

2025 FALL CHECK-LIST FOR ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We're so glad you've made the decision to attend Purchase College! The Office for Global Education (OGE) is here to support you from acceptance through graduation. As you prepare for arrival, you will receive emails from both the Office of Admissions and OGE, so check your Purchase email regularly. Below is information and action items specifically for international students. 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. Review all information provided by the Office of Admissions**

- Complete the 'Next Steps' and review the information on the [Accepted Incoming International Students page](#)

☐ **2. Mark your Calendar!**

- International students will move to campus early in order to attend International Student Orientation (ISO) the week prior to the start of classes. More detailed information about ISO is below.
 - International student move-in day: Monday, August 18, 2025
 - International Student Orientation: Tuesday, August 19 – Thursday, August 21, 2025.

☐ **3. Health Insurance**

- Please note, health insurance is required for international students. All international students will be enrolled in the International Student Health Insurance Plan offered by the State University of New York (SUNY). This is a comprehensive health insurance plan that includes dental insurance. If you have questions on this, please contact the Office for Global Education at international@purchase.edu.
The premium for the insurance will be included in your semester bill.
- For details about the health insurance and dental plan, please review the [UnitedHealthcare Inbound Medical Highlight Sheet](#) and [Reliance Standard Dental Insurance Highlight Sheet](#)

☐ **4. Dining and Meal Plans**

- Meal Plans and dining options are available for both students living on-campus and off-campus. Visit the [More Card Office](#) page to purchase and view meal plan options.

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- Students who live in apartments on-campus are not required to purchase a meal plan.
- Changes to fall semester meal plans can be made through early September. Once the date has been finalized, the exact date and instructions will be listed on the [Meals Plan page](#).

☐ 5. Travel Plans

- Submit the [‘Inbound Exchange Student Travel Plans’ online form](#) to notify OGE of your travel arrangements. Deadline: **August 1, 2025**.
- Students are responsible for arranging travel to campus. You may consider reserving a shuttle van services like those found at JFK Airport. While public transportation can be used to arrive at Purchase College from all major airports, it is very time consuming and difficult to manage with luggage.
- 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 2025 semester is July 26, 2025.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Purchase College will not be able to accommodate students with on-campus housing or meal plans prior to August 18, 2025. 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.

☐ 6. Arriving to Campus

- **If you are living on campus, you must move in on Monday, August 18, 2025.**
Report to Campus Center North (see [campus map](#)) between 12:00PM – 4:00PM EST to check-in and receive keys from Residential & Student Life (Housing). Transportation from JFK (closest international airport) can take up to 3 hours between arrival, baggage pick up, and shuttle transportation. Please plan accordingly.
- If using a car service or van shuttle service, direct your driver to drop you off at parking lot 'Central 4'. It is the closest to the Campus Center North building (see [campus map](#)).
- **PLEASE NOTE: Purchase College cannot accommodate students who arrive early to campus; there is no housing or meals before Monday, August 18.** If you arrive to the U.S. earlier than this date, you are responsible for any hotel and/or meal costs.
- If it is after 5:00PM on Monday, August 18, go to the Purchase College University Police Department (see [campus map](#)). You may also call them at 915-251-6900. They will reach out to Housing staff to assist you.
- If you are experiencing travel delays, please email the Office for Global Education (OGE) at international@purchase.edu.

☐ 7. International Student Orientation (ISO): August 18 – 21, 2025

- Orientation is mandatory for all new international students. 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.).
- Students living on campus will have lunch and dinner provided on Monday, August 18; breakfast, lunch and dinner on August 19- 20; and breakfast and lunch on August 21. Meal plans begin on Thursday, August 21 (for dinner).
- Additional information can be found on the [International Student Orientation](#) site.

☐ 8. Phase T.W.O. Orientation: August 22-24, 2025

- Phase T.W.O. New Student Orientation is an extended program that takes place immediately after International Student Orientation and before classes start. We require all students to attend Orientation programs before the fall semester starts.

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☐ **9. Student ID Card: More Card**

- Upload a photo and obtain your student ID Card before arriving on campus. For instructions, please go to [More Card Office – ID Photos page](#).
- Contact the More Card Office at pca.morecard@purchase.edu if you have any questions.
- Complete the process by **August 11, 2025** in order to have your student ID Card ready on move-in day.

☐ **10. Payment Information**

- Your fall 2025 eBill will be available to view, download and print starting mid-July 2025. You will receive a message in your Purchase College inbox when the eBill is available in [MyHeliotrope](#).
- If you have questions about your eBill, contact [Student Financial Services](#) at (914) 251-7000 or via email at financialservices@purchase.edu.
- To see Fall 2025 bill payment deadlines, go to [Dates and Datelines webpage](#). Expect the payment deadline to be in **mid-August**. Instructions about wire transfers are on the bill and on the [Student Financial Services](#) web page.

☐ **11. Dietary Restrictions**

- As meals will be prepared during International Student Orientation, please fill out the [‘Dietary Restrictions’ online form](#) by **Friday, August 1, 2025** to let us know of your preferences so that we may make the necessary adjustments.

☐ **12. Shopping Trip Sign-up**

- We will make a shopping trip on Monday, August 19 at 6:00PM to a nearby shopping center to purchase essential items, such as blankets, pillows, towels, toiletries they may need upon arrival. If you would like to join please submit the [ISO Shopping Trip Sign-up Form](#) by **Monday, August 11, 2025**.

☐ **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.

To: **YOUR NAME**

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

☐ **14. Get Connected!**

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