INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ORIENTATION (ISO)
Sunday, August 27 - Wednesday, August 30, 2017

The ISO Program is scheduled to begin on Sunday, August 27th, and continue through noon on Wednesday, August 30th, 2017. 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 should plan to attend ISO.

For students with lingering questions or concerns about attending the program, please review the narratives offered by ISO alums on their experiences. Additionally feel free to reach out to Benjamin Hughes, (bhughes@haverford.edu), Denise Allison (dallison@haverford.edu) or Lynnet Odhiambo ’19 (lodhiambo@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 and customs in the U.S. and Haverford, health care and emergency assistance, banking and taxes, obtaining a social security card and/or photo identification card, academic integrity, 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 30th 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, please visit their webpage (http://www.students.haverford.edu/customs/).
All ISO participants are expected to arrive between 9:00am and 12:00pm on Sunday, August 27th. *No students or families may arrive on campus before Sunday 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 7, 2017 ([http://www.haverford.edu/deans/internationalstudents/newstudents/registration/](http://www.haverford.edu/deans/internationalstudents/newstudents/registration/)).

In order for you to access the ISO Registration Form, you will need your Haverford email account information. You should have received an email sent June 1st to the personal email address on file with the college from ProDesk@haverford.edu (subject line “Haverford Information”) with your new user account information, which will allow you to access your Haverford email account as well as many of the password-protected forms on the first-year summer timeline. Instructions for activation will be sent to your personal email address. Activate your Haverford user account as soon as you receive this email. Please contact the ProDesk if you have any questions at ProDesk@haverford.edu or 610-896-1480.

You will also need to send an electronic copy of your passport photo, to be processed by Campus Safety personnel for your OneCard, to OneCard@haverford.edu. Your Haverford OneCard serves as your college identification document, building access card, Campus Cash Card, library card, and meal card. If you have additional questions about this process, please visit the first-year website and review the “summer section” ([https://blogs.haverford.edu/firstyear/summer/](https://blogs.haverford.edu/firstyear/summer/)). Also on this site, you will find more information about forms and assignments due throughout the summer.

Please be aware that all ISO participants will be housed on campus starting on Sunday, August 27th, 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 Sunday, the 27th. If parents, relatives and friends are still in the area at 12:00 pm on Wednesday August 30th, they are invited to return to campus for Haverford’s Move-In Day for all incoming students. *Families are not required to attend Move-In Day programming.*

A detailed ISO schedule will be given to you upon arrival on campus. If you have any questions, please contact Lynnet Odhiambo ‘19, *Summer Intern for International Student Services* (lodhiambo@haverford.edu), 610-896-1328.

Congratulations and Safe Travels!

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