

2021 FALL CHECK-LIST FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Below you will find information related specifically for International Exchange. Please read carefully and respond to the action items by the stated deadlines. Feel free to contact the Office for Global Education (OGE) at international@purchase.edu if you have any questions on the information below.

1. Registration & Course Selection

- Faculty advisors are in the process of creating a list of suggested courses for you. OGE will reach out to you via email to put you in touch with the academic advisor who will work with you to identify your courses for the semester. Please follow all instructions and deadlines provided in the registration email.
- If you are a dance student, the Conservatory of Dance will submit the course registration form on your behalf. No action is required on your part.

2. Activate your Purchase College Account

- To set up your account, visit the [Purchase College Online Account Activation](#). You will need to enter your initials, date of birth and alternate email address (provided in your exchange application to Purchase College) to activate your account. Once your account is activated you may sign into 'myHeliotrope' on the [Current Students page](#). This portal allows you to access your Purchase email, e-bill, password and more. From this point forward, we will begin using your Purchase e-mail to communicate with you.

3. Living Accommodations

- OGE reserves housing for inbound exchange students who wish to live on campus. In order to confirm your intent and receive your housing assignment, you must complete the following steps:
 - Pay the housing deposit (\$250 USD payable by Credit Card) and complete the Residence Life License Agreement immediately in 'myHeliotrope' located on the [Current Students page](#) by **June 1, 2021**.
 - When applying for on-campus housing through MyHeliotrope, you are required to put a U.S. Emergency Contact phone number and address. If you do not have an emergency contact in the U.S., you can list the Director of International Programs and Services with 'UPD,' our University Police Departments contact info. For after-hours emergencies, UPD can contact the Office for Global

Education to make international emergency calls. If you need this, please be sure to input:

UPD / Marjorie Ramirez
914-251-6900
735 Anderson Hill Rd
Purchase, NY 10577

4. Dining and Meal Plans

- Meal Plans and Dining Options are available for both students living on-campus and off-campus. For more information, please visit: <http://www.dineoncampus.com/purchase/>.
- Students who live in apartments on-campus are not required to purchase a meal plan.

5. Health and Immunization History

- The college offers a primary healthcare facility on the campus, which provides direct patient services for routine medical conditions and refers students to off-campus specialists, as necessary. To assist the staff of Health Services in providing students with quality care, each new international student must submit the following forms directly to Health Services at HSE@purchase.edu.
 - [College Entrance Health History and Physical Examination](#)
 - [MMR Immunization Record](#)
- Complete these forms by **August 15, 2021**: New York State Law and College policy prohibits students from registering for or attending any classes before completing these three requirements. Because it is not likely that these forms will reach the college by mail before you arrive, do not mail them.
- Please follow the forms' direction on how to submit this (do not send directly to the Office for Global Education). If you have any questions you may email HSE@purchase.edu
- We highly suggest that international students bring a copy of their immunization record with them to Purchase.

6. Health Insurance

- Please note all international students will be enrolled in the International Student Health Insurance Plan offered by the State University of New York (SUNY). If you have questions on this, please contact the Office for Global Education. The premium for the insurance will be included in your tuition bill.

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7. Student ID Card: More Card

- Upload a photo and obtain your student ID Card before arriving on campus. For instructions, please go to: <https://www.purchase.edu/offices/more-card/id-photos/>
- Contact the More Card Office at pca.morecard@purchase.edu if you have any questions.
- Complete the process by **August 15, 2021** in order to have your student ID Card ready by the start of the semester.

8. Payment Information

- Your fall 2021 eBill will be available to view, download and print starting July 7, 2021. You will receive a message in your Purchase College email when the eBill is available online. If you have questions about your eBill, contact [Student Financial Services](#) at (914) 251-7000 or via email at financialservices@purchase.edu. Fall 2021 bills are due **August 11, 2021**. Instructions about wire transfers are in the bill and on the [Student Financial Services](#) web page.

9. Travel Plans

- Make Travel Arrangements: It is common for students to wait until they have received a visa, but please note, the longer you wait, the more expensive transportation can be. Please notify OGE of your travel arrangements by **August 10, 2021** by emailing international@purchase.edu the following items
 - Your Name (Last, First)
 - Mobile Telephone Number (including country code)
 - Your non-Purchase email address
 - Emergency Contact Name, Location (i.e. Paris, France), Phone Number (including country code), and Email Address
 - How you are arriving (air, bus, car, etc.)
 - Your arrival date in the U.S.
 - Are you living on campus or off?
 - Have you verified your housing (deposited for on-campus with confirmation or obtained an apartment off campus)?
 - Your expected date and arrival time to Purchase College
- Students are responsible for arranging travel to campus. Due to COVID-19, the shuttle van services typically available at airports, such as [Go Airlink NYC](#), are not in service. Instead, shuttle companies can only offer private vehicles for safety reasons. Services such as Lyft/Uber are significantly more cost effective than the private vehicle through [Go Airlink NYC](#). We strongly recommend you compare prices and choose the option you are most comfortable with. [Go Airlink NYC](#) expects rideshare services to resume in August 2021.
- Students on an F-1 visa are eligible to enter the U.S. 30 days prior to the start of their Program. The earliest an F-1 student can enter the U.S. for the fall 2021 semester is

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July 31, 2021. PLEASE NOTE: Purchase College will not be able to accommodate students with on campus housing or meal plans prior to August 24, 2021; all hotel/meals are at the student's expense.

- Special Note for Students Crossing an Air Boarder: Be sure that you keep all required documents in your carry-on luggage. You need these documents to be accessible, especially if there are any delays with receiving your checked baggage. Keep handy:
 - Passport
 - Form I-20
 - Acceptance Letter
 - Supporting documentation: housing, billing, or registration information
- Special Note for Students Crossing a Land Border into the United States: You will be required to present your Form I-20 for processing.
 - Please be sure to clearly state this is your first time entering the U.S. for purposes of F-1 Student Visa Study.
 - You will be asked to process documents inside the main office so do not be surprised if you are asked inside for further questioning.
 - Please carry with you your:
 - Passport
 - Original Form i-20
 - SEVISE Fee Receipts
 - Copies of the financial documents you submitted to Purchase
 - Please be aware that you will need to pay a \$6.00 I-94 Processing Fee; be prepared with U.S. Dollars (not debit/credit) to pay for this.

10. Arriving to Campus

- You will receive information about where to pick up your keys and how to move into your room directly from Housing. If you have any questions, please contact OCE@purchase.edu.
- Move-in day:
 - August 17, 2021: new unvaccinated F-1 students move-in (PCR test 8/20-22)
 - August 24, 2021: new vaccinated F-1 students move-in (PCR test 8/27-30)
- Campus Map: Reference the [interactive campus map](#) to find your way around.
- Late Arrivals: If you arrive on campus after 5pm, please go to University Police in the basement of the Library. University Police will contact a Housing staff member to assist you. You can reach the University Police Office by using Lincoln Avenue on campus. The entrance is at the underpass. You can contact University Police at 914-251-6900 or by using one of the blue emergency telephones anywhere on campus.
- If you are experiencing travel delays, please email the Office for Global Education (OGE) at international@purchase.edu.

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11. International Student Orientation: August 25 – 27, 2021 (in-person)

- Orientation is mandatory for all new international students, including those living on and off-campus. We will be reviewing visa/immigration, academic expectations, support services (both academic and medical), and general campus and U.S. adjustment (banking, clubs/activities, food options, etc.).
- Additional information can be found on the [International Student Orientation](#) site.

12. Phase T.W.O. Orientation: August 27-29, 2021

- Phase T.W.O. New Student Orientation is an extended program that takes place immediately prior to the beginning of classes. We require all students, face-to-face and remote, to attend programs before the fall semester.

13. Ship your Belongings

- You are welcome to ship personal belongings to Purchase College. They must be sent to your attention indicated below. Arrival of packages for holding should not be more than 2 weeks before the start of the academic semester. Mail via airmail or allow 3 months for surface mail if you are sending packages from abroad:

To: **YOUR NAME**

c/o Purchase College – Mailroom
735 Anderson Hill Road
Purchase, NY 10577 USA
Hold for Arrival on **DATE**

14. Get Connected!

- Follow us on Instagram: @global_sunypurchase

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