

F-1 Pre-Arrival Checklist

- Sign and date your Form I-20 before your visa interview** - If you are under 18, your parent's signature is also required. The information on your passport and Form I-20 should be the same. If they are not identical, contact Cranwell International Center as soon as possible.
- Pay SEVIS I-901 fee** online at www.fmjfee.com before arriving for your visa interview; print the payment receipt for your visa appointment. **You will be required to present the receipt when entering the US.**
- Obtain an F-1 visa** by making an appointment at the US Embassy/Consulate in your home country. www.usembassy.gov/
 - Prepare for your visa interview** - <http://www.travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/study-exchange/student.html>
 - Review important information for F-1 students** - <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/>
- Create your Virginia Tech PID/2-Factor Authentication** - After you have accepted your admission, go to www.hokiespa.vt.edu and follow the instructions to create your PID and password. Make sure you refer to <http://international.vt.edu/> for instructions on setting up 2-Factor Authentication.
- Submit your Housing/Dining Contract** - through HokieSpa www.hokiespa.vt.edu.
- Complete the Health History and Immunization Form** - This form should be submitted by **August 14, 2017** using the online health portal. Information can be found here: http://www.healthcenter.vt.edu/new_student/required_immunizations.html
- Complete the health insurance requirement** - All international students in F-1 visa status are required to have health insurance that meets Virginia Tech's insurance requirements. Please refer to the enclosed **Health Insurance Requirements** and/or the following website for more information about the Virginia Tech-approved insurance plan: <http://www.co.vt.edu/Risk/studenthealthinsr/>
- Complete Registration Requirements** - All students must complete registration requirements through Hokie SPA. Not completing this step will result in not being able to register for classes. Please make sure you complete this step **before** you arrive on campus. For detailed information, please visit <http://international.vt.edu/newstudents2017/pre-arrival-.html>.
- Submit a copy of official transcripts** – If your transcripts will not be received at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by **June**, please bring the sealed official transcripts with you when you arrive on campus and submit to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions in person.
- Travel arrangements** – Plan to arrive to Virginia Tech prior to the morning of **August 21, 2017**. (*Initial entry students should not attempt to enter the U.S. more than 30 days prior to the program start date*).
 - The closest Airport to Blacksburg, VA is the **Roanoke Regional Airport** (Airport Code ROA).

- Students can use the **SmartWay** bus (www.smartwaybus.com) to travel from the airport to Virginia Tech. The cost is \$4.00 (exact change only). Service is not available on Sundays. Please see bus schedule online.
- Student can also arrange transportation services with **Roanoke Airport Transportation Service** (<http://www.roanokeats.com/>) for \$66 per person. **24-hour advanced reservation is required.** Carpool option is available.
- Temporary housing is available through **Conference and Guest Services at Virginia Tech.** Please visit the “Lodging” section of our page for registration details (<http://international.vt.edu/newstudents2017/arrival-.html>) or email conferences@vt.edu.

Bring Copies of your Immigration documents. – Please bring the following documents to Cranwell International Center in order to complete **Immigration Check-In:**

- Immigration Check-In Form
- Photocopy of identification page(s) of your passport;
- Photocopy of the US entry visa (if applicable) in your passport;
- Photocopy of your signed Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 (if applicable); and
- Printout of your Form I-94 Arrival/Departure Record.

For detailed information, please visit <http://international.vt.edu/newstudents2017/immigration-check-in.html>.

Register for Orientation Sessions. – Orientation Session has two parts: August 21-August 23 and August 24. You must to register for **BOTH** sessions in order to complete this process. For detailed information and registration, please visit <http://international.vt.edu/newstudents2017/orientation-.html> and click on the “Register for Orientation” tab.

**For detailed and up-to-date information, please visit the Cranwell International Center website.
Please read all communications from international@vt.edu carefully.
We look forward to meeting you soon!**

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