



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Campus Shuttles cfo.asu.edu/shuttles

ASU Parking and Transit Services provides free, wi-fi connected intercampus shuttles to connect students, faculty and staff to each campus location. Follow shuttles with real-time GPS tracking, access current schedules, and report delays or issues: links.asu.edu/shuttletracker

The Polytechnic-Tempe Route runs between those two ASU campus locations. And the Tempe-Downtown Phoenix-West Route connects to and from those three campuses. Shuttle riders receive water, towels and other items on days when the heat index reaches extreme levels.

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Public Transit cfo.asu.edu/transit

Sun Devils may ride public transportation at a discount of up to 80 percent and enjoy access to off-campus destinations throughout the greater-Phoenix area. Visit valleymetro.org for maps, routes and schedules, including for the Tempe FLASH, the Neighborhood Circulators

Student U-Pass:

and Tempe Streetcar.

- \$150 per academic year and valid from August to May.
- Good for unlimited rides on Valley Metro buses and light rail.
- Two light rail stops on the Tempe campus, one stop at Downtown Phoenix campus.
- Allow 35 minutes to travel on the light rail between the two campuses.

Neighborhood circulators

The city of Tempe offers ASU students, faculty and staff free rides on its FLASH shuttle, which runs clockwise around the Tempe campus, and on the Orbit neighborhood shuttle.



The Cultural Connections team fosters an inclusive environment that empowers international and globally minded domestic students to create an enriching co-curricular experience grounded in a collective responsibility to celebrate culture, build community, honor heritage, and promote positive social change.



The **Coalition of International Students** (CIS) aims to promote communication and engagement among all international student organizations as well as students from all backgrounds in order to understand and immerse oneself with the various cultures at ASU. Connect with CIS at Iinks.asu.edu/cis_asu



The **Global Peer Mentor Program** connects experienced current ASU students (mentors) with first-year international students (mentees) to provide guidance, engagement opportunities and resources. Find out more at **links.asu.edu/gpm_asu**



The **Global Leadership Academy** (GLA) develops students into globally engaged leaders. GLA workshops focus on the practical application of leadership skills while building a theoretical understanding of leadership in a global context.

Find out more at links.asu.edu/gla asu



The International Student Guide reflects ASU's commitment to helping all students make ASU and the surrounding cities a home away from home. As your resource for a smooth transition to a new city, college life and your future, find everything from housing options and shopping malls to transportation and things to do. A world of opportunity awaits; let us help you get settled: Iinks.asu.edu/ise_guide











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