INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ORIENTATION (ISO)
Saturday, August 25 - Wednesday, August 29, 2018

The ISO Program is scheduled to begin on Saturday, August 25th, and continue through noon on Wednesday, August 29, 2018. Consisting of workshops, activities and excursions, ISO is a year-long program spread throughout Pre-Customs (the week before the start of the Customs Program) and the academic year. The program is focused on creating opportunities for students who have not lived in the United States for an extended period to begin understanding their identities within an American context, and also start accessing resources necessary to flourish throughout their Haverford careers.

ALL F-1 VISA HOLDING STUDENTS, INCLUDING INCOMING FIRST-YEARS, J-1 SCHOLARS AND EXCHANGE STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE ISO PROGRAM. Additionally, each year we welcome students into the program who have had some previous experience with the mainland United States. US citizens from Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the U.S. Virgin Islands; U.S. citizens living abroad; those with dual/multiple citizenships; U.S. permanent residents (green card holders) residing abroad; and students who have completed two years or less of high school in the U.S. are not required, but we strongly recommend that they attend ISO. If you have any questions feel free to reach out to Benjamin Hughes, (bhughes@haverford.edu), Denise Allison (dallison@haverford.edu) or Natasha Weisz, (nweisz@haverford.edu).

ISO draws on the experiences of current and former international students to support participants in their transition to campus --meeting faculty, administrators, and the group of upper-class students who serve as the program’s Student Resource People (SRPs). Participants review important rules and regulations of the Student Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP), life in the U.S. and Haverford, health care and emergency assistance, banking and taxes, obtaining a social security card and/or photo identification card, classroom culture in the US, public transportation, and travel and re-entry. Additionally, we spend time working through classroom and campus climate, time management, study skills, career development, internships, and employment.

Though not substitutes for the team of upperclass students, who provide support during the Customs Orientation Program, the ISO Program’s SRPs are intended as auxiliary support and an additional point of reference. Many SRPs are also international students and past participants in ISO. Tasked with collaborating with other campus resources, SRPs are available for one-on-one conversations, hold small workshops and conversations, and advocate for the needs of the ISO cohort within the larger Haverford community. For more information about this year’s SRP cohort, please review the ISO webpage (https://www.haverford.edu/international-student-services/contact-staff).

International Students Orientation is a separate program from the Customs Orientation Program. Customs is scheduled to begin Wednesday August 29th at 12pm, following the conclusion of ISO. There are no scheduling conflicts between ISO and Customs, and ALL incoming students are expected to participate in the Customs Program. For additional
information regarding the Customs Program, and other important information for incoming First Years, we recommend you regularly check the First Year Blog (https://blogs.haverford.edu/firstyear/)

All ISO participants are expected to arrive between 9:00am and 12:00pm on Saturday, August 25th. No students or families may arrive on campus before Saturday morning. Upon reaching campus, please come directly to Stokes Hall to begin the registration process. To confirm your attendance for ISO, please fill out the online Registration Form and submit it no later than July 15, 2018 (https://www.haverford.edu/international-student-services/new-student-orientation)

Please be aware that all ISO participants will be housed on campus starting on Saturday, August 25th, but no earlier. Your dorm key and OneCard will be distributed at check-in at Stokes Hall, 1st Floor. Equally important, parents and relatives will not be able to stay on campus with you during the ISO Program. Parents, relatives and friends accompanying you will be invited and encouraged to remain through lunch and the on-campus tour on Saturday, the 25th. If parents, relatives and friends are still in the area at 12:00 pm on Wednesday August 29th, they are invited to return to campus for Haverford’s Move-In Day for all incoming students. Families are not required to attend the Move-In Day programming.

A detailed ISO schedule will be given to you upon arrival on campus. If you have any questions, please contact Natasha Weisz (nweisz@haverford.edu) or call 610-896-1230.

We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to Haverford!

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