Welcome to Delaware! We’re so excited that you’ve decided to become a Blue Hen at the University of Delaware and on behalf of the entire New Student Orientation staff, congratulations!

To ease your transition to UD, we require that all new international students attend International Student Orientation (ISO). ISO is a two day program that will introduce you and your family to our campus community, provide opportunities to connect with your new classmates and current UD students, and, most importantly, welcome you to UD!

This newsletter details the important information you need to know about ISO and a checklist of tasks to complete prior to your arrival on campus. In addition, there is information about a variety of campus resources and how to make travel arrangements for ISO.

We look forward to meeting you this summer, and we encourage you to contact us at newstudentorientation@udel.edu or (302) 831-3313 if you have any questions prior to ISO. You can also visit the NSO website at www.udel.edu/students/nso or the Office of International Students & Scholars (OISS) website at www.udel.edu/oiss.

Sincerely,
Heather A. Maginnis
Director of NSO

Ravi Ammigan,
Director of the Office for International Students & Scholars

When is ISO?
International Student Orientation takes place on Thursday, August 24th and Friday, August 25th. Attendance on both days is required.

How Do I Sign Up for ISO?
Once you’ve submitted your deposit, log into your My Blue Hen Home portal and click on the “Register for International Student Orientation” link. Once the registration form opens, read the instructions, and most importantly, select the listed date.

What Happens at ISO?
ISO will take place in the Trabant University Center (located at 17 West Main St., Newark, DE, 19716) on both Thursday, August 24th and Friday, August 25th. On Thursday, the Welcome Session will start promptly at 8:30 a.m. so plan to arrive at the Trabant University Center between 7:45-8:15 a.m. to complete check in and enjoy a light breakfast (i.e., bagels, muffins, fruit, tea) before the program begins. On Friday, August 25th you will need to complete the mandatory government check-in with the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) at 8:00 a.m. ISO will end by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 24th and by 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 25th.

At ISO, you will:
- Meet and connect with other new Blue Hens!
- Attend sessions about student life at UD facilitated by UD students and staff, providing answers to your questions about topics such as US culture, housing, student activities, and safety
- Learn about important immigration and documentation requirements for all international students
- Gain important academic information from your college
- Experience campus dining by eating in the Trabant Food Court
- Learn about UD’s values and mission, and most importantly, what it means to be a Blue Hen!

While you’re on campus, you can also set up a bank account with PNC Bank, take a campus tour, and buy UD gear from the bookstore!

All of the Orientation Leaders (OLs) are excited to meet you this summer, and we hope you’ll visit www.udel.edu/students/nso/about to meet the OLs before your arrival for International Student Orientation.
Parking
Parking for ISO is available only in the Trabant University Center parking garage. Check the map in this newsletter for the exact location.

To-Do List
- Register yourself and any family members or guests for ISO
- Submit your Immunization, Health History, and Meningitis Disease and Vaccination Forms to Student Health Services
- Set up your UD email account
- Remember to bring the following with you on your ISO day: a sweater or jacket, an umbrella, a copy of your Math Placement Exam results, and a government issued ID card (e.g., passport or driver’s license)

If you or your guests should need special assistance during ISO due to a disability, please contact the Office of Disability Support Services at least 10 days in advance of ISO at (302) 831-4643 (voice) or (302) 831-4563 (TDD).

Is There a Fee?
Each new student is billed a one-time $145 fee for ISO, regardless of program attendance.

Travel and Transportation
For international students traveling to the US from another country, the closest airports to Delaware are Philadelphia International Airport and Baltimore International Airport. Both are approximately an hour away from the UD campus in Newark, DE.

Students will be responsible for their own transportation from an airport to the campus. There are several options, including Amtrak trains and shuttle services.

Additional Information
To learn more about the options for dining, shopping and more in the city of Newark, we encourage you to visit www.cityofnewarkde.us.

Students who will be living in the residence halls for the Fall 2017 semester will have the option to stay on campus starting on Wednesday, August 23rd. For more information, please visit www.udel.edu/movein.

We strongly encourage you to make contact with your roommate before arriving to campus! You can check your housing and roommate assignments in your My Housing portal in June, found on the Residence Life & Housing website - www.udel.edu/reslife.