Pre-Departure Orientation – Part I

Office of International Education
Wichita State University
Spring 2014
Before the Trip: What to prepare?
Flying to Wichita

• Suggested arrival date:
  – January 12th (Sun) – January 14th (Tue)
  – Earliest date allowed to enter the U.S.: December 15th

• Destination: Wichita, Kansas
  – Wichita Mid-Continent Airport, airport code ICT
  – Airlines: United Airlines (UA), American Airlines (AA), Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines

• Airport Pickup
  – Fill out online request http://www.wichita.edu/arrival
  – Email itinerary to arrival@wichita.edu (include international flight and connection flight information)
Wichita, Kansas, U.S.A.
Wichita

Wichita, Kansas U.S.A.
Housing Arrangement

• Residence Halls:
  – Fairmount Towers
  – Brennan Hall
  – Wheatshocker Apartments

• Residence Halls facilities:
  – furniture
  – air-conditioning, water, electricity, gas
  – Wi-Fi internet, local telephone service & voicemail, cable TV service
  – computer lab, study lounge, TV lounge, game room, laundry room
  – restricted access for extra security
  – shuttle bus service to supermarket
Residence Halls

- Fairmount Towers
- Wheatshocker Apartments
- Brennan Hall
Fairmount Towers

- Accommodates 600 students
- Next to cafeteria
- Room dimension: 2.8m x 5.8m
Fairmount Floor Plan
Residence Halls

Fairmount Towers

Wheatshocker Apartments

Brennan Hall
Brennan Hall

- Accommodates 100 students
- Room dimension: 3.3m x 4.1m
Brennan Floor Plan
Residence Halls

- Fairmount Towers
- Wheatshocker Apartments
- Brennan Hall
Wheatshocker Apartments

- At least 21 years old or have completed 30 credit hours
- Shocker Market
- Room dimension: 3.3m x 5.9m
Wheatshocker Floor Plan
Application for Housing

• How to Apply
  – Visit Housing website and apply online
  – Double room = two students share one room
  – Single room = one student takes the entire room

• Meal Plan
  – At Fairmount cafeteria
  – Meals per week: 10, 15, or 19
  – Shocker Dollars: food money for campus dining

• Application Fee
  – $75 application and $200 prepayment
  – pay by check or pay online
Health Matters

• Preparation
  – Body check and dental check done at home
  – Extra eyeglasses, sunglasses
  – Vaccination not required

• Health care and insurance
  – Pay for insurance when register for class
  – New international students must take tuberculin blood test (TB Test) at Student Health Service; test done outside of the U.S. is not acceptable
Money Matters

• Bringing Money
  – Recommend bring $1,000 cash
  – Including some $10 and $20 bills
  – Inform credit card company about your travel if you plan on using your credit card
  – Bank draft

• Sending money from home
  – Open bank account after arriving at Wichita
  – Sending money from home to your U.S. bank account takes a few business days
Luggage

• Size & Weight
  – Check with your airline about the size and weight restrictions of check-in luggage
  – International flights usually allow two free checked bags (allowed weight per bag ranges from 20-23kg), one carry-on bag, and a laptop computer

• Custom prohibited items
  – Meat or meat products
  – Pirated software
  – Too much cash
  – Visit U.S. Homeland Security’s website for details
Packing Tips

• Clothes
  – Mostly casual wear
  – Cotton clothes may shrink
  – Depending on laundry habit

• Electronics
  – Converter/adaptor
  – Standard voltage 120v, 60Hz
  – USB flash drive
  – Data cable

• Cultural costumes & products

• Visit our website for suggested Packing List
Check out Pre-Departure Orientation – Part II to Find out What to Expect During the Trip