Countdown to Chicago!

PRE-ARRIVAL COMMUNICATION FOR NEW UIC INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Office of International Services, and many UIC offices, will be closed for winter break starting the afternoon of Friday, December 22, 2017. OIS will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

THIS WEEK: REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

While you won’t actually register for classes until after your arrival in Chicago, it’s helpful to know what to expect in terms of when and where class registration will take place.

First step? Complete your Immigration Check-in with OIS!

Upon admission, a SEVIS hold is placed on all international student records. Along with other holds, the SEVIS hold prevents you from registering for classes. To remove the SEVIS hold, you must successfully complete the in-person Immigration Check-in with OIS. OIS recommends that you complete your Immigration Check-in as shortly after arriving in Chicago as possible. Remember, you may have holds from other departments which could block registration; you will need to follow up with those departments directly to have the hold removed.

When do graduate students register for class?

Masters, PhD, and Professional Program students will register for classes with the assistance of their academic departments. Each department handles this process differently. Some may advise you to self-register through the UIC Portal, others may require you to meet with a departmental advisor or professor to choose classes. Connect with your academic department to find out how your class registration will be handled but don’t forget that you must successfully complete your Immigration Check-in with OIS before you can register for class.

When do undergraduate students register for class?

First-Year students and Transfer students will register for classes during their undergraduate orientation program hosted by UIC Orientation. During this orientation program you will meet with an academic advisor from your department who will help you select and register for classes. In order for this process to go smoothly, it’s extremely important that you complete your Immigration Check-in with OIS prior to your UIC Orientation date.

What happens if a class I want is full?

There is a strong possibility that a class you want may be full by the time you register, especially during your first semester. However, there are strategies to handle this situation. Check out our Welcome to UIC video on Orientation, Registration, and Student Organizations to learn about one!

NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

If you haven’t already, review the New International Student Orientation schedule of events and confirm your participation by following the registration steps located at the bottom of the page.
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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.