Countdown to Chicago!

PRE-ARRIVAL COMMUNICATION FOR NEW UIC INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

THIS WEEK: FIRST FRIENDS
Join the First Friends program and get connected with a current UIC international student!

What is First Friends?
First Friends is a program designed to support new international students in their preparation for arrival to UIC and Chicago. New UIC international students are paired with current UIC international students and encouraged to email/chat/message questions they may have about the various aspects of living in Chicago and studying at UIC.

What ISN’T First Friends?
First Friends is not a venue to ask immigration-related questions. If you have questions about your immigration documents or status you should continue to communicate directly with OIS either through email (newintl@uic.edu) or phone +1 (312) 996-3121.

How do I sign up for First Friends?
First, complete the Spring 2019 Incoming International Student Application form located on the OIS website. Then, within a few days, the First Friends coordinator will email you with the name and email address of your current international student First Friend along with instructions on how to initiate contact. From there, it’s up to you and your First Friend to decide how best to communicate!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION
If you haven’t registered for International Student Orientation (ISO) yet, now is the time! ISO is an essential learning and networking experience for all new international students at UIC. Learn more about the program and register via the OIS website.

QUESTIONS?
Still have questions? Send specific questions to our New International Student Team at newintl@uic.edu or give us a call at +1 (312) 996-3121. Or, if you’re already in Chicago, feel free to visit us during Open Advising.

Check out previous Countdown to Chicago pre-arrival communications along with additional arrival resources on the OIS website.