

International Admissions Pre-Arrival Webinar

Fall 2024

Undergraduate, Graduate, & Exchange Students



Past Tasks

These tasks should already be completed or in progress. If you have questions, please contact internationaladmit@xavier.edu or your graduate program contact.

- ✓ Secure I-20/DS-2019 and visa (F1 or J1). Send confirmation of visa approval to international@xavier.edu
- ✓ Placement tests and academic profile (if applicable)
- ✓ Set-up technology account, begin checking Xavier email
- ✓ Register for classes (Full time undergrad = 12+/grad = 9+)
- ✓ Submit housing agreement, select housing (on-campus, required for undergraduate students)
- ✓ Apply for and secure housing off-campus (optional for graduate students only) offcampus.xavier.edu
- ✓ Continue checking Road to Xavier – first year/transfers



Agenda

1. Tasks before you travel
2. Packing essentials
3. US port of entry and customs
4. Getting to campus/move-in
5. Required New Student Orientation
6. Important Contacts
7. Questions



1. Tasks before you travel

- Student ID – OnePass
- Schedule Move-in
- Health Insurance
- Vaccines & Medical Requirements
- Flight Details & Airport Pick-up
- Important Documents
- Final Transcripts & Test Credits
- Research Mobile Phone Plans
- Xavier Mobile Apps



OnePass Set-Up

- Complete task by: August 7, 2024
- Instructions sent by email (& in Road to Xavier if applicable)
- Upload photo
- Add One Pass to your phone
- Note: App limitations in some countries
- <https://www.xavier.edu/auxiliary-services/id-services/onepass/index>



Scheduling Move-in Timeslot

- If you have applied to live on-campus, log-in through [housing self-service](#) and select a time slot based on your arrival, on either **Monday, August 12** or **Tuesday, August 13**.
- Please email reslife@xavier.edu if you do not find an available timeslot that fits your arrival schedule.
- Please contact us immediately if you have not been able to secure a visa appointment in time or would be arriving after August 12 or August 13. There are very few exceptions for granting late arrivals: international@xavier.edu
- While you can enter the U.S. up to 30 days before your start date on I-20, it is likely we would require you stay off-campus (in a hotel) prior to August 12. Please contact reslife@xavier.edu with any questions.
- Reminder: Graduate students planning to live off-campus should secure their housing before arrival. Please contact your program for resources and search the Xavier Off-Campus site: <https://offcampus.xavier.edu/>
- Family members traveling with you should plan to book a hotel room nearby to campus: <https://campustravel.com/university/xavier-university/>

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Enroll in Health Insurance

- First, must be enrolled full-time for fall 2024 semester (12+ credit hours – undergraduate/9+ credit hours – Graduate, *could vary by program*)
- Log-in to Xavier’s insurance portal here, to **complete enrollment by July 31**: <https://Xavier.myahpcare.com>
 - Username: Xavier 9-digit student ID (begins with 000-)
 - Password: 8-digit date of birth mmddyyyy format
- All international students in F1/J1 immigration status are required to enroll in health insurance.
- After enrollment, log back into portal to access and print/save medical cards. Coverage begins August 1, 2024.
- Exceptions include:
 - Student athletes- trainers will assist you with the waiver process
 - Government sponsored students-submit waiver or work with scholarship advisor, ISSS office, and Xavier Health Insurance office

More information: xavier.edu/ship.

Send questions to Marybeth Sullivan sullivanm25@xavier.edu





Vaccination Records & Medical Forms

- Information was sent via email and in Road to Xavier (if applicable). Visit Xavier Health Services page: <https://www.xavier.edu/health-wellness/health/immunizations>
- COVID-19 vaccination/boosters strongly recommended
- Submit vaccination and medical records now, via **MedProctor** site: <https://www.medproctor.com/>
- Any student who hasn't received all of the required immunizations or has an approved exemption on file can schedule an appointment during orientation week or first week of class, at **student health services**, to bring them into compliance (**513-745-3022, option 3**)



Confirm Flight Details & Schedule Airport Pick-up

- Along with confirming you have received your F1 or J1 visa, please also send flight details to international@xavier.edu as soon as they are available
- Schedule airport shuttle by completing the following form:
<https://www.xavier.edu/international-students/new-students/arrival-information/airport-arrival-form>
 - Shuttle service is provided by “Executive Transportation” and this first trip to campus is paid for by Xavier.
 - Your family are welcome to ride the shuttle with you, but please include their information in your booking
 - If you prefer to pay your own way, you are welcome to utilize services such as “Uber” or “LYFT”



Review and Print Important Documents/Contacts

- Review immigration documents including I-20 or DS-2019, visa and passport to ensure your name is spelled correctly and matches
- Print off all documents (if you haven't done so already for visa interview), I-20, admissions letter and scholarship offer, class schedule, proof of finances (bank statements, financial sponsor form(s))
- Any important Xavier contacts such as the Center for International Education (513-745-2864), Xavier Police (513-745-2000), university address (3800 Victory Parkway Cincinnati, Ohio 45207), your emergency contacts back home, travel insurance (if purchased for outside the U.S.), Xavier health insurance card/policy

Final Transcripts

- Preferred: Request your school official sends final official transcripts, board results or examinations, and proof of graduation/ matriculation to: internationaladmit@xavier.edu
- Alternatively, request official paper results (in signed and sealed envelope preferred) and bring these with you to orientation on August 14, 2024
 - Graduate students should follow directions from their department for sending final/official transcripts and proof of degree



Test Credits

IB, AP, A-Levels, & CLEP Results

- Xavier will review final IB, AP, A-Level, and CLEP exam results for any eligible college credits.
- Follow instructions on Xavier's website for sending your IB, AP, A-Level and CLEP results over the summer:
<https://www.xavier.edu/undergraduate-admission/ap-ib-and-clep-credit/index>





Cell Phone/SIM (know before you go)

- Explore cell phone plans ahead of arrival
 - During orientation week, we will make a trip to cell phone stores nearby, including the following:
 - [T-Mobile](#)
 - [Verizon](#)
 - [AT&T](#)
- Xavier Center for International Education will provide a SIM card from MINT Mobile ([Campus SIMs](#)) that is eligible for activation and pre-paid plan (no contract), but does require an unlocked iPhone or Android phone.



XU Alert Me App & Xavier App

- Sign up to receive important safety alerts via the XU Alert Me App:
 - Log-in online and download app here:
<https://www.getrave.com/login/xavier>
 - Learn more about campus safety here:
<https://www.xavier.edu/safety/index>
- Download Xavier Mobile app:
 - <https://www.xavier.edu/mobile/index>

2. Packing Essentials

- Packing
- Ordering ahead
- Buying later



What to Pack in your suitcase

- Essentials for the first nights on campus (we will take a shopping trip on August 14):
 - Clothing items, shoes, etc.
 - Fitted bed sheet – Twin XL size
 - Regular bed sheet – Twin XL size
 - Mattress cover/protector (waterproof)*
 - blanket (optional but recommended)*
 - Electronics, chargers, converter(s)
 - Small hand towel and bath towel*
 - Small toiletries (soap, shampoos, tooth paste, toothbrush, hair brush, etc.)*
 - Medicines (if applicable)- contact Xavier Health Center with any questions regarding filling prescriptions after arrival
- *Buy more later, pack light for these items!
- Don't forget to pack a few things to remind you of home! (photos, small items, cultural items, small snacks/candies, etc.)
- Other essentials
 - Travel documents (keep in carry-on!)
 - Money (USD) – limit amount and carry on you in a money belt or similar to avoid losing it!
 - Credit card, travelers checks (if needed/available), banking information
 - Emergency contacts at home and in USA, travel insurance (if applicable) and Xavier Health Insurance cards – also carry with you, if you can (in a pocket, money wallet, purse, etc.)
- Packing list and tips from Xavier Housing (some of this you can buy after arrival)
<https://www.xavier.edu/student-involvement/orientation/resident-students/before-you-arrive>
- **Exchange/visiting students** – CIE has bed sheets and blankets that will be provided for you for the semester.

Online Orders & Shipping to Campus

- Mail room will start accepting packages Monday, **August 5**, for new students.
- Items should be addressed to:
 - First & Last Name
 - Xavier University
 - Resident Hall & Room Number
 - Cincinnati, OH 45207
- Specific mail pick up hours should be on the mail center site:
<https://www.xavier.edu/mailing-services/index>
- Common online shipping providers include Amazon, Dormify (linens program:
<https://www.xavier.edu/residence-life/parents/linens>)
- Local stores that also may provide shipping to campus: Target, Meijer, Wal-Mart, Kohl's, At Home

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What to Buy Later (shopping trip or order)

- Optional Shopping Trip (transportation provided) on Wednesday, August 14th , 6-9 pm – Stores include: [Target](#), [Meijer](#)
 - Cell phone providers we may visit include: T-Mobile, Verizon, AT&T
- What to buy later or order online (this list is not exhaustive):
 - Pillows
 - Heavier blanket/comforter
 - Storage containers (for under bed), organizers
 - School supplies (pens, etc.)
 - Additional towels, toiletries/shower caddy
 - Additional clothing/shoes/heavier coat, rain coat, umbrella, etc.
 - Room decorations
 - Mini fridge*
 - Microwave*
 - TV/Gaming (if applicable)*
 - CIE does have some small items, such as lamps, that can be borrowed and returned at end of the semester.

*Coordinate these items with your roommate(s), especially if they are already here in the U.S.



3. US Port of Entry & Customs

- What to carry with you
- What to expect



Essential Documents to Carry

- All documents you took to F1/J1 visa interview including, but not limited to:
 - **Passport** (including F1 or J1 visa stamp)
 - Must not expire in less than 6 months from the date of entry into the U.S.
 - If you also have tourist visa (B1/B2), be sure to show your F1/J1 visa!
 - **Printed Official Xavier Admissions letter and Scholarship offer** (print in color)
 - **Printed and signed I-20 or DS-2019 document** (print in color, sign in blue ink)
 - **Financial documents and sponsor form(s)**
 - **Printed schedule of classes** (Fall 2024 semester)
- **Important contacts** (in U.S./Xavier campus, and in home country)
- **Living address/on or off-campus address**
- **University Address: 3800 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207**
(Open Monday-Friday 8:30 am-5:00 pm)
Phone: 513-745-2864
- **Xavier Police/Campus Safety: Flynn Hall 1648 Musketee Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207**
(Open all the time)
Phone: 513-745-2000 (answered 24/7)

What to Expect at Port of Entry

- Designate a point of contact
- Notify someone that you have arrived at the airport before you go through immigration control (this could be a family member, but make sure they also have your Xavier contacts)
- If stopped by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and asked to designate, we suggest you designate the university
- Why did you choose to study in the U.S.?
- Have you ever been to the U.S. before?
- Why did you choose Xavier University?
- Have you registered for courses? In which courses are you enrolled?
- Who will support you financially while you are in the U.S./What is your plan to fund your education?
- What do your parents do for a living?
- What are your plans after you finish with your studies in the U.S.?

Xavier International Center (M-F, 8:30 am-5 pm): 513-745-2864

Xavier Police (24/7 line): 513-745-2000

- Questions you may be asked at Port of Entry
 - What's your purpose for coming to the U.S.?

Remember, the primary purpose of a person on a non-immigrant F-1 student or J-1 exchange visa is **to study.**

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Endless Curiosity

Lifelong Skills

4. Getting to Campus/Move-in

- Airport Shuttle Directions
- Arrival to campus (business hours or before/after)
- Move-in and expectations
- Meals



Finding Airport Shuttle (CVG airport to campus)

- After landing, follow signs to Baggage claim.
- After claiming your bags, go to far end of baggage claim, carousel #4, and follow sign for the “Executive Transportation.”
- There will be a desk with a phone. Pick up the phone and share with the operator your full name, that you are student with Xavier University to confirm reservation.
- Operator will then ask you to walk through double sliding doors, outside to wait for shuttle and will share your driver’s name.
- Shuttle will take you directly to Xavier’s campus.





Arriving to Campus/Where to check-in

- Continue to check your Xavier email for move-in updates.
- Between 8:30 am-5:00 pm (Monday-Friday), arrive to Center for International Education (CIE) office: Gallagher Student Center, 2nd Floor, 3800 Victory Parkway Cincinnati, Ohio 45207
(Shuttle will drop off at Bellarmine Circle/walk to Gallagher student center)
(513) 745-2864
- After 5 pm (between 5:01 pm-8:29 am)/weekends, arrive to Xavier Police: 1648 Musketeer Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207
(513) 745-2000
- Family members are not allowed to stay in on-campus housing. Please plan to book a hotel nearby:
<https://campustravel.com/university/xavier-university/>
- If you are living off-campus, you should plan to shuttle to campus, then Uber/Lyft to your residence off-campus.
- Questions about arrival can be directed to international@xavier.edu



On-Campus Move-in and Expectations

- International student move-in begins August 12-13. Center for International Education (CIE) staff, students, and Xavier Police, will help you check in find your dorm/move into your room.
- After checking in, you are welcome to come hang out with us in the Center for International Education during business hours (M-F, 8:30 am-5 pm).
- Most students who are living within the U.S., but outside Ohio, will move in either Wednesday, August 14, evening, or Thursday, August 15, morning.
- Most students who are living within the U.S., but within Ohio, will move in Thursday, August 15, morning.



Meals (orientation week)

- Meals will be provided for the week (either as vouchers for the cafeteria or provided to the group).
- Please plan to check in at the **Center for International Education (CIE) Office, 2nd Floor Gallagher Student Center, 3800 Victory Parkway Cincinnati, Ohio 45207** (if you got your keycard from campus police overnight, check in first thing the next morning with CIE).



5. Mandatory New Student Orientation

- Schedule and importance
- Program orientations
- Optional activities



Schedule Overview & Importance

- New International Orientation is **required** by the U.S. government in order to maintain your F1/J1 immigration status and register your immigration record in the SEVIS system.
- Orientation will begin **Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 9 am EST. *Please do not be late!***
- Don't forget to bring:
 - Immigration documents (passport, visa, I-20, printed or PDF of I-94 www.cbp.gov/i94 can be access 24-hours after arrival)
 - Final transcripts (if applicable)
- *Please find the full schedule on our website:*
<https://www.xavier.edu/international-students/new-students/orientation>



Orientation by Program

- There will be additional required orientations August 15-18 and these will vary by program.
- Continue to **check your Xavier email daily** for updates and detailed schedules are listed online.
- Family members are welcome to attend international orientation Wednesday and [family program during Manresa](#) (for families of first-year/freshman students).
- First year/Freshman
 - [Manresa Orientation](#) – begins Thursday afternoon, August 15 and you will check-in with us on Thursday morning.
- Transfers
 - Sunday, August 18. [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Graduate
 - Graduate Student Onboarding and Networking Event, Saturday, August 17, 9 am. [REGISTER HERE](#)
- Exchange
 - [Optional Friday activities](#) to explore Cincinnati area with Interlink Peer Mentors (IPMs)

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Optional Activities (open to all new students!)

- [Shopping Trip](#)
 - Wednesday, August 14 (evening)
- [US Bank](#) Session
 - Thursday, August 15 (morning)
- [Factory 52 excursion](#)
 - Thursday, August 15 (morning/afternoon)
 - Learn more [HERE](#)
- Xavier Week of Welcome
 - August 20-29
 - Check Xavier website for Schedule of activities: <https://www.xavier.edu/student-involvement/campus-events/week-of-welcome>



Interlink Peer Mentors (IPMs)

- Interlink Peer Mentors (or “IPMs”) are current Xavier students (from a variety of countries and backgrounds) who help support incoming international students
- You will meet the IPMs during the mandatory orientation and during our outings and activities.
- They will also be available by email and will attend CIE events throughout the semester.
- You will have to option to join a **new student WhatsApp group** to help you connect (please check your Xavier email in the coming weeks to join via the link)



6. Important Contacts



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Contact	Phone	Email	Location
Center for International Education (CIE)	(513)745-2864	international@xavier.edu	Gallagher Student Center, Room 230 (2 nd floor)
Xavier Police	(513)745-2000 (non-emergency) (513)745-1000 (emergency)	--	Flynn Hall 1648 Musketeer Drive Cincinnati, Ohio 45207
Emergency (on or off campus)	911	--	--
Residence Life (On-Campus Housing)	(513)745-3203	reslife@xavier.edu	Justice Hall, Musketeer Mezzanine
Bursar (billing and payment plans)	(513)745-3435	xubursar@xavier.edu	Justice Hall, Musketeer Mezzanine
Health Services/Student Health Insurance	(513)745-3022 (option 3 for appointment) (513)246-7023 (after hours and weekend nurse line – NOT for medical emergencies)	sullivanm25@xavier.edu Health insurance/RX questions) help@medproctor.com (immunization form support) COVID-19 Guidance https://www.xavier.edu/health-wellness/health/covid-19	Health United Building, Suite 101

7. Questions ???



**Thank you for
attending and we
can't wait to see
you on campus!**

