



# Indiana University of Pennsylvania

## OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Greetings Exchange Partners:

We, in the Office of International Education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), look forward to hosting your students during the upcoming academic year, 2017-2018. To ensure an efficient application process, we are distributing information about International Student and Scholar Orientation, arrival dates, tuition and fees, meals and housing accommodations. We strongly recommend that all exchange applications be submitted to the OIE by the deadlines listed below. However, we can continue to accept exchange student applications from most countries after the deadline, but on-campus housing cannot be guaranteed. Please contact us if you have a late application.

### **HOUSING & MEALS**

IUP requires all exchange student to live on-campus in one of IUP's suite-style residence halls. Each suite is equipped with individual bathrooms, high-speed wired and wireless internet connectivity, microwaves and refrigerators, individually controlled air-conditioning and heating, and many more features. The cost of housing in a two-person shared semi-suite is approximately US\$4,300 per semester and other suite options are available at increased costs. More information is available online at <http://www.iup.edu/housing>.

All exchange students should choose to live in **Wallwork Hall** when selecting their on-campus housing, as this facility is dedicated to Global Awareness and remains open during break periods such as Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, and Spring Break when other living facilities are closed. Housing during Thanksgiving Break and Spring Break is free for international students and scholars living on-campus. For Winter Break housing costs, please refer to the attached cost sheet

Students living on-campus must enroll in one of six available meal plans. Descriptions and pricing of each meal plan are available online at <http://www.iup.edu/page.aspx?id=23033>.

The IUP Office of Housing, Residential Living and Dining requires all Fall 2017 Semester students to **reserve their on-campus housing by JUNE 1, 2017**. Housing requests submitted after this deadline may not be honored due to lack of rooms. Spring Semester housing is typically less competitive.

### **FEE-PAYING EXCHANGE**

Exchange students who pay tuition and fees directly to IUP are referred to as "fee-paying" exchange students. Fee-Paying exchange students receive a 32% discount from the out-of-state tuition costs. The cost to Fee-Paying exchange students for tuition and fees is approximately \$8293 plus, international fees, room and meals per semester. For a full course load, undergraduate students will register for 12-15 credits per semester.

### **RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE**

Reciprocal exchange students will be assessed fees based on the exchange agreement. In addition, reciprocal exchange students whose tuition and fees are waived per the exchange agreement are assessed the following mandatory fees: Orientation, Immigration Services, Evacuation/Repatriation Insurance, and Student ID Card fee (approximately \$275). Reciprocal exchange students should register for 12-15 credits per semester.

### **ARRIVAL DATE**

All new international students and scholars should arrive on the Arrival Date and must attend International Student and Scholar Orientation. IUP sponsors a bus pick-up from the Pittsburgh International Airport for students who arrive before 20:00 on the specified Arrival Date. The cost is US\$60 per person, and a seat must be reserved in advance for each student by submitting the "Orientation Arrival Form" through his or her personal MYIUP account (instructions are included in the acceptance packet). Students not arriving on the official Arrival Date must arrange their own transportation to IUP.

If students cannot arrive at the airport before 20:00 and want to ride the IUP-sponsored bus, we strongly recommend they plan to arrive a day early and stay at a hotel near the airport. (More information is provided in the mailed acceptance package which includes our IUP Pre-Arrival Guide). The hotels near the airport offer free shuttle service to and from the airport, so students can be transported back to the airport to catch the IUP-sponsored bus to Indiana on the official Arrival Date.

Please note that the Pittsburgh International Airport is approximately 2 hours from IUP, depending on traffic, weather and road conditions.

### **INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION**

International Student and Scholar Orientation is mandatory for all new international students and scholars. A \$125 fee is charged for this program. Orientation is designed specifically for international students and scholars to help them succeed at IUP. They will learn about IUP academic and student services, U.S. academic culture, and student visa and immigration regulations. In addition, students will meet with academic advisors and register for courses during orientation.

### **ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2017-2018**

<b>IUP ACADEMIC CALENDAR</b>	<b>FALL SEMESTER 2017</b>	<b>SPRING SEMESTER 2018</b>
APPLICATION DEADLINE	May 1, 2017	November 1, 2017
ARRIVAL DATE <i>IUP-sponsored transportation from the Pittsburgh International Airport is available for those who arrive by 20:00. The cost is US\$60 and seats must be reserved in advance.</i>	Monday, August 21	Tuesday, January 16 <i>(University Closed Monday, January 15 for MLK Holiday)</i>
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION	August 22-25	January 17-19
ACADEMIC SEMESTER	August 28-December 15	January 22-May 11
RECESS BREAKS: No Classes <i>Cafeterias will be closed.</i>	November 18-26 <i>Thanksgiving Break</i> December 16- January 21 <i>Winter Break</i>	March 10-18 <i>Spring Break</i>
FINAL EXAMS	December 11-15	May 7-11
LAST DAY IN RESIDENCE	December 16 <i>(must depart by 10:00 a.m.)</i>	May 12 <i>(must depart by 10:00 a.m.)</i>

## **CURRENT COSTS OF ATTENDANCE**

### **COSTS PER SEMESTER (double the amounts for one full academic year)**

TUITION & ACADEMIC FEES	\$8293
INTERNATIONAL FEES	\$275
ROOM & Commons Fee	\$4324 (based on two-person shared semi suite)
MEALS	\$1348 (based on 14 meals per week)
OTHER EXPENSES	\$2000 (estimate for health insurance, books, personal expenses, etc)

**\*Please assume a 3-4% increase in costs for 2017-18. The final cost of tuition and fees will be set in July 2017 after the State of Pennsylvania passes the budget, and funds are provided to the university.**

## **WINTER BREAK HOUSING POLICY**

A student may stay after fall semester (up to 4 days past the date of graduation) for a fee of \$35 per night. Returning students may arrive early for spring semester (up to 4 days prior to returning student check-in) for a fee of \$35 per night. All international students staying later/coming earlier than the 4-day window will be charged the flat winter break housing amount of \$425.

## **EXCHANGE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

IUP requires a minimum score of 61 ibt TOEFL or 5.5 IELTS for full-time undergraduate study. For graduate study, the minimum requirement is 76 ibt TOEFL and 6.0 IELTS. Exchange students with scores below the minimum are welcome to study English at IUP's American Language Institute (ALI). Learn more about the ALI at [www.iup.edu/ali/](http://www.iup.edu/ali/).

Attached to this email you will find copies of the following: International Exchange Application, Affidavit of Financial Support, and a cost estimate. Please distribute to your students as necessary. If we can provide further information, please contact us.

Best regards,

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