

Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
Fall 2011 International Student Orientation
August 22 – 27, 2011 *

Welcome!

The Rutgers-New Brunswick International Student Orientation program is your chance to learn “first hand” about the many opportunities and resources available to you at the university.

Starting school without preparation is confusing and even a bit frightening. Orientation is an important component of a successful transition.

Students who have attended this orientation program in the past have told us that their adjustment to life at Rutgers would have been much more difficult without the orientation experience.

The personalized environment of the program allows you to interact with staff and students and to ask questions about academic offerings, student services, living in the United States and what it's like to be a student at Rutgers. This orientation period also gives you time to get settled, to become familiar with your new surroundings, and to begin to feel comfortable in your new home.

In addition to information sessions, tours, academic planning, shopping--and much, much more-- International Student Orientation provides opportunities to meet informally with new and returning students, learn from their experience, and make new friends.

Even if you have participated in an orientation program at another American university, you will find Rutgers' International Student Orientation useful - and a lot of fun. No two schools are alike and it is much easier to meet people and get things done before you begin to get busy with classes in the fall.

Orientation will give you time for and help with:

- opening a bank account
- academic planning
- taking placement examinations
- moving into your residence hall (if staying in temporary Orientation housing *only*)
- touring the New Brunswick campus
- meeting other new students
- learning about life in the U.S.
- getting familiar with campus and local communities and the resources they offer
- shopping for basic supplies
- fulfilling immigration-related obligations and verifying your travel documents
- obtaining permission to work on-campus
- applying for a U.S. social security number if eligible (eligibility will also be explained)
- learning about rights and responsibilities of nonimmigrant students
- optional activities such as going to a Broadway musical and visiting the cultural and historic sites of Philadelphia.
- **and much more!**

Please note: International Student Orientation is run like a conference. Those who register for the program will receive a name tag when they begin the program, and the name tag must be worn to gain admission throughout the week to each of the program's many sessions, activities and events.

Orientation Program Dates and Arrival Procedures

Orientation begins Monday, August 22, 2011. Program check-in is from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the Rutgers College Student Center on the College Avenue Campus. Students who arrive after 1:00 p.m. August 22 should report directly to the Center for International Faculty and Student Services, 180 College Avenue. The office will be open from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, during the week of Orientation.

Students who arrive on campus prior to the start of the orientation program are strongly encouraged to complete the required “Center check-in and document verification” process at the Center before orientation begins. While the orientation week schedule sets time aside for this process, students who are able to complete the “Center check-in and document verification” in advance of orientation week will have greater scheduling flexibility during orientation week itself.

English Language Examination

The English as a Second Language examination will be administered Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at 9 a.m. Students who are required to take the English language examination should check in with all other students at 10:00 a.m. on August 22; information on the location of the examination will be provided at that time.

Teaching Assistant (TA) Training Conference

New teaching assistants must attend the Teaching Assistant (TA) Training Conference on August 24 and 25. Teaching assistants play a critical role in the instructional process at Rutgers and the university is committed to assisting you in your adjustment to your new role. The training programs will acquaint you with Rutgers, instructional practices, the nature of the undergraduate population, and the role of the TA at the university.

Note: The start date on your I-20 or DS-2019 is 9/1/11 (the date classes begin) but Orientation starts on 8/22/11.

Housing Accommodations During the Orientation Program

Graduate students who have confirmed on-campus housing assignments for the academic year may make special arrangements with the Graduate Housing Office to move into their permanent accommodations early to attend Orientation. Follow instructions on the Graduate Housing Office's website and contact that office **directly** to determine when you can move in to your permanent housing assignment.

Although there will be no temporary orientation housing available until August 21, students who plan to live off campus are recommended to arrive in mid-August to begin looking for an apartment. The university's Off-Campus Housing Service (OCHS) provides a computerized listing and referral service; see the enclosed "Traveler's Advisory" brochure for more information.

Temporary housing is available for participants in International Student Orientation in Tinsley Residence Hall, located on the College Avenue Campus in New Brunswick. Students who do not plan to live in university housing but have not yet secured housing in the community can obtain temporary accommodations between 3:00 p.m. Sunday, August 21, and 8:30 a.m. Friday, August 26. The per-person charge for a bed (in a double room) and three meals is \$65.90 per day. To reserve a room you must register and pay for International Student Orientation; submit the enclosed program registration and housing

reservation forms so that they are received at the Center for International Faculty and Student Services by August 5, 2011. Housing reservation requests received after August 6 will be honored on a space-available basis only.

Temporary housing accommodation does not guarantee a permanent housing assignment on campus. Permanent housing is available to new students on a space-available basis. Students wishing to live in university housing should apply *immediately*; please refer to housing information in your admissions packet.

We regret there will be NO temporary housing on campus prior to August 21 or after August 26. Students needing temporary housing prior to August 22 may wish to contact the University Inn (<http://univinn.rutgers.edu/>), a Rutgers-owned inn located on the Douglass campus of Rutgers, or any of the New Brunswick area hotels listed on this website: <http://www.rutavel.rutgers.edu/hotelrates2008.html> The Hyatt Regency is within walking distance of the campus; hotels in Somerset, Piscataway and East Brunswick are within a \$15 - \$20 taxi ride of the campus. Always ask for the lowest room rate available; some hotels offer discounted rates to Rutgers students, so be sure to mention that you will be one.

Meals

Students who stay in Tinsley Hall during Orientation will receive breakfast, lunch, and supper daily as part of their temporary housing fee of \$65.90 per day. All other students may purchase meals in the dining hall, the Rutgers Student Center or in nearby restaurants. In addition, there will be special Orientation events at which food will be served, including two picnics at local parks, two receptions, and an ice-cream social.

Program Costs

For students whose pre-registration/pre-payment for orientation is received at the Center by August 16, the basic fee is \$70. (For students who register and pay on-site, the fee is \$75.) This basic fee includes two dinner picnics, two afternoon receptions, and an evening ice cream social, as well as numerous informational sessions and many other activities throughout the week. Special trips to Broadway theaters and Philadelphia are optional and will require an extra payment onsite, but these trips are discounted significantly for orientation participants. Additionally, for students staying in temporary housing in Tinsley Hall only, the charge for a bed in a double room and 3 meals is \$65.90 per day.

Program Registration

To advance register and pre-pay for orientation and, if necessary, to reserve temporary housing, you must submit the enclosed International Orientation Registration form with the \$70 orientation fee plus appropriate payment for temporary housing (\$65.90/day) so that it is received in our Center no later than August 5, 2011. Temporary housing reservation requests received after August 6 will be honored *only* on a space-available basis. You will receive a receipt for this fee, as well as an Orientation program name tag, upon your arrival and check-in at the Orientation program.

Check-in for International Student Orientation takes place Monday, August 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Rutgers Student Center. Check-in hours at Tinsley Hall are noted above. (Please note: orientation program "check-in" is not the same as the "Center check-in and document verification process" described on page 1 of this document.)

2011 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION AND TEMPORARY HOUSING REGISTRATION

To advance register for orientation--and, if you wish, to reserve a temporary accommodation on campus for all or part of the orientation period - **please complete BOTH SIDES of this form** and return it with your check, money order or credit card information for the appropriate amount.

PART I: TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL ORIENTATION REGISTRANTS

Name _____
(family name) (first name)

Email address (required - please write CLEARLY!) _____

Rutgers Student ID # Number _____ Male _____ Female _____

School (undergraduate) or Graduate Program (graduate) _____

Name, phone number and email address of emergency contact in the U.S., if any _____

Expected visa classification (check one): F-1 J-1 other

PART II: TO BE COMPLETED ONLY IF RESERVING TEMPORARY ORIENTATION HOUSING

(Note to graduate students: do NOT reserve a temporary accommodation if you will be obtaining permanent on-campus housing. If you will obtain permanent on-campus housing, contact the Graduate Housing Office instead to arrange for early move-in in order to attend orientation.)

Please check your reservation dates below:

I will need an accommodation in Tinsley Hall during the orientation program for the dates checked below:

PLEASE NOTE: Your earliest reservation date may be ANY of the dates below, but **from the earliest date you check below, you will be required to pay for that date AND all subsequent dates through and including August 25.** (For example, if you move in to Tinsley Hall on August 23, you will have to pay for August 24 and 25 as well, even if you do not need the reservation for those additional nights.) These are the terms of the contract we have been given by our Conference Services division, and therefore all reservations must comply with these terms.

Sunday, August 21 Monday, August 22 Tuesday, August 23

Wednesday, August 24 Thursday, August 25

_____ **Total number of nights** (maximum 5 nights)

Do you expect to live on-campus or off-campus during the school year?

On-Campus Off-Campus Don't know

Name of residence hall if you have already been assigned one: _____

(Note: if you expect to live on campus but have not yet applied for on-campus housing, we advise you to apply through the Housing Office (<http://housing.rutgers.edu>) *immediately*.)

PLEASE COMPLETE PART III ON REVERSE SIDE

PART III: ALL ORIENTATION REGISTRANTS MUST COMPLETE OPTION 1 OR OPTION 2 BELOW

Option 1: Payment is Enclosed:

All checks, money orders and bank drafts must be drawn on either a U.S. bank or a bank that has a branch in the U.S. Make your check, money order or bank draft payable to "Rutgers University International Orientation."

Orientation fee, pre-registration cost	\$ <u>70.00</u>
Housing & meals fee _____ days @ \$65.90 /day	\$ _____
Total amount enclosed	\$ _____

Option 2: Credit Card Payment

Select a Credit Card (*check only ONE*): _____ Visa _____ Mastercard _____ Discover

Card Number: _____ 3 Digit Security Code: _____ Expiration: ____/____
month / year

Name of Cardholder: _____
(*print VERY clearly and write cardholder's name exactly as it appears on the credit card*)

Billing Address of Cardholder: _____

Zip Code or Postal Code of Cardholder: _____

Orientation fee	\$ <u>70.00</u>
Housing & meals fee _____ days @ \$65.90 /day	\$ _____
Total amount	\$ _____

This form authorizes credit card payment in full for "Total amount" listed on the above line.

Signature of Cardholder: _____

Date of signature: _____ Total Credit Card Payment \$ _____

Upon your arrival and check-in at the Orientation Program, you will be given a paper receipt for the enclosed payment. However, if you would like an email notification that we have received your payment, please check the box below for an email receipt.

Yes, I would like to receive a confirmation email that my orientation registration has been received.

***After completing both sides of this form, please submit it to us
in one (and ONLY one!) of the following ways:***

By mail to:

International Student Orientation
Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
Center for International Faculty and Student Services
180 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8537
U.S.A.

By email (as a scanned copy of the form) to:

ru_cifss@email.rutgers.edu
Please put **ORIENTATION REGISTRATION**
in the email subject line to ensure your form is
easily identified.

By fax to: (732) 932-7992

***Please do not submit this in more than one of the above-listed ways,
as it will confuse our record-keeping.***