



F-1 Transfer Pre-Arrival Checklist

- Sign and date your Form I-20** – Please read the Form I-20 carefully and sign. Note that by signing this document, you agree to comply with the terms and conditions.
- Obtain an F-1 visa** - If your visa is expired, and you plan to leave the United States, you will need to obtain a new visa. Make an appointment at a US Embassy or Consulate to apply for the required F-1 entry visa.
 - Prepare for your visa interview** - <http://www.travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/study-exchange/student.html>
- Review important information for F-1 students** - <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/>
- Create your Virginia Tech PID/2-Factor Authentication** - After you have accepted your admission, go to www.hokiespa.vt.edu and follow the instructions to create your PID and password. Make sure you refer to <http://international.vt.edu/> for instructions on setting up 2-Factor Authentication.
- Submit your Housing/Dining Contract** - through HokieSpa www.hokiespa.vt.edu.
- Complete the Health History and Immunization Form** - This form should be submitted by **August 14, 2017** using the online health portal. Information can be found here: http://www.healthcenter.vt.edu/new_student/required_immunizations.html
- Complete the health insurance requirement** - All international students in F-1 visa status are required to have health insurance that meets Virginia Tech's insurance requirements. Please refer to the enclosed **Health Insurance Requirements** and/or following website for more information about the Virginia Tech approved insurance plan: <http://www.co.vt.edu/Risk/studenthealthinsr/>
- Complete Registration Requirements** - All students have to complete registration requirements through Hokie SPA. Not completing this step will result in not being able to register for classes. Please make sure you complete this step **before** you arrive on campus. For detailed information, please visit <http://international.vt.edu/newstudents2017/pre-arrival-.html>.
- Submit a copy of official transcripts** – If your transcripts will not be received at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by **June**, please bring the sealed official transcripts with you when you arrive on campus and submit to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions in person.
- Travel arrangements** – Plan to arrive to Virginia Tech prior to the morning of **August 21, 2017**. (*Initial entry students should not attempt to enter the U.S. more than 30 days prior to the program start date*).
 - The closest Airport to Blacksburg, VA is the **Roanoke Regional Airport** (Airport Code ROA).
 - Students can use the **SmartWay** bus (www.smartwaybus.com) to travel from the airport to Virginia Tech. The cost is \$4.00 (exact change only). Service is not available on Sundays. Please see bus schedule online.

- Students can also arrange transportation service with **Roanoke Airport Transportation Service** (<http://www.roanokeats.com/>) for \$66 per person. **24-hour advanced reservation is required.** Carpool option is available.
- Temporary housing is available through **Conference and Guest Services at Virginia Tech.** Please visit the “Lodging” section of our page for registration details (<http://international.vt.edu/newstudents2017/arrival-.html>) or email conferences@vt.edu.

Bring Copies of your Immigration documents. – Please bring the following documents to Cranwell International Center in order to complete **Immigration Check-In:**

- Immigration Check-In Form
- Photocopy of identification page(s) of your passport;
- Photocopy of the US entry visa (if applicable) in your passport;
- Photocopy of your signed Form I-20 or Form DS-2019 (if applicable); and
- Printout of your Form I-94 Arrival/Departure Record.

For detailed information, please visit <http://international.vt.edu/newstudents2017/immigration-check-in.html>

Register for Orientation Sessions. – Orientation has two parts: August 21-August 23 and August 24. You must register for **BOTH** sessions in order to complete this process. For detailed information and registration, please visit <http://international.vt.edu/newstudents2017/orientation-.html> and click on the “Register for Orientation” tab.

**For detailed and up-to-date information, please visit the Cranwell International Center website.
Please read all communications from international@vt.edu carefully.
We look forward to meeting you soon!**

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