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# International Student Advising and Arrival

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## Who we are – Cranwell International Center

Cranwell International Center provides advising and programming to support your curricular and co-curricular success



# Advising at Virginia Tech

- Academic Planning
- Career Advising
- Well-being (physical and mental health)
- Financial Advising



# Advising at Cranwell

Cranwell International Center provides a wide range of programs and services to all undergraduate and graduate international students at Virginia Tech.

International student advising and immigration services are provided by a team of International Student Advisors who are assigned a portfolio of academic college/school/department. To find your assigned International Student Advisor, go to your college/school/department in the chart below.

[Schedule an Appointment](#)

## International Student Advisors by College (*effective July 1, 2022*)

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences	+
College of Architecture, Arts, and Design	+
Pamplin College of Business	+
College of Engineering	+
College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences	+
College of Natural Resources and Environment	+
College of Science	+
Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine	+
Interdisciplinary	+
Greater Washington, D.C., Metro Area	+



# When to reach out and to what to reach out to your advisor about

- Common immigration regulation topics
  - Employment
  - Academic Issues\*
    - Program extension
  - Health Issues\*

# What to expect in your international advising appointment

- Discussion of your concerns
- Information about your immigration history
- Resource Referral
  - Other offices/advisors on campus



# Things to get ready before you arrive

## Do you have your visa?

- Yes



- No –

1. Do you have a visa appointment?

- Yes
- No

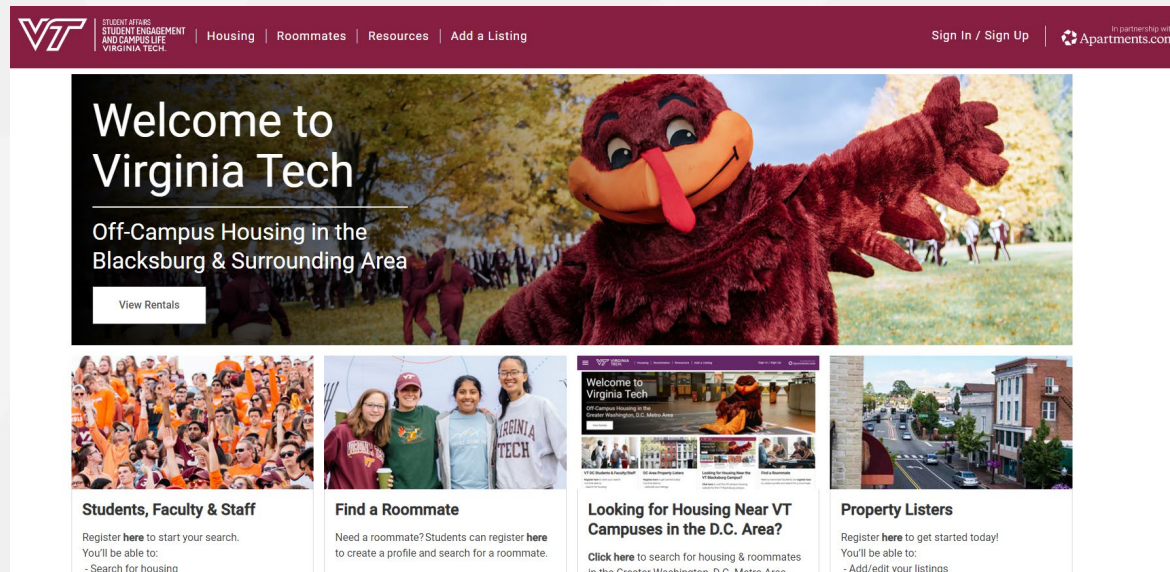
2. Late arrivals





# Things to get ready before you arrive Off-campus housing

- Use VT Off-Campus Housing office website



- Utilize VTOCH resources page



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# International Student Arrival



# Things to get ready before you arrive

1. Print your I-20, and sign it
2. Get your COVID-19 vaccine. – US government requirement
3. Check with your airlines
4. Immunization
5. Schedule immunization appointment
  - You will receive email from Schiffert Health Center ([health@vt.edu](mailto:health@vt.edu))

# When to arrive in the U.S.

- All F-1 students must arrive in U.S. on or before 1/10\*



\*Late arrivals

# When you arrive in the U.S.

- Have ready for the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers:
  1. Printed and signed I-20
  2. SEVIS fee receipt (I-901)
  3. Contact information of Cranwell International Center (phone: 540-231-6527)
- Virginia Tech does not require quarantine





## Getting to Blacksburg - Airports

- ***Roanoke Regional Airport (ROA)*** is the closest airport to Virginia Tech; ROA is located about 38 miles (61 km) from campus. ROA is a local airport that only receives domestic flights within the US;
- ***Dulles International Airport (IAD)***
- ***Reagan National Airport (DCA)***



# Getting to Blacksburg – Ground Transportation

## *Roanoke Regional Airport (ROA)*

- SmartWay bus is the most convenient and affordable way to get to campus
  - \$4
  - Check out the bus schedule in advance
- Taxi/Uber
  - Approximately \$100





# Getting to Blacksburg – Ground Transportation

## *Dulles International Airport (IAD)*

- [Virginia Breeze bus](#) connects Blacksburg and Dulles. The bus departs from Dulles (Curb 2A) at 10:40 a.m. and arrives at the Squires Student Center at 3:40 p.m.
- Amtrak (to Roanoke) – SmartWay Bus

## *Reagan National Airport (DCA)*

- Amtrak (to Roanoke) – SmartWay Bus





## Getting to Blacksburg – Reminders

- Allow 3-4 hours between connecting flights from your Port of Entry (the airport to which you first arrive in the US) to your next flight to allow for important immigration processing with US Customs and Border Protection (CBP).
- Bring with you cash in different notes (e.g. a couple of \$20, a few \$10 and \$5).
- Have active international plan on your phone in case there is no wifi at places.
- Stay at hotel overnight if you arrive late in the evening



# What to do upon arrival in Blacksburg

- Obtain HokiePassport (student ID card)
- Attend International Student Orientation 1/11
- Attend Graduate Student Orientation 1/13
- \*Attend College and/or Department Orientation
- Submit immigration check-in on IntlHokies
- Attend immunization appointment (if needed)
- Assistantship – complete I-9 paperwork and get SSN



## FAQs

- What do I do if I cannot arrive in the U.S. on or before 1/10?
- I'm ready to register for classes. How and when do I do that?

# Cranwell International Center

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