

PREPARATION CHECKLIST INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SUMMER 2015

The following checklist is not intended to be comprehensive, but rather a guide of essential items to bring, or consider before coming to the U.S. As always, check for travel alerts and warnings for the country(ies) that you might be transiting through and for your final destination.

ACADEMICS

On May 28th, you will receive an email prompting you to activate your new Haverford user account. This email will be sent to your personal email account currently on record with Haverford's Admission Office. In order to complete Haverford's required forms and assignments this summer, you must activate this account as soon as you are prompted to do so. You should ensure that the Admission Office has your up-to-date contact information before May 28th and contact the Admission Office with any updates.

The Dean for First-Year Students will communicate with you directly through email and, more regularly, through our website called The First Year Blog <http://blogs.haverford.edu/firstyear/>. The First Year website is a vital resource for members of the Class of 2019. The website includes a Summer Section that details critical deadlines and provides links to important forms and assignments that you need to complete this summer. Links on the website will activate at different points throughout the summer. You should make a habit of checking The First Year website regularly. Below is a list of summer academic deadlines. For a complete list and more details, check out the First Year website.

Checklist: to do

- Notify the College if you will need academic accommodations (due in June)
- Submit Writing Placement Examination (due in July)
- Submit Advisor Questionnaire (due in July)
- Take required Placement Examinations (due in August)
- Complete the Academic Integrity Tutorial (due in August)

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

Students have different academic needs, and many students at Haverford (about 10%) use accommodations due to a learning difference, physical disability, medical condition, or psychological condition. If you think you have a disability and might benefit from accommodations, you should contact the Office of Disabilities Services (ODS) to explore options. You can also find more information here: <http://www.haverford.edu/ods/>.

Students are never required to use accommodations, or disclose their diagnosis to professors or peers. If you decide to use accommodations, ODS will need documentation of your disability from a doctor (they will explain what information they need). ODS emails students using accommodations an "Accommodation Verification Letter", which they are then responsible for giving to each of their professors. If you are unsure if you have a disability, ODS can recommend places you can have an evaluation done. ODS also helps provide housing accommodations for students that need specific housing due to a disability.

Checklist: if applicable

- I have read the services available to students on the Counseling and Psychological Services... website
- Audio Books needed
- Audio Books not needed
- A note taker is required
- An Interpreter is required
- A recording device is required
- I have contacted Psychological Services

ATHLETICS

While it is normal for F-1 students to participate on a team that requires early arrival, the student is still expected to participate in ISO. It is the responsibility of the student to communicate this information to the ISSO and their coach.

Checklist: if applicable

- I have informed the athletic coach
- I have informed the ISSO

BANKING

An overview of U.S. Banking will be conducted by a local bank representative. Students will be able to open a U.S. bank account during ISO. For more information on U.S. banking, please see the International Student Handbook on line. In addition, you can access the websites of banks in the area that is in close proximity to Haverford College.

https://www.wellsfargo.com/locator/bank/402_W_LANCASTER_AVE_HAVERFORD_PA_19041

<http://www.bmtc.com/home/index.html>

<http://www.tdbank.com>

<http://www.citizensbank.com/promotions/brand/sem/brand.aspx>

<https://www.bankofamerica.com>

Checklist: to do

- Determine if an international wire transfer is possible from my country
- Determine how much cash (if any) I am allowed to take from my home country
- Determine the amount of immediate funds needed for when I arrive in the U.S.

BUSINESS OFFICE: STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Among its many functions, the Business Office is responsible for Student Billing.

All students are expected to pay their bill by the due date specified on your Student Account Bill, which will be sent to you from Barbara Wilson (bwilson@haverford.edu). Be prepared to meet financial obligations at Haverford College (Check drawn on a U.S. Bank or Wire Transfer of funds is acceptable for payment). Financial holds will be placed on student accounts with an outstanding balance. (Due in August 2015 for Semester I and January 2016 for Semester II).

If you do not receive your bill in the mail due to international mail delivery problems and or delays, you should access your account on the College's BIONIC system. Payment must be received prior to the start of classes each term.

Checklist: have I done everything (if applicable)?

- I have read the information on the Student Accounts website
- I informed and shared the bill with my parents/guardians
- I fully understand the charges on my student bill
- I do not understand the charges on my student account, but will seek clarification from the Business Office, Student Accounts, before arrival
- I've decided my method of payment (Check [check should not be post-dated, it will not be processed], Money Order, Wire transfer, cash [cash should not be mailed; it must be hand-delivered to the relevant person in the Business Office; request a receipt])
- I paid my tuition, room and board prior to departure OR I will pay my tuition, room and board upon arrival
- I anticipate financial difficulties in this regard and notified the Dir. of ISSO

Haverford's current wire information is:

TD Bank, NA

300 Delaware Avenue
Wilmington, DE 19801
ABA number 031101266

Haverford College
Haverford, PA 19041
Account Number 369139456

or SWIFT NRTHUS33XXX
Account number 369139456

BUSINESS OFFICE: SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS

Note: The intent of the following information on *Scholarship/Grants* is to bring awareness to non-resident aliens so that they will not be surprised if asked to pay a particular sum of money related to withholding tax. What is being asked of this group of students will take place mid-fall and after the recipients receive a U.S. Tax Identification Number.

A scholarship or grant paid to a non-resident alien holding an F visa (also J, M and Q) may be subject to Federal Income Tax withholding at a rate of about 14%. A non-resident alien student (including a trainee or business apprentice) who is receiving a non-compensatory scholarship or fellowship, and whose country has a tax treaty agreement with the United States, can avoid withholding taxes; however, the non-resident alien must complete the W-8BEN Form. (The Form must include a U.S. Tax Identification Number.) If non-resident aliens are not claiming a tax treaty benefit, there is no need for the non-resident alien to complete the W-8BEN Form.

The Form will be distributed by the International Student Services Office and must be completed and returned to Denise Allison (Stokes Hall, Room 111-B), who will then submit it to the Haverford College Business Office.

DENTAL AND VISION CARE

Since your medical insurance at Haverford College does not cover dental or vision care, you might consider getting a checkup at your personal dentist before travelling to the United States.

If it is not possible for you to accomplish this task before leaving your home country, you might consider purchasing a dental plan and vision care in the U.S.

Checklist: have I done everything (if applicable)?

- I had my dental appointment prior to leaving for the U.S.
- I will arrange for a dental appointment in the U.S. at my own initiative and expense
- I had my eyes examined prior to leaving for the U.S.
- I do not need an eye exam at this time
- I will arrange for an eye exam in the U.S. at my own initiative and expense
- I will bring my eye prescription from home

DRIVER'S LICENSE

First-year students are not allowed to have cars on campus; however, some students after a year decides to purchase a car in the U.S. A driver's license is required (Further information will be presented during ISO (International Students Orientation)).

Checklist: if applicable

- I already have a driver's license in my country
- I plan to drive in the U.S. in the future; I have secured an International Driver's License

FINANCIAL AID

Note that all students are expected to contribute towards their college education. There is a summer "earning" expectation of students. In addition, families are expected to contribute a certain amount of funds, regardless of whether or not the students are receiving a full grant. The expectation is referred to as EFC (Expected Family Contribution)

Checklist: have I done everything (if applicable)?

- I have read the information on the Financial Aid Website
- I filled out the necessary forms and returned them to the Financial Aid Office
- I received my financial aid award letter (if applicable)
- I understand the contents of the award letter
- I do not understand the contents of the letter, but will contact the Financial Aid Office for clarification

GIFTS

If you may be visiting friends' homes over vacation periods, consider bringing small gifts to give to hosts.

HEALTH INSURANCE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

All Haverford Students are required to carry appropriate health insurance. The deadline for purchasing health insurance is August.

Checklist: have I done everything (if applicable)?

- Purchased health insurance for at least a \$500,000 benefit per Policy Year, full coverage for maternity, and coverage for medical care in the Philadelphia (due August 1st)
- I know what my policy number is
- I anticipate financial difficulties in this area and informed the Dir. of ISSO
- Vaccinations, all are completed
- Return medical health records to Health Services (due in July 21)

- Need air conditioning due to a medical-documented health related need, read the Residential Life's website

RESIDENTIAL LIFE: HOUSING ACCOMMODATIONS AND/OR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Welcome and detailed Residential Life information can be found on the Office of Residential Life's First-Year webpage. Follow the instructions there.

- First-Year Housing Questionnaire (due in June 18). The link to this form is contained on the First-Year website's Summer Section (<http://blogs.haverford.edu/firstyear/>) along with detailed instructions for completion.
- Incoming first-year students sometimes have individual needs or circumstances that warrant special housing consideration. Please see the [Office of Disability Services](http://www.haverford.edu/ods/accommodations/housing_accommodations.php) (http://www.haverford.edu/ods/accommodations/housing_accommodations.php) for information and procedures for requesting Housing Accommodations. Even if you have been in touch with other offices, (e.g. Health Services or Office of Disability Services), students *must also let Residential Life know on the First-Year Housing Questionnaire* if you are requesting housing accommodations (e.g. modified housing facilities, medical need for air conditioner) or have any special circumstances. Some offices are closed or have limited hours in the summer, so there could be a significant delay in their sending Residential Life this pertinent information.
- Submit One-Card application and photo of yourself (due July 1). Your OneCard will be your school identification document, building access card, Campus Cash Card, and meal card. Further information about the OneCard can be found here <http://www.brynmaur.edu/onecard/>.
- **Order bed linens (due in July)**. These can be sent directly to Haverford College.
- Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of Residential Life if you are unclear about anything. (Contact information is on their website.)

PERSONAL

Checklist: have I done everything (if applicable)?

- I have evaluated my personal needs
- I will purchase bulky items in the U.S. due to cost and convenience
- I will bring bulky items from home
- I will/will not purchase my winter clothing in the U.S.
- I have ample supply (at least one month) of my prescribed medication
- My medication contains the proper label
- Purchase items for grooming or make-up that are not available in the U.S.
- I anticipate financial difficulties and have informed the Dir. of ISSO
- I will bring my favorite pictures and music

REGISTRAR

Checklist: to do

- Submit Student Entry Record (SER) (due June 19)
- Submit Privacy Request Form for the On-Line and Hard Copy Directories

TECHNOLOGY

The Instructional and Information Technology Services (IITS) provides faculty, staff and students with an array of services. In order to communicate effectively with the Administration, Staff and Faculty over the summer, you should activate your student email account. Guidelines will be sent from IITS shortly. Once your Haverford email is established, the ISSO will communicate with you using that email address.

Note that while computers are available at the library and the computer labs, you might want to consider other options.

Checklist: have I done everything (if applicable)?

- Activate my Haverford Email Account (<http://iits.haverford.edu>)
- Complete the Technology Orientation Quiz
- Bring a computer/lap top to the U.S.
- Wait and purchase a computer/lap top on my own in the U.S.
- Remove all software used for file-sharing or peer-to-peer networking before arriving and connecting to Haverford's network. Running BitTorrent or other similar software programs can subject you to steep fines, disconnection from the network and other significant disciplinary action. Haverford takes illegal downloading and sharing of movies, music, books and software seriously and will strictly enforce these rules.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

While most students are aware that they should carry medical insurance, which is a requirement for all students at Haverford College, few are aware that they should also consider purchasing travel, dental and vision care insurance. Please contact associations or licensing authorities that specialize in travel insurance.

VISA INTERVIEW

Checklist: have I done everything (if applicable)?

- My visa application was approved
- My visa application was denied
- I understand the reason for my visa denial
- I have read the information from the U.S. Bureau of Counselor Affairs regarding visa denials found at:
<http://travel.state.gov/isa/frvi/denials/denials1361.html>
- I informed the school of my visa denial
- I will defer my admission for a year
- I will decline my acceptance to Haverford

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ISO 2015

Emergency Contact Information (REQUIRED)

Name: _____

Haverford Student ID: _____

Student's Cell Phone: _____

1st Contact	Full name:	Relationship to Student:
	E-mail:	
	Cell Phone Number:	Home Number:
2nd Contact	Full name:	Relationship to Student:
	E-mail:	
	Cell Phone Number:	Home Number:
Relatives /Friends in the U.S.	Full name:	Relationship to Student:
	E-mail:	
	Cell Phone Number:	Home Number:
Additional Information Concerning your Well-being		

Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

PRE-DEPARTURE CHECK LIST FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS SUMMER 2015

Prior to Departing for ISO:

- ✓ Obtain F-1 Visa
- ✓ IF NEED BE, MAKE THE NECESSARY HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS
- ✓ Familiarize yourself with the different types of documents (visa, passport and I-20 form)
- ✓ Purchase medical insurance (see the information sent to you from the Health Services Office at Haverford College)
- ✓ Arrange travel plans—purchase airline ticket so that you arrive on time for ISO
- ✓ Purchase Travel Insurance to cover medical emergencies, personal liability, property insurance, loss, etc.
- ✓ Place SEVIS I-20 Form with your valid passport, SEVIS Fee receipt, documentation of financial resources and airline tickets or voucher in a safe place and carry with you while traveling
- ✓ Bring something that reflects your culture for ‘Show and Tell’ during ISO
- ✓ Bring one complete set of copies of your documents for your file in the ISSO
- ✓ Leave a complete set of copies of all of your documents with your parents/guardians
- ✓ Complete ISO Registration Form and return via email to dallison@haverford.edu
- ✓ Send your travel itinerary to the International Student Services Office
- ✓ If needed, arrange for travel assistance from Philadelphia Airport, 30th Street Station, or Haverford Train Station with the International Student Services Office
- ✓ Bring small amount of U.S. Currency to cover immediate expenses such as train ticket, taxi fare, tips, meals (gratuity 15%), and consumer taxes (6%-7%)
- ✓ Bring funds for winter clothing shopping, which will be arranged by the International Student Services Office and the International Students Association
- ✓ Bring one suit of clothing in your carry-on luggage (at times, luggage get lost in transit)
- ✓ Remove all sharp objects, such as finger nail files, nail clippers, razors, scissors, pocket knives, from your carry-on luggage
- ✓ Carry your medication in the container dispensed by the physician and or pharmacy
- ✓ Place “Emergency Contact Information” in your wallet
- ✓ Give your parents/guardians the “Emergency Contact” number for Haverford (610) 896-1111 and the International Student Services Office (610) 896-2960
- ✓ Send a copy of your travel itinerary to the International Student Services Office
- ✓ Leave a copy of your travel itinerary with your parents/guardians
- ✓ Review travel warnings on line
- ✓ Apply for an International Driver’s License if you plan to drive in the U.S.
- ✓ Purchase an international SIM card for your cell phone
- ✓ Place tags (identification) on and inside your luggage. Include your name, Haverford’s mailing address, and a contact telephone number, which should include ISSO – 610-896-2960.
- ✓ Pictures of family members for those moments!
- ✓ If you will be shopping on Amazon.Com for your personal needs, set up an account on line

Note: Cash in the amount of \$10,000 (U.S.) or more must be declared on your customs form provided in-flight by the flight attendants. Failure to do so might result in a Customs official confiscating your cash. It is the law!

SHOPPING LIST FOR COLLEGE—2015/2016

Below is a list of suggested items to purchase before coming to ISO. We recommend purchasing these items in the U.S. If you cannot get these items prior to ISO, you will have an opportunity to go shopping during ISO with your peers and ISRPs **ONLY!**

ITEMS	APPROXIMATE COST IN U.S. DOLLARS
1. Desk Lamp	\$7.00-30.00
2. Notebooks	\$5.00-15.00
3. Small Bookshelf	\$20.00-29.00
4. Fan	\$16.00-20.00
5. Bedding	\$30.00-40.00
6. Warm Blankets	\$20.00 (for 4 blankets)
7. Small trash can for room	\$11.00 (top)
8. Bathroom caddy	\$13.00
9. Health and beauty products	\$40.00-80.00
10. Bath Towels and wash cloths	\$30.00
11. Laundry Detergent	\$10.00
12. Laundry Basket or Sack	\$15.00
13. Towel Rack (for over the door)	\$16.00
14. Clothing Hangers	\$20.00
15. Plastic bins (organizers)	\$16.00
16. Bed Risers (it allows for additional storage under the bed)	\$17.00
<u>Kitchen Ware (if living in HCA and not on the meal plan)</u>	
17. Pots and pans	\$25.00 (for 1 pot & 1 pan)
18. Silverware	\$20.00
19. Cutlery	\$25.00
20. Dishes, bowls, mugs, glasses	\$75.00
21. Dishwashing soap	\$10.00
22. Dishrags and towels	\$30.00
23. Small trash can for kitchen	\$5.00
24. Trash bags	\$13.00
25. Dish drying rack	\$10.00
26. Paper towel	\$1 (each) or \$23 (for 24)
27. Coffee maker for coffee drinkers	\$25

Note: some students choose to set up accounts on Amazon.com for their purchases and have it mailed to them at the college. Mailing address at Haverford College is: 370 Lancaster Ave, Haverford, P.A. 19041-1392. Please note that we are not endorsing Amazon.com.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2015-2016*

SEMESTER I (FALL 2015)

Wednesday, August 26	First year and transfer students arrive
Sunday, August 30	Residence Halls open for returning students,
Monday, August 31	Classes begin at Haverford, Bryn Mawr, and Swarthmore Registration begins
Friday, September 4	Last day to uncover Pass/Fail courses from previous semester
Monday, September 7	Labor Day – Classes not in session
Wednesday, September 5	Final academic verification at Haverford and Bryn Mawr Registration ends
Friday, September 18	Last day to request Pass/Fail, First Quarter courses only
Friday, October 9	Last day to drop a credit at Haverford and Bryn Mawr Last day to request Pass/Fail, Full Semester courses only Fall break begins at 4:00 p.m.
Monday, October 19	Classes resume at 8:30 a.m.
Friday, October 23	First quarter classes end Family and Friends Weekend
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Monday, October 26	Second quarter class begin
Friday, October 30	Faculty reports of concern to CSSP due Petitions to CSSP due
Monday, November 2	Pre-Registration for spring semester begins
Wednesday, November 4	Last day to drop second quarter class
Friday, November 13	Last day to request Pass/Fail, second quarter courses only Pre-Registration for spring semester ends
Wednesday, November 2	Thanksgiving break begins at 4:00 p.m.
Monday, November 30	Classes resume at 8:30 a.m.
Friday, December 11	Classes end at Haverford; optional Reading Day All papers (except those in lieu of exams) due
Saturday, December 12 -	Reading Period
Sunday, December 13	
Monday, December 14-	Final Examination Period
Friday, December 18	
Friday, December 18	Semester ends at 12:00 noon Final examinations due at 12:00 noon
Monday, January 4	Final grades due in Registrar's Office by 12:00 noon

SEMESTER II (SPRING 2016)

Monday, January 18	Martin Luther King Day, Classes begin at Swarthmore
Tuesday, January 19	Classes begin at Haverford and Bryn Mawr Registration begins
Friday, January 22	Last day to uncover Pass/Fail courses from previous semester
Wednesday, January 27	Final academic verification at Haverford and Bryn Mawr Registration ends
Friday, February 5	Last day to request Pass/Fail, First Quarter courses only
Friday, February 26	Last day to drop a credit at Haverford and Bryn Mawr Last day to request Pass/Fail, Full Semester courses only
Friday, March 4	First quarter classes end Spring break begins at 4:00 p.m.
Monday, March 14	Classes resume at 8:30 a.m. Second quarter classes begin
Friday, March 18	Faculty reports of concern to CSSP due Petitions to CSSP due
Wednesday, March 23	Last day to drop second quarter class
Friday, April 1	Last day to request Pass/Fail, Second Quarter courses only
Monday, April 4	Pre-Registration for fall semester begins
Friday, April 15	Pre-Registration for fall semester ends Major Declaration Forms due in Registrar's Office Returning students' Financial Aid Applications due
Friday, April 29	Classes end at Haverford and Bryn Mawr All papers (except those in lieu of exams) and lab notebooks due
Saturday, April 30 -	Reading Period
Tuesday, May 3	
Monday, May 2 -	Senior Comprehensive Examinations
Wednesday, May 4	
Wednesday, May 4	Final Examination Period begins
Saturday, May 7	Final examinations for Seniors due at 5:00 p.m.
Monday, May 9	Senior Grades due in Registrar's Office by 5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 13	Semester II ends at noon Final examinations for Underclassmen due at noon
Saturday, May 14	Commencement at Haverford College – 10:00 a.m.* Commencement at Bryn Mawr College
Friday, May 20	Final grades due in the Registrar's Office by 12:00 noon
Friday, May 27 -	Alumni Weekend
Sunday, May 29	

*Subject to change

Driving Directions to Haverford College



From the West:

Take Pennsylvania Turnpike to Exit 326 (old exit 24) Valley Forge Interchange. Follow sign to I-76 East (Schuylkill Expressway). Take I-76 to Exit 331A for I-476 (South-Chester). Proceed south on I-476 to Exit #13 (US 30) St. Davids/Villanova. Turn east (right) onto Lancaster Avenue (US 30). Proceed east on Lancaster Avenue for about 3.5 miles through Villanova, Rosemont and Bryn Mawr to Haverford. After you pass the Haverford Post Office on your left, turn right at the main entrance of the Haverford campus (just past the "Haverford College" sign) onto College Lane. Follow signs to the visitor parking lot.

From north of Philadelphia:

Take Northeast Extension South to toll booth at I-476 South-Chester. Follow I-476 South to Exit #13 (US 30) St. Davids/Villanova. Turn east (right) onto Lancaster Avenue (US 30). Proceed east on Lancaster Avenue for about 3.5 miles through Villanova, Rosemont and Bryn Mawr to Haverford. After you pass the Haverford Post Office on your left, turn right at the main entrance of the Haverford campus (just past the "Haverford College" sign) onto College Lane. Follow signs to the visitor parking lot.

From south of Philadelphia:

Take I-95 north to the Blue Route: North I-476, exit 7. Follow I-476 north to Exit #13 (US 30) St. Davids/Villanova. Turn east (right) onto Lancaster Avenue (US 30). Proceed east on Lancaster Avenue (US 30). Proceed east on Lancaster Avenue for about 3.5 miles. After you pass the Haverford Post Office on your left, turn right at the main entrance of the Haverford campus (just past the "Haverford College" sign) onto College Lane. Follow signs to the visitor parking lot.

From Northern New Jersey:

Leave the New Jersey Turnpike at Exit 6 (Pennsylvania Turnpike entrance). Join the Pennsylvania Turnpike, driving west to Exit 333 (which leads directly to toll booth) at I-476 South-Chester. Proceed south on I-476 to Exit #13 (US 30) St. Davids/Villanova. Turn east onto Lancaster Avenue (US 30). Proceed east on Lancaster Avenue for about 3.5 miles through Villanova, Rosemont and Bryn Mawr to Haverford. After you pass the Haverford Post Office on your left, turn right at the main entrance of the Haverford campus (just past the "Haverford College" sign) onto College Lane. Follow signs to the Visitor parking lot.

From Southern New Jersey:

Take New Jersey Turnpike to 322 West. Cross the Commodore Barry Bridge to I-95 North; follow I-95 North to Exit #7 for I-476. Follow I-476 north to Exit #13 (US 30) St. Davids/Villanova. Turn east onto Lancaster Avenue (US 30). Proceed east on Lancaster Avenue for about 3.5 miles through Villanova, Rosemont and Bryn Mawr to Haverford. After you pass the Haverford Post Office on your left, turn right at the main entrance of the Haverford campus (just past the "Haverford College" sign) onto College Lane. Follow signs to the visitor parking lot.

From Center City Philadelphia (By Automobile):

Join I-76 West (Schuylkill Expressway) and stay west following Valley Forge signs. As soon as you see the City Avenue exit sign, get into the extreme left lane. Take exit marked City Avenue (US 1 South). Once on to City Avenue, travel about 2 1/2 miles, turn right onto Lancaster Avenue (US 30 West) and drive about 3 miles through Wynnewood and Ardmore to Haverford. The "Haverford College" sign at College Lane is on the left immediately after the Citizens Bank (also on the left). The entrance to the campus is at College Lane.

From Philadelphia International Airport (By Automobile):

Leaving the airport, take I-95 South to exit #7 for I-476. Proceed north to I-476 to Exit #13 (US 30) St. Davids/Villanova. Turn east on Lancaster Avenue (US 30). Proceed east on Lancaster Avenue for about 3.5 miles through Villanova, Rosemont and Bryn Mawr to Haverford. After you pass the Haverford Post Office on your left, turn right at the main entrance of the Haverford campus (just past the "Haverford College" sign) onto College Lane. Follow sign to the visitor parking lot.

From Washington D.C. and Other Southern Points (Via I-95):

After Chester take exit #7 for I-476. Follow I-476 North/Plymouth Meeting. Continue to Exit 13 (old exit #5) for US Rt. 30 St. Davids/Villanova. Turn east on Lancaster Avenue (US 30). Proceed east on Lancaster Avenue for about 3.5 miles through Villanova, Rosemont and Bryn Mawr to Haverford. After you pass the Haverford Post Office on your left, turn right at the main entrance of the Haverford campus (just past the "Haverford College" sign) onto College Lane. Follow sign to the visitor parking lot.

Via Rt. 1:

Stay on US 1 (making sure to take the Media By-Pass) to I-476 North/Plymouth Meeting. Continue on I-476 to Interchange #5 (US 30) St. Davids/Villanova. Turn east on Lancaster Avenue (US 30). Proceed east on Lancaster Avenue for about 3.5 miles through Villanova, Rosemont and Bryn Mawr to Haverford. After you pass the Haverford Post Office on your left, turn right at the main entrance of the Haverford campus (just past the "Haverford College" sign) onto College Lane. Follow sign to the visitor parking lot.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

ISO 2015

1. Is it mandatory that I attend the International Students Orientation (ISO)?

Yes. F-1-visa students, guest students, transfer, and exchange students **are required** to attend ISO.

U.S. citizens (those living in Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the U.S. Virgin Islands) who have not spent at least two consecutive years prior to graduating from high school on this side of the U.S. **are required** to attend ISO.

Students with dual citizenship (U.S. and another country) that completed high school outside the U.S. **are required** to attend ISO.

Permanent residents of the U.S. (holders of Green Card) who did not complete high school in the U.S. **are required** to attend ISO.

2. When will I receive my I-20 Form?

I-20 Forms are issued after you have been **officially** offered admittance by the Haverford College Admissions Office and you have **formally** accepted. Also, evidence of your **financial resources** to meet your educational expenses is required in order to process your I-20 Form. In addition, **the Admissions Officer will require government issued document(s) bearing your authentic name.** After all of the necessary documents are received and reviewed by the Registrar, the I-20 Forms are then prepared by the Registrar's office and mailed to students via Mr. Charlie Leizear, International Student Counselor in the Admission Office.

3. What documents do F-1 students need to have in their possession before coming to the U.S.?

Current Passport (with F-1 Visa Stamp)

U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBO) admission stamp (stamped in your passport upon arrival)

I-20 Form

Evidence of financial resources

Letter of admittance

Invitation letter to attend ISO

U.S. citizens and Permanent Residents should have their U.S. Government issued document(s)

4. How do I register for ISO?

By filling out the ISO 2015 Registration Form (can be found in this package or online at <http://www.haverford.edu/international-students/>) and emailing it to dallison@haverford.edu.

5. Will a confirmation be sent to me once the ISO Registration Form is received?

Yes. The International Student Services Office will send you an email confirming your registration.

6. Will ISO interfere with me participating in Customs Week?

No. ISO begins on Sunday, August 23, and ends on Wednesday, August 26 at noon. Customs Week starts in the afternoon of Wednesday, August 26. Domestic students (unless they arrive early for other

programs) will only get to campus on Wednesday, so you will not miss out on meeting anyone or on participating in any activities.

7. Can my parents attend ISO?

No. ISO is only for students.

8. Since my parent(s)/other family members/friends will be accompanying me to Haverford can he/she/they stay in my room with me?

No. We have to be considerate of all our students. We cannot allow some parents, aunts, uncles, siblings, friends, etc. to sleep in your room or remain for unreasonable amounts of time, no matter how extenuating the circumstances. There are hotels and bed and breakfasts that are in close proximity to Haverford's campus. The website with information on the offerings is <http://www.haverford.edu/visiting/lodging.php>

9. Can I stay in the hotel/bed and breakfast with my family during ISO?

No. ISO program is designed to help acquaint you with other students and become familiar with your educational setting and cultural atmosphere.

10. Can my parents, other family members, or friends take me off campus during ISO?

In the past, we have found this to be disruptive for the other participants and ISO staff, but more IMPORTANTLY, for the student. While we realize that separation can be difficult, the longer the delay, the more problematic it is for the student to adjust to their new environment.

11. Are there any programs for parents during ISO?

Families and friends will be invited to a Welcome Luncheon, a tour of the campus and a reception/talk on arrival day. Further information will be sent by mid-summer from the International Student Services and the Office of Institutional Advancement. A more robust program for parents will be held on *Opening Day*, Wednesday, August 26, 2015. Information will be sent by the Dean's Office at a later date. Parents of International students are encouraged to attend Family Weekend on the weekend of October 30 through November 1, 2015. Parents will receive further information regarding this from the President's Office.

12. When is the arrival date and time for ISO?

Date and time of arrival is on Sunday, August 23, 2015 between **9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon**. Please report to Stokes Hall, First Floor.

13. When is the latest date I can arrive on campus?

First consult with the ISSO Director by calling 610-896-2960. If for some unforeseen reason you cannot attend ISO, you should report to Haverford College no later than the date specified on your I-20 Form (#5). U.S. Immigration law requires F-1 students to register within 30 days of your program of study.

14. What will happen once I arrive on campus on check-in day?

After reporting to Stokes Hall, First Floor, you will be greeted by the ISRPs, the Director for International Student Services, and other members of the Early Return Administrative Team.

You will be given your dorm key, an ISO Schedule, your OneCard ID and then report to your dorm room. (If you did not send your photograph, then you will need to see a staff member in the Campus Safety Office.) An ISRP will assist you in getting your OneCard and escorting you to your dorm room.

15. What if I cannot arrive on time to attend ISO?

F-1 students will be required to schedule an appointment with the Director of International Student Services on the first day of their arrival. At that meeting you should bring your Passport, and your I-20

Form and be prepared to print your I-94 Number on line. Your F-1 status and the responsibilities that come with it will be discussed during a one-on-one appointment.

Important! The Director of International Student Services or the Registrar must register you in the SEVIS system. If we do not report your arrival and register, you might be considered to be in violation of your status in the U.S. We **must** see you in person! Final SEVIS registration for Semester I and Semester II will take place after the Final Academic Verification date. (See the Academic Calendar for 2015-2016.)

16. What is the cost of ISO?

All events related to ISO will be free of cost to you and you will be given a small amount of cash and two train tickets for your excursion to Philadelphia with your peers. All other expenses that you incur will be your responsibility.

17. How can I travel to Haverford?

Please access this web page for instructions,

<http://www.haverford.edu/visiting/gettinghere.php>. Also, please see the information on "Transportation" enclosed in the packet of information sent to you from the Office of International Student Services.

If you are uncomfortable taking a taxi from Philadelphia International Airport or 30th Street Station (AMTRAK) and would prefer to have someone meet you at either of these locations, please contact the International Student Services Office for further information.

18. Will the College provide bed linen, blanket and pillow for students?

Please see this web page.

http://www.haverford.edu/housing/first-year_students.php.

Note: Students who order bed linen, blanket and pillow, will also be able to retrieve these belongings on Sunday, August 23, 2015 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon in Stokes Hall at the time of check-in.

19. What can you tell me about the climate and clothing I should bring?

The temperature is usually 20-30°F/-7-1°C during the winter months and 90°F/32°C with high humidity during the summer months. A heavy overcoat (winter jacket) is necessary for the cold months. There will be opportunities for you to do clothes shopping if you are coming from a climate where you do not experience winters.

20. What sort of clothing should I wear to ISO?

ISO takes place toward the end of the summer, so it is usually warm and humid. You should be comfortable in modest summer clothing, but it is good to also have some warm clothes in case it is cold overnight, and a raincoat.

21. How do students usually dress for classes?

Students do not normally dress formally for classes. Most students wear jeans, trousers, t-shirts, sweat shirts, warm up suits, shorts, blouses, skirts, sneakers, loafers (casual shoes) to classes. It would be wise to also bring formal attire and business casual for special events. You may also want to bring clothing that is traditional to your homeland to wear to special events such as our International Students Reception, celebrations or speaking engagements.

22. Can I have personal items (not in violation of the laws of the U.S.) shipped to myself at Haverford?

Yes you can; however, the package must be addressed to yourself in care of (c/o) Denise Allison (ISSO) or Central Receiving, using Haverford's mailing address:

Example: Joe Culliver Jones, Class of 2019
c/o Denise Allison (ISSO)
370 Lancaster Avenue
Haverford, PA 19041
U.S.A

OR Joe Culliver Jones, Class of 2019
c/o Central Receiving
370 Lancaster Avenue
Haverford, PA 19041, U.S.A

ISRPs will be able to assist you in retrieving your package(s) from Central Receiving after Sunday, August 23.

23. Will my meals be covered during ISO?

Yes.

24. Can I apply for an International Driver's License in the U.S.?

No. You can only apply for an international driver's license in your home country. This license only verifies that you can and are allowed to drive in your country. Please visit the following website for complete information on an International Driver's License and Driving in the United States
http://www.usa.gov/Topics/Foreign_Visitors_Driving.shtml

25. Are first-year students allowed to have cars on campus?

No. First-year students are not allowed to have cars on campus.

26. Will information on Banking be provided during ISO?

Yes. You will also have an opportunity to open a bank account during ISO.

27. Which is the closest International Airport to Haverford?

Philadelphia International Airport is the closest airport to Haverford's campus. It might be more convenient for you to fly to Philadelphia or arrange for a connecting flight from New York's JFK International and LaGuardia Airports or Newark Airport in New Jersey.

28. If I arrive after 12:00 Noon on August 23, where should I report?

You should report to Stokes Hall, Room 111-B until 4:00 p.m.; after 4:00 p.m., please report to the Campus Safety Office, located in the GIAC (Gardner Integrated Athletic Center). Please ring the doorbell at the entrance of the building, state who you are and the nature of your business. In addition, ask the Campus Safety Officer to contact the Director of International Student Services. The Director or an ISRP will come to the Campus Safety Office to greet you and escort you to your dorm room.

29. What can you tell me about personal safety while traveling?

As with anywhere in the world you go, there is crime! Some situations might not be preventable; however, there are precautions that you can take in order not to become an easy victim. For example, when traveling, do not carry or display exorbitant amounts of cash and/or jewelry. Wear minimal jewelry or none at all. Carry traveler's cheques (checks), or major credit cards. Carry these items on your person and not in your luggage, or leave in storage locker. Do not display items where they can be seen in any locked motor vehicle. If someone demands money from you, do not resist, rather, give them the money. Your safety is more important. For emergencies, please call 911, which is the emergency number in the United States. More detailed information will be imparted to you during Customs Week.

30. Who on Haverford's campus should I contact in case of an emergency?

Please contact Campus Safety at 610-896-1111. Graduate Assistants will also be on on-call during ISO; they can be reached by calling Campus Safety.

Updated April 2015



International Student Mandated Insurance Policy

May 18, 2015

Dear International Student,

Special Note:

International Student Insurance Policy: **International students are required to purchase the Student Health Insurance Plan** and not permitted to waive the plan. Effective immediately all visa carrying students are mandated to purchase the college student health insurance plan. UnitedHealthcare will serve as the student health insurance plan for the 2015-2016 academic year. The direct cost of the international student required plan (\$1694.00) will be automatically billed to your college tuition statement. The cost will be listed on the bill as Student Health Insurance.

FirstRISK Advisors will administer the insurance plan and can answer any questions regarding the benefits. For more information: <http://www.haverford.edu/healthservices/files/FirstRisk-Flyer.pdf>. UnitedHealthcare has designed an annual one-year student health plan that reflects the needs of Haverford international students and will take effect July 21, 2015 to July 20, 2016. Annually international students are enrolled in the insurance plan and are automatically billed. <http://www.haverford.edu/healthservices/insurance.php>

International students are automatically enrolled in the student insurance plan. The direct cost of the insurance plan is applied to your tuition bill. The Haverford plan meets all federal requirements of health insurers. In addition, the plan has preferred payer status with College Health Services. FirstRisk administrator staff can assist you with any insurance questions. The staff of Health Services can help you with any questions regarding the HC Student Insurance Plan and the health services at the college. The International Dean can assist you with the explanation of the college insurance policy.

Why does HC require health insurance for international students?

- The HC Policy requires students to have US based insurance that meets the federal law, and it must work well at the Health Services on campus and within the 10 mile radius of campus
- It is a federal requirement that student plans meet the minimum requirements as specified in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)
- Health care can be very costly in the U.S. and can create huge financial burden
- Overseas health insurance has proven not to work well in the Health Services Office or the surrounding hospitals or medical specialists offices
- The US does not have a national health care plan.
- For the health and safety of students, as health services may be restricted if you do not have health insurance
- As a student you are responsible for the costs of your health care

DENTAL INSURANCE & VISION CARE

While most students are aware that they should carry medical insurance, which is a requirement for all students at Haverford College, few are aware that they should also consider purchasing travel, dental and vision care insurance. The student insurance at Haverford College does not cover dental or vision care, you might consider getting a checkup at your personal dentist before travelling to the United States. If it is not possible for you to accomplish this task before leaving your home country, you might consider purchasing a dental plan and vision care in the U.S.

May 8, 2015