

Pre-Arrival Checklist

**You should have received your official acceptance letter and I-20 or DS-2019 from WKU.
If you have not, please contact our admissions staff at iem@wku.edu.**

- 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
- Arrange your travel to Nashville, Tennessee (Airport Code: BNA)
 - **FALL:** Transportation provided free of charge on specific dates. Any dates before or after, you must arrange your own transportation.
 - **SPRING:** Transportation provided free of charge on specific dates. Any dates before or after, you must arrange your own transportation.
 - **SUMMER:** Transportation to be secure by student.
 - Bowling Green Shuttle offers discounts to WKU students. Request a shuttle [here](#).
- Confirm your arrival with WKU via iStart: <http://bit.ly/2nWaCzK>
 - Login using you NetID and NetID password
 - If you do not know your NetID information, please login to your [WKU Accounts](#) for assistance.
 - Confirm your arrival information beginning with the “Pre-Arrival” link on the left side of the page for the term you were admitted.
 - Deadline to complete will be:
 - Fall: August 1
 - Spring: January 3
 - Summer: May 15
- Freshmen and undergraduate transfer students must attend the Topper Orientation Program to schedule classes.
 - [TOP information](#)
- Prepare your immigration documents and pack them in your carry-on luggage.
 - These documents should include: passport, visa, and I-20/DS-2019.
- Download the orientation schedule from our website.
- 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 WKU’s health insurance [guidelines](#).
- Review 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](#).