

## 2025 SPRING 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](mailto:international@purchase.edu) if you have any questions on the information below.

☐ **1. Review all information provided by the Office of Admissions**

- All new students must complete the [required Next Steps](#)
- Review 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) prior to the start of classes. More detailed information about ISO is below.
  - International student move-in day: Sunday, January 19, 2025
  - International Student Orientation: Monday, January 20, 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](mailto:international@purchase.edu). The premium for the insurance will be included in your semester bill.
- For details about the health insurance plan, please review the [UnitedHealthcare International Student Insurance Brochure](#)
- Students have the option to request a waiver if they have a plan that meets or exceeds the SUNY coverage. Our insurance broker reviews the insurance plans and waiver requests. You may [Apply For An Inbound International Student Health Insurance Waiver](#) online. Please note, this does not guarantee your insurance will be accepted. This form allows you to submit your insurance plan information so that it may be reviewed against the SUNY plan.

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#### ☐ 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.
- Students who live in apartments on-campus are not required to purchase a meal plan.
- Changes to spring semester meal plans can be made by emailing [pca.more.card@purchase.edu](mailto:pca.more.card@purchase.edu) by 4:00PM EST on January 29, 2025.

#### ☐ 5. Travel Plans

- Submit the '[Inbound Exchange Student Travel Plans](#)' online form to notify OGE of your travel arrangements. Deadline: **January 6, 2025**.
- Students are responsible for arranging travel to campus. We recommend you reserve 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, confusing, 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, as listed on their I-20. The earliest an F-1 student can enter the U.S. for the spring 2025 semester is December 23, 2024. PLEASE NOTE: Purchase College will not be able to accommodate students with on campus housing or meal plans prior to January 19, 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.

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## ☐ 6. Arriving to Campus

- **If you are living on campus, you must move in on Sunday, January 19, 2025 between 12:00PM – 4:00PM.** Report to Campus Center North (see [campus map](#)) to receive keys from Residential 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](#)).
- **PEASE NOTE: Purchase College cannot accommodate students who arrive early to campus; there is no housing or meals before Sunday, January 19, 2025.** 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 **Sunday, January 19, 2025**, 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 the Resident Assistant on duty to assist you to your room.
- If you are experiencing travel delays, please email the Office for Global Education (OGE) at [international@purchase.edu](mailto:international@purchase.edu).

## ☐ 7. International Student Orientation (ISO): Monday, January 20, 2025; 9:00AM – 3:00PM, in the Harbor Center.

- 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.).
- Students living on campus will have lunch and dinner provided on Sunday, January 19; breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided on Monday, January 20 and breakfast and lunch will be provided on Tuesday, January 21. Meal plans begin on January 21 at 5:00PM (for dinner).
- Off-campus residents should arrive for ISO on Monday, January 20 at 9:00AM; in the Harbor Center (see [campus map](#)).
- Please find additional information on the [International Student Orientation](#) site.

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☐ **8. General New Student Orientation: Tuesday, January 21, 2025; 12:00PM – 4:00PM**

- You are required to attend the [New Student Orientation](#).

☐ **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](mailto:pca.morecard@purchase.edu) if you have any questions.
- Complete the process by **January 13, 2025** in order to have your student ID Card ready on move-in day.

☐ **10. Payment Information**

- Your spring 2025 eBill will be available to view, download and print starting mid-December. You will receive a message in your Purchase College email 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 [sfs@purchase.edu](mailto:sfs@purchase.edu)
- Spring 2025 bill is due mid-January. Exact dates will be listed on the [Dates and Deadlines](#) page.
- Payment plans and instructions about wire transfers are available on the [Pay Your Bill](#) page.

☐ **11. Dietary Restrictions**

- As meals will be prepared during International Student Orientation, please fill out the [‘Dietary Restrictions’ online form](#) by **December 15, 2024** 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 Sunday, January 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 January 6, 2025.

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☐ **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!**

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