

**International Exchange Student Orientation Schedule
Spring 2012
January 3-9, 2012**

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE STUDENTS (J-1)

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	Key References:
IPC:	International Programs Center
SUL:	Sullivan Science Building
I-House:	International House (Phillips-Hawkins Residence Hall)
Caf:	Dining Hall
EUC:	Elliott University Center

**ALL INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM CENTER EVENTS ARE IDENTIFIED BY IPC PREFIX
AND ARE MANDATORY**

WELCOME TO UNCG

As per instructions in your acceptance package, IF you have confirmed your arrival information with IPC, we will coordinate transportation from the Greensboro Airport. Please note that the cost for this transportation will range from \$13 - \$29 depending on your destination and number of passengers. If you have not done so yet, please confirm your arrival information with IPC at saein@uncg.edu so that we may assist you.

If you arrive before January 3, you should have confirmed a reservation preferably in one of the recommended hotels with IPC. You should take a shuttle to the hotel (check to see if the hotel provides free transportation). IPC will provide transportation from your hotel to the campus on January 3 if you will be living on campus. **Please be checked out of your room and waiting in the lobby of your hotel at 10:00 AM on January 3.** The shuttle will bring you to campus and then to your residence hall. Your residence hall room keys will be available in the International House, Phillips-Hawkins Residence Hall.

If you arrive ON January 3, take the airport shuttle directly to the International House.

For on-campus residents, who have made other transportation arrangements, please report to the International House on January 3, in Phillips-Hawkins Residence Hall to pick up your room keys no earlier than 11am.

* See web for most recent version (<http://www.uncg.edu/ipg>)

Tuesday, January 3

11:00AM

Residence Halls Open for Move-In

Stop by the International House in Phillips-Hawkins to pick up your room key. This will allow you time to move your belongings and meet others who will be living near you. You will be able to check-out linens (sheets, blanket, pillow, and towel) for the week at a cost of approximately \$5-\$7. (You will be able to shop for your own linens and other supplies on Wednesday.)

Note: Pizza will be provided starting at 6:00 PM in the Phillips-Hawkins Residence Hall Lobby. Come by for a “slice” and a chance to meet other new students.

Wednesday, January 4

9:00AM

IPC: Check-In, Welcome & Introductions

Please bring your visa documents to this session!

Location: SUL 201

International Programs Center Introduction, student introductions, overview of orientation events, expectations and IPC services and programs.

Continental breakfast will be served at 9:00 AM

10:30AM–11:15AM

IPC: Academic Advising & Registration Information

Location: SUL 201

Kaitlin Ritchie, Incoming Exchange Coordinator and Heidi Fischer, Study Abroad Advisor
What is academic advising? How do you register? What is drop/add? Why is “full-time” important to you? This session will provide general information related to all levels and areas of study and prepare you to meet with and take full advantage of your advising session.

11:15AM–11:45AM

IPC: Introduction to Banking in the US

Location: SUL 201

Joe Yochim, Store Manager, Wells Fargo Bank

11:45AM- 12:15AM

IPC: Overview of Spartan Card & Meal Plan

Location: SUL 201

Elizabeth Thomas, Director, Spartan Card Center

12:15PM-12:30PM

IPC: Overview of Payment Options

Location: SUL 201

Kaitlin Ritchie, Incoming Exchange Coordinator

Overview of how and where to make your payments to UNCG.

12:30PM-4:30PM

IPC: Taking Care of Business – Have your immigration documents with you!

12:30PM-2:30PM

Lunch on your own: Check out the EUC or Tate Street

*The Caf will open at dinner time today, January 4

12:30PM-2:30PM

Course Registration: Still need to register for classes? Meet with an IPC advisor to complete your course registration for spring!

***2-4pm MBA Students meet with Tuisha Fernandes (Bryan 317)**

12:30PM-4:30PM

****Have your ID made – EUC**

12:30PM-4:30PM

****Open your Campus Mail Box –Atrium in the Dining Hall**

12:30PM-4:30PM

****Campus Tour –Take a tour of UNCG with an IPC Volunteer**

12:30PM-4:30PM

Open a Wells Fargo Bank Account (\$100 cash deposit required)

12:30PM-4:30PM

*****Immunization Health Center Visit**

12:30PM-2:30PM: Students with last name: A-H

2:30PM-4:30PM: Students with last name: J-S

**** These Sessions leave from the front of room SUL 201 on the ½ hour, every hour
 ***Meet an IPC volunteer in front of SUL 201 at your designated time**

- 5:00PM** **Shopping Trip to Super Wal-Mart**
 Do you need to go shopping? Still need to buy items for your room? Sheets and Towels? School Supplies? The HEAT Bus will be available to shuttle you to a large store where just about anything can be purchased. **Catch HEAT Bus 78 by the Clock Tower near the Dining Hall.** Please refer to the bus schedule for specific times (note that the bus will operate every 30 mins, rather than every hour). Make sure to catch the 8:25pm bus from Wal-Mart to make it back in time for the I-House floor meeting. Remember to bring your student ID card.
- 9:30PM** **IPC: I-House: International House Resident Floor Meeting (tentative)***
 Location: International House
 Meet your International House staff and floor mates. Learn more about housing policies, expectations and activities. Mandatory.
- Thursday, January 5**
- 8:30 AM–3:15PM** **IPC: MANDATORY Information Sessions**
 Location: SUL 201
 This is a series of information sessions geared specifically to the needs of international students.
Continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 AM
- 9:00AM–10:15AM** **IPC: Safe Living Panel Discussion with Representatives from University Police, Residence Life, Division of Student Affairs, and IPC**
 Location: SUL 201
 Sergeant McCoy, Lt. Campbell (Police), Erica Estep (HRL), and Amy Jones (Student Affairs) represent.
- 10:15AM-10:45AM** **IPC: Visa Matters: What you need to know to keep your student visa!**
 Location: SUL 201
 Kaitlin Ritchie, Incoming Exchange Coordinator
 Immigration laws and regulations governing students are very complex. Be sure to know how to maintain your legal student status.
- 11:00AM-11:45AM** **IPC: Student Health Center: programs and services will be reviewed**
Medical Insurance - UNCG's required policy will be explained
 Location: SUL 201
 Alicia Davis, Nurse Supervisor & Shelley Queen, Rashaun DeBerry, Insurance Associates
- 12:00PM – 1:00PM** **Lunch with UNCG students**
 Location: Meet outside of Sullivan 201 and walk over to the Caf together.
 Meet more American students! Have lunch in the Caf with IPC student volunteers and study abroad returnees.
- 1:30PM–2:15PM** **IPC: The UNCG Classroom: Student & Faculty Relationships**
 Location: SUL 201
 Penelope Pynes, Associate Provost for International Programs
 This session will offer good advice on how to adapt academically to the American classroom, including key elements in the grading system, academic integrity student/faculty relationships, and the grading system.

- 2:15 PM – 3:15 PM** **IPC: Orientation to Non-Academic Life for International Students**
 Location: SUL 201
 Denise Bellamy, Director, Study Abroad and Exchange Programs
 Let's talk about life outside the classroom, in Greensboro, NC, specifically.
- 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM** **IPC: Immunization Health Center Visit**
 Students with last name: T-Z
 Location: Student Health Center
- 3:30 PM – 8:30 PM** **Shopping/Entertainment Evening**
Friendly Shopping Center – Shop, see a movie, enjoy a meal, just browse at Friendly Shopping Center. The Center offers food shopping, name brand stores such as GAP, Banana Republic, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, Bath & Body Works, major department stores, movies, and restaurants for relaxing and socializing. **Catch HEAT Bus 71 by the Clock Tower near the Dining Hall.** Please refer to the bus schedule for specific times ((note that the bus will operate every 30 mins, rather than every hour). The first bus leaves UNCG at 3:42pm and the last bus departs Friendly Center at 11:49pm. Remember to bring your Student ID card.

Friday, January 6

- 10:00AM–11:15AM** **Co-curricular Opportunities/Activities**
 Location: I-House
Student Groups – ISA (International Student Association), I-Fellows and PALS offer a wide range of activities and programs throughout the year, including weekly “Friday Fest” which features a different country/culture each week, and International Festival. This session will describe events and programs planned for this year.
Community Groups: International Students Inc. and Piedmont International Fellowship Greensboro Community groups that offer programs and hospitality to UNCG's International Students, including U.S. host families, weekend trips, and holiday events. These programs will be described and key contacts introduced.
UNCG Programs – Various departments and programs will be available to inform you about their services and activities.
- 1:00PM– 2:00PM** **Jackson Library Tour**
 Location: Meet in Front of the library.
 Mark Schumacher, Reference Librarian Jackson Library
 Come learn how to "use" an American University library effectively. This special tour is offered just for international students. Please sign up during the sessions on January 4.
- 2:00PM-3:00PM** **Recreation Center Tour**
 Location: Meet in the lobby of the Rec. Center
 Kim Clark, Associate Director of Campus Recreation
 Please sign up during the sessions on January 4.
- 3:30PM – 6:00PM** **Explore Downtown Greensboro by Day!**
 Get to know downtown Greensboro! Visit the Civil Rights Museum, Cultural Arts Center and the Center City Park. For a list of what to do downtown, please refer to the handout in your welcome packet or check out this link: <http://bit.ly/2011greensboro>. Meet IPC volunteers at the bus stop to Take HEAT bus 71 to Douglas Galyon Depot Station. Use your map and head West on Washington St. for 0.2 miles to Elm Street (middle of downtown). Please refer to the HEAT bus schedule for the most current arrival and departure times.

6:00PM-9:00PM**First Friday Downtown**

Explore downtown Greensboro at night! Join the local community for a self-guided tour of Downtown Greensboro's shops, local art galleries and art venues. This event is an open house opportunity to discover the center city's local artistic community support locally-owned, independent businesses located in Downtown. Refer to the HEAT bus schedule for arrival and departure times. Note: the last departure time is 11:10pm.

Saturday, January 7**10:00AM****Four Seasons: Take yourself to the mall!**

Go with your friends to the mall, see a movie, have lunch in the food court, and browse around the stores in the mall. Practice using the HEAT bus for transportation. **Catch HEAT Bus 78 by the Clock Tower near the Dining Hall.** Please refer to the bus schedule for specific times. Remember to bring your student ID card. The mall opens at 10am and closes at 9pm.

Sunday, January 8**3:00PM – 5:00PM****Meet Your PAL Event**

Location: I-House

Time to officially meet your PAL(s)! Enjoy refreshments and mingle with your peers and PALs.

6:30PM – 8:00PM**Dinner with Returning International Students**

Location: I-House basement

Meet in the I-House basement for introductions of new and returning international exchange students. After introductions, we will walk over to the Caf together for a group dinner.

9:00PM**Linen Return**

Location: International House Main Lobby

Make sure to turn in your linens and sign your name on the sign-out form. An IPC volunteer will be there to assist you.

Monday, January 9

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES!

Friday, January 13**2:00PM-4:00PM****First Friday Fest!**

Location: I-House

Tuesday, January 17**4:30PM-5:30PM****Chancellor's Welcome Reception**

Location: EUC Cone Ballroom

The UNCG Chancellor invites you to this special event hosted in YOUR HONOR. Individuals from throughout the University community will be present to meet and welcome you to campus. An invitation is included in your orientation folder. Light refreshments provided. *Special surprise gift for all new international students!*