



## Checklist

You should have received your official acceptance letter and I-20 or DS-2019 from WKU.

**WKU does not require immunizations or proof of vaccination for admittance.**  
Some programs require immunizations for admission. Consult your department for program information.

## Pre-Arrival

- Pay SEVIS I-901 fee: [Department of Homeland Security - Form I-901](#)
- Obtain an F-1 or J-1 student visa at your local US Embassy or Consulate General
  - [DS-160 application](#), admission letter, I-20 or DS-2019, proof of funding, passport, and any other relevant documentation
- Arrange your travel to Nashville, Tennessee (Airport Code: BNA)
  - **Transportation to be secure by student.**
    - Bowling Green Shuttle offers discounts to WKU students. Request a shuttle [here](#).
- Confirm your attendance [here](#)
- Complete mandatory orientation modules
  - **Login information is sent upon admission. You can access more information [here](#).**
  - **Holds will remain in place until modules are complete**
- Arrange housing
  - On campus: <http://www.wku.edu/housing/apply/>
  - Off campus: <https://www.wku.edu/international/housing.php>
- Prepare funds for immediate needs.
  - Determine what methods of payment (cash, bank card, prepaid debit card, etc.) you will use for initial expenses.
  - WKU tuition and expenses [information](#).
    - Tuition due dates occur within the first month of attendance. Most recent information [here](#).
- Review the following WKU policies
  - WKU's health insurance [guidelines](#).
  - Campus and community [resources](#).
  - [Packing](#) and [weather information](#).
    - On-campus housing requires XL twin sheets. Local stores include:
      - [Bed Bath & Beyond](#), [Our Campus Market](#), [Target](#), and [WalMart](#).
- Prepare your immigration documents and pack them in your carry-on luggage.
  - These documents should include: passport, visa, and I-20/DS-2019.
- Registration for courses
  - UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
    - Freshmen and undergraduate transfer students must attend the Topper Orientation Program to schedule classes.
      - TOP information will be emailed to you prior to orientation.
  - GRADUATE STUDENTS
    - Graduate assistants
      - Please reach out to our office to provide your checklist.
    - Non-graduate assistants
      - Reach out to your academic department for assistance in course registration



## Post-Arrival

- Know your NetID and password
  - You can look up your [account here](#)
    - NetID: \_\_\_\_\_
    - Password: \_\_\_\_\_
- Complete [iStart](#) orientation form for immigration compliance
  - Upload copies of your passport photo page, visa, I-20 or DS-2019, and [I-94](#)
- Update contact information for immigration compliance in [TopNet](#)
  - Local off campus address and phone
  - Foreign address and phone
  - Personal email
  - Emergency contact phone
- Attend mandatory welcome prior to the start of the term.
  - More information can be found [here](#).