



Indiana University of Pennsylvania

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Greetings Exchange Partners and International Sponsors:

We in the Office of International Education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) look forward to hosting your students during the upcoming academic year, 2013-2014. To ensure an efficient application process, we are distributing information about International Student Orientation, arrival dates, tuition and fees, meals and housing accommodations. We strongly recommend that **all exchange applications be submitted to the OIE by MAY 1, 2013**. However, we can continue to accept exchange student applications from most countries until early July, but on-campus housing cannot be guaranteed. Please contact us if you have a late application.

HOUSING & MEALS

The new suite-style residence halls feature: individual bathrooms in each suite, high-speed wired and wireless internet connectivity, microwaves and refrigerators in each suite, individually controlled air-conditioning and heating, and many more features.

All exchange students should choose to live in **Wallwork Hall** when selecting their on-campus housing, as this facility is dedicated to Global Awareness. *Wallwork Suites will remain open during extended break periods such as Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break and Spring Break when other living facilities will be closed and will offer free housing during breaks for international students living on-campus.* The cost for housing in a two-person shared semi-suite is approximately US\$3,675 per semester and other suite options are available at increased costs. More information is available online at <http://www.iup.edu/housing>.

Students living on-campus must enroll in one of six available meal plans. Descriptions of each meal plan are available online at <http://www.iup.edu/page.aspx?id=23033>.

****URGENT**** With the new on-campus housing, obtaining rooms has become very competitive. The IUP Office of Housing, Residential Living and Dining requires all students to **reserve their on-campus housing by JUNE 1, 2013**. Housing requests submitted after this deadline may not be honored due to lack of rooms.

TUITION & FEES

For fee-paying exchange students, there will be an increase in the cost of tuition for 2013-14. Tuition will no longer be discounted from the out-of-state rate to the in-state rate. Rather, it will be discounted from the out-of-state rate, currently US\$8,100, to approximately US\$5,600 (still an 80% discount over other IUP international students). In addition, out-of-state fees are approximately US\$1,950 per semester.

ARRIVAL DATE

All new international students and scholars should arrive on the Arrival Date and must attend International Student Orientation. IUP sponsors a bus pick-up from the Pittsburgh International Airport for students who arrive before 20:00 on the specified arrival date. The cost is US\$60 per person, and a seat must be reserved in advance by each student by submitting the "Orientation Arrival Form" through his or her personal IUP URSA account (instructions are included in the acceptance packet). Students not arriving on the official Arrival Date must arrange their own transportation to IUP.

If students cannot arrive at the airport before 20:00 and want to ride the IUP-sponsored bus, we strongly recommend that they then arrive a day early and stay at a hotel near the airport. (More information is provided in the mailed acceptance package which includes our [IUP Pre-Arrival Guide](#)). The hotels near the airport offer free shuttle service to and from the airport, so students can be transported back to the airport to catch the IUP-sponsored bus to Indiana on the official Arrival Date.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

International Student Orientation is mandatory for all new international students and a \$125 fee will be charged to all new students for this program. Orientation is designed specifically for international students to help them succeed at IUP. They will learn about IUP academic and student services, U.S. academic culture, and student visa and immigration regulations. In addition, students will meet with academic advisors and register for courses during orientation.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2013-2014

IUP ACADEMIC CALENDAR	FALL SEMESTER 2012	SPRING SEMESTER 2013
ARRIVAL DATE <i>IUP-sponsored transportation from the Pittsburgh International Airport is available for those who arrive by 20:00. The cost is US\$60 and seats must be reserved in advance.</i>	Monday, August 19	Tuesday, January 21
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION	August 20-23	January 22-24
ACADEMIC SEMESTER	August 26- December 9	January 27- May 10
RECESS BREAKS: No Classes <i>Free break housing is available for exchange students that apply prior to break. Cafeterias will be closed.</i>	November 25-Dec. 1 <i>Thanksgiving Break</i> December 15- January 27 <i>Winter Break</i>	March 17-23 <i>Spring Break</i>
FINAL EXAMS	December 10-13	May 12-15
LAST DAY IN RESIDENCE	December 14 (must depart by 10:00 a.m.)	May 17 (must depart by 10:00 a.m.)

Attached to this email you will find copies of the following: International Exchange Application and Affidavit of Financial Support. Please distribute to your students as necessary. If we can provide further information, please contact us.

Best regards,

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