Pre-Departure Orientation – Part III

Office of International Education
Wichita State University
Fall 2013
What to Do after Arriving at Wichita?
Things To Do Upon Arrival

1. Check-in for residence hall and drop off your luggage (open at 10:00am on Sunday, Aug. 11)

2. Open bank account
   - Bring your passport, I-20, and Housing Contract (proof of address)
   - Open a checking account; receive temporary checks and ATM card
   - Change small bills: $20, $10, $5

3. Check-in at International Education
   - Bring your passport and I-20
   - Bring TOEFL or IELTS result (if you haven’t sent us the office result)
Things To Do Upon Arrival

1. Fairmount
2. Bank of America
3. International Education
Check-in: English Proficiency

- **Without Test Score**
  - TOEFL < 61
  - IELTS < 5.5

- **TOEFL 61-71**
  - IELTS 5.5
  - Part Time

- **TOEFL > 71**
  - IELTS > 6.0
  - Undergrad

- **IELC**
  - Part Time
  - Undergrad

- **EPE**
  - Undergrad
Check-in: IELC

- Taking tuberculin blood test (TB Test)
- Applying for Shocker Card
- 8/15 Thursday: pre-registration, orientation, placement test
- 8/16 Friday: registration, fees payment
- 8/19 Monday: buying textbooks, classes begin
Check-in: Part Time

- Taking tuberculin blood test (TB Test)
- Applying for Shocker Card
- Pickup EPE result the next day
- Meeting with IELC advisor
- Meeting with academic advisor
- 8/15 Thursday: pre-registration, orientation, placement test
- 8/16 Friday: registration, fees payment
- 8/19 Monday: buying textbooks, classes begin
Check-in: Undergraduate

- Taking tuberculin blood test (TB Test)
- Applying for Shocker Card
- Meeting with academic advisor
- Taking Math and/or English placement test
- Transfer credits
  - Submit syllabi in English, visit transfer credit website for sample of a syllabus and other details
  - Process of evaluation may take a long time
- Registration, fee payment, buying textbooks
- 8/14 Wednesday: Orientation
- 8/15 Thursday: Orientation
- 8/19 Monday: classes begin
Estimated Expenses

- Registration Fee
  - Charged by semester: $17

- Tuition & Fees
  - Charged by credit hour
  - Around $500 per credit hour

- Insurance
  - Charged by semester (8/1-12/31): $536

- Housing & Meal Plan
  - Charged by semester/month
  - Around $3,300 for Fall semester
Fee Payment

- Tuition & Fees
  - Pay in full for the whole semester
  - Pay in installments
- Housing & Meal Plan
  - Pay in full for the whole semester
  - Pay by month
- Payment Options
  - Direct transfer
  - Cash
  - Check or bank draft
  - Credit card
U.S. Coins

Penny = $0.01
Nickel = $0.05
Dime = $0.10
Quarter = $0.25
Dollar = $1.00
WSU Lingo

- **WuShock**: WSU’s mascot
- Shocker: students or things of WSU
- my WSU ID: student ID number
- Add: to enroll in a class
- Drop: to withdraw from a class
- Hold/clear hold: steps you haven’t done that prevent your from registration
- Credit hour: class meeting hours per week
- GPA: Grade Point Average
- Blackboard: an education software WSU uses
- RSC: Rhatigan Student Center
Cultural Differences

- **Time Zone**
  - Different time zones in the U.S.
  - Wichita Kansas is in the Central Time Zone

- **Temperature**
  - American uses °F (Fahrenheit)
  - °C x 9/5 + 32 = °F
  - (°F - 32) x 5/9 = °C
  - Examples: 85°F = 30°C, 90°F = 32°C, 100°F = 38°C

- **Date**
  - MM/DD/YY, e.g. 8/1/12 = August 1st
  - To avoid confusion: 1 Aug, 2012
Cultural Differences

• Name
  – First name = Given name
  – Last name = Family name or Surname
  – General way: First Last e.g. Albert Einstein
  – Alternative: Last, First e.g. Einstein, Albert
  – Other option: Albert EINSTEIN
  – Signature: personal symbol, no need to be readable

• Paper Size
  – Letter size: 8.5” x 11”
  – Shorter but wider than A4 (8.27”x11.69”)
More Tips

• Don’t be shy
• Don’t be afraid of asking
• Be friendly
• Have an open mind
• Be independent
Questions?

• [www.wichita.edu/international](http://www.wichita.edu/international)
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Welcome, Shockers!