

2024 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 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: Saturday, January 20, 2024
 - International Student Orientation: Sunday, January 21, 2024

3. 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.

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 through January 31, 2024.

5. Travel Plans

- Submit the [‘Inbound Exchange Student Travel Plans’ online form](#) to notify OGE of your travel arrangements. Deadline: **January 8, 2024**.
- 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; our office does not recommend it.
- 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 2024 semester is December 23, 2023. PLEASE NOTE: Purchase College will not be able to accommodate students with on campus housing or meal plans prior to January 20, 2024; 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 Saturday, January 20, 2024 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](#)).

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- **PEASE NOTE: Purchase College cannot accommodate students who arrive early to campus; there is no housing or meals before Saturday, January 20, 2024.** 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 Saturday, January 20, 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): Sunday, January 21, 2024; 9:00AM – 12:00PM, Multicultural 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 Saturday, January 20 as well as breakfast and lunch on Sunday, January 21. Meal plans being on January 21 at 5:00PM (for dinner).
- Off-campus residents should arrive for ISO on Sunday, January 21 at 8:30AM in the Multicultural Center.
- Please find additional information on the [International Student Orientation](#) site.

8. General New Student Orientation: Sunday, January 21, 2024; 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 if you have any questions.
- Complete the process by **January 8, 2024** in order to have your student ID Card ready on move-in day.

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10. Payment Information

- Your spring 2024 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 online. If you have questions about your eBill, contact [Student Financial Services](#) at (914) 251-7000 or via email at financialservices@purchase.edu. Spring 2024 bill is due mid-January. Payment deadlines and instructions about wire transfers are in 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 **December 15, 2023** 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 Saturday, January 20 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 8, 2024.

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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