

NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION & ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Please note that International Student Orientation is REQUIRED for all new and transfer-in international students.

Date: Friday, January 14, 2022

Start Time: 10:00 AM (CST)

Location: UC Lone Star 142 AB

Orientation Fee: A mandatory fee of \$75 is required for orientation.

If you will attend TAMU-CC, please send a confirmation email to: International@tamucc.edu AS

SOON AS POSSIBLE to confirm your participation in international student orientation.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO ATTEND THE NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

New International Student Orientation is required as a federal regulation for all international students. We will also provide students information on the following topics:

- *Requirements for maintaining F-1 Status*
- *Requirements for maintaining "good status" while a student at TAMU-CC student*
- *Your benefits as an international student*
- *Traveling inside & outside the U.S. as an international student*
- *Employment on & off-campus*
- *How to register for classes, get Academic Advising, change majors, etc.*
- *Student Health Insurance*
- *How to obtain a social security card or driver's license*
- *Transferring into a higher degree program, or post-graduation opportunities*
- *Additional Campus Resources*

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHECK-IN

All **new** international students (including new transfer-in students) are **REQUIRED TO CHECK-IN** with the **Office of International Education** **after** they arrive in Corpus Christi.

What does the check-in process consist of?

The check-in process requires students to complete a check-in form and submit additional documents for us to complete their SEVIS registration after arrival. **For health & safety reasons, students can complete their check-in electronically.**

Please let our office know if you would like to complete your check-in process in-person or electronically. We will follow-up with additional instructions later.

It is recommended that students complete check-in prior to the International Student Orientation if possible.

ARRIVAL AND MOVE-IN DATES

For the Spring 2022 term, the earliest date in which international students can enter the U.S. is December 18, 2021.

Please note: The U.S. Center for Disease Control (CDC) requires any individuals entering the U.S. on an international inbound flight must get a COVID-19 test no more than 3 days before you travel by air to the United States. You are required to show a negative COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before boarding a flight to the United States.

Self-Quarantine: The U.S. CDC recommends that international travelers get COVID-19 testing completed 3-5 days after arrival in the U.S. and self-quarantine for 7 days (if COVID-19 test results are negative), or quarantine for 10 days if no COVID-19 testing is completed after arrival.

****If you are a Pathway Program Student,*** you may be required to report to campus at an earlier date for a Pathway Program specific orientation that is separate from the OIE mandatory international student orientation. Please contact Ms. Allison Foster (email: afoster@studygroup.com) for more information about the Pathway Program requirements or orientation.

Islander Housing Move-In Dates:

For students residing in either Miramar or Momentum Hall, students will receive detailed instructions from Islander Housing regarding their scheduled move-in date once they have confirmed housing.

International students interested in living on-campus in Spring 2022 are advised to submit a housing application as soon as possible. Housing is limited and provided on a *first-requested, first-served* basis.

Notes to consider, regarding on-campus housing selections:

- *Miramar housing leases are year-long and tend to start in August and end in May, shortly after classes are done for the spring semester. This is a good option for students who do not intend to stay on-campus, or in the country, during the summer. Also note: there are no cooking facilities in Miramar, so students will be required to purchase a meal plan.*
- *Momentum Village leases are year-long and tend to start in August and end in July. This is a good option for students who will remain on-campus, or in Corpus Christi through the summer. Even if you do not stay on-campus during the summer, you will still be required to pay rent for June and July. Also note: Momentum does offer a kitchen, so students who do not plan on purchasing a meal plan, or plan on cooking their own meals, should select Momentum.*
- *Islander Housing requires students to submit a non-refundable housing application fee. Because there is a non-refundable on-campus housing application fee, it is important that international students select a floor plan that meets their needs.*
- *Please note there is a financial difference between select floor plans. It is your responsibility as a TAMU-CC international student to ensure you select on-campus housing that fits in your estimated costs.*

What if I am not able to move-in to Miramar or Momentum Village during the scheduled move-in dates?

To request an earlier, or later, move-in date for Miramar or Momentum Village: International students must contact either the Miramar or Momentum Village offices to request an earlier move-in date at the email addresses listed below. You will be advised if the request is approved and how much extra it will cost. **Early and late move-in requests are only possible if a student has already been assigned a room.**

Please contact the Islander Housing Offices for on-campus housing requests or questions:

<p>Miramar Email: Miramar@americancampus.com Tel: 361-825-5000</p>	<p>Momentum Village Email: MomentumVillage@americancampus.com Tel: 361-825-6200</p>
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Temporary Accommodation Options

Listed below are hotel options for off-campus accommodations students can utilize if they are not able to secure housing prior to their arrival:

- ❖ **Comfort Suites Near Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi**
 - 1814 Ennis Joslin, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412
 - <https://www.choicehotels.com/texas/corpus-christi/comfort-suites-hotels/txa37?source=gglocaloz>
- ❖ **Hyatt Place Corpus Christi**
 - 6773 South Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, Texas 78412
 - <http://corpuschristi.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html>
- ❖ **Hilton Garden Inn Corpus Christi**
 - 6717 S Padre Island Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78412
 - <http://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hilton-garden-inn-corpus-christi-CRPCCGI/index.html>
- ❖ **Townplace Suites Corpus Christi**
 - 6701 S Padre Island Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78412
 - <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/crpts-towneplace-suites-corpus-christi/>
- ❖ **Hampton Inn & Suites Corpus Christi**
 - 5879 S Padre Island Dr, Corpus Christi, TX 78412
 - <http://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/texas/hampton-inn-and-suites-corpus-christi-CRPSAHX/index.html>
- ❖ **To locate apartments in Corpus Christi, TX, you may use apartment search tools such as**
<https://www.apartments.com/> or
<https://www.apartmentguide.com/apartments/Texas/Corpus-Christi/> .

ADDITIONAL PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Please note: If you would like additional pre-arrival information, please visit our Handbook for International Student at: <https://oie.tamucc.edu/assets/student-handouts/handbook-2018.pdf> .

We look forward to meeting all of you! Thank you for choosing Texas A&M University Corpus Christi!

Sincerely,

The Office of International Education