

ARRIVAL INFORMATION FOR NEW UG INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS | August 2017

Temple University welcomes our new international students arriving in August 2017. The arrival procedure has been created to help transition new international students from outside of Philadelphia. A hotel close to the university has been reserved to centrally intake the new students prior to transitioning to on-campus or off-campus housing. **If you wish to make other arrival arrangements, you may do so.** Please be advised that on-campus check in and off-campus housing check in will occur on Sunday, August 20th, 2017.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- August 18th & 19th Arrive in Philadelphia and check into hotel
- August 20th Check out of hotel and check into off-campus or on-campus housing
- August 21st **Mandatory** new student and transfer student Orientation begins
- August 28th First day of class

When should I arrive in Philadelphia?

- Whether you live in on-campus or off-campus housing, you may arrive to Philadelphia on August 18th or 19th. The next day, you may move in to your permanent housing on August 20th. If you arrive before these days you will have to stay in the hotel for an extra night.

How do I get to the hotel from the Philadelphia International Airport?

- LaClass Ride Transportation from the airport can take you to the hotel from the airport. The cost is \$15. Please call LaClass from the baggage claim area by **dialing 15**. A driver will meet you in the terminal by the phone. 10% - 20% tip is recommended.
- You may also take a taxi to the hotel. The cost is approximately \$25. Cash and credit card are accepted. 10% - 20% tip is recommended.
- Note: If you arrive in JFK International Airport (JFK) or Newark Airport (EWR), you may register for a ride through <http://www.davesbestlimoservice.com>. The cost is \$90 from JFK and \$65 from EWR.

Which hotel will I be staying in upon arrival?

- Temple University has established a special rate for new international students at **Home2 Suites Hotel**. The special rate is \$139 (Plus Tax), which includes breakfast and free internet. You may reserve your room online at: http://home2suites.hilton.com/en/ht/groups/personalized/P/PHLCCHT-TUA-20170818/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG
- The hotel address is: **1200 Arch Street, Philadelphia**. The hotel phone number is: **267-928-3726**
- Note: If your plans change, please go online and change/update your reservation. You are responsible for payment.

How will I get to Temple University from the hotel?

- Temple bus (free of charge) will take you to Temple's campus to check into your on-campus or off-campus housing on Sunday, August 20th.

Do I need to attend orientation?

- YES. **All new students must attend orientation**. New student orientation will begin on August 21st, 2017 and will continue through the first day of classes on Monday, August 28th, 2017. Course selection will occur during this week. You must attend Orientation prior to meeting with advisors to select courses for the Fall Semester.
- First, complete these steps BEFORE signing up for Orientation: <http://orientation.temple.edu/you-register-0>. You will be provided with instructions on Orientation registration after completing these steps via your TUPortal.

What do I need to bring for immigration check in at Temple?

- You need to bring your **passport, I-20, I-94 and SEVIS payment receipt**. Immigration check-in with International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) is mandatory. The time of the session will be provided upon arrival.

Where do I eat during arrival and orientation?

- Meals are your responsibility upon arrival. Some meals will be provided during orientation on Monday, August 21st and Tuesday, August 22nd. The Home2 Suites hotel is near many restaurants and is directly adjacent to the Reading Terminal Market <http://www.readingterminalmarket.org/>.

How much cash should I bring?

- For the first few days, you will need enough cash for taxi fare from the airport to the hotel, for several meals and your hotel stay. If you have a credit card, we recommend bringing a minimum of \$150 cash. If you do not have a credit card, please bring \$300 - \$450, depending on the number of nights you are staying in the hotel.

Contact information for International Student Affairs during arrival and check in:

Leah Hetzell, Assistant Director of International Student Affairs and our international student leaders will welcome new students at Home2 Suites Hotel on August 18th and 19th. For immediate assistance you may email us at intl@temple.edu. You may also call us at +1-215-204-9562. Note that we will have extended hours during arrival: 8:00AM – 10:00PM, August 17th – August 20th.