International Admissions Pre-Arrival Webinar

Fall 2025

Undergraduate, Graduate, & Exchange Students





These tasks should already be completed or in progress. If you have questions, please contact internationaladmit@xavier.edu or your graduate program contact.

- ✓ Secure I-20/DS-2019 and visa (F1 or J1). Send confirmation of visa decision to international@xavier.edu
- ✓ Placement tests and academic profile (if applicable)
- ✓ Set-up technology account, begin checking Xavier email
- √ Register for classes (Full time undergrad = 12+/grad = 9+)
- ✓ Submit housing agreement, select housing (on-campus, required for undergraduate students)
- ✓ Apply for and secure housing off-campus (optional for graduate students only) offcampus.xavier.edu
- ✓ Continue checking Road to Xavier first year/transfers



Agenda

- Tasks before you travel
- 2. Packing essentials
- 3. US port of entry and customs
- 4. Getting to campus/move-in
- 5. Required New Student Orientation
- 6. Important Contacts
- 7. Questions



1. Tasks before you travel

- Student ID OnePass
- Schedule Move-in
- Health Insurance
- Vaccines & Medical Requirements
- Flight Details & Airport Pick-up
- Important Documents
- Final Transcripts & Test Credits
- Research Mobile Phone Plans
- Xavier Mobile Apps



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OnePass Set-Up

- Complete task by: August 7, 2024
- Instructions sent by email (& in Road to Xavier if applicable)
- Upload photo
- Add One Pass to your phone
- Note: App limitations in some countries
- https://www.xavier.edu/auxiliary-services/id-services/onepass/index





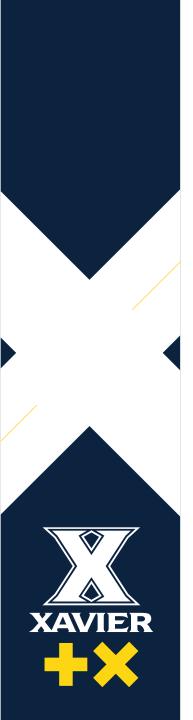
Scheduling Move-in Timeslot

- If you have applied to live on-campus, log-in through housing self-service and select a time slot based on your arrival, on either Monday, August 11 or Tuesday, August 12.
- Please email <u>reslife@xavier.edu</u> if you do not find an available timeslot that fits your arrival schedule.
- Please contact us immediately if you have not been able to secure a visa appointment in time or would be <u>arriving after</u> August 11 or August 12. There are very few exceptions for granting late arrivals: <u>international@xavier.edu</u>
- While you can enter the U.S. up to 30 days before your start date on I-20, it is likely we would require you stay off-campus (in a hotel) prior to August 11. Please contact reslife@xavier.edu with any questions.
- Reminder: Graduate students planning to live off-campus should secure their housing before arrival. Please contact your program for resources and search the Xavier Off-Campus site: https://offcampus.xavier.edu/
- Family members traveling with you should plan to book a hotel room nearby to campus: https://campustravel.com/university/xavier-university/



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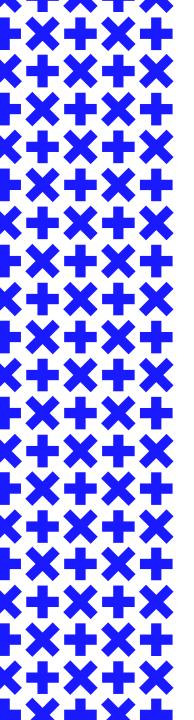


Enroll in Health Insurance

- First, must be enrolled full-time for fall 2025 semester (12+ credit hours – Undergraduate/9+ credit hours – Graduate, could vary by program)
- Log-in to Xavier's insurance portal here, to complete enrollment by July 31: https://xavier.myahpcare.com
 - Username: Xavier 9-digit student ID (begins with 000-)
 - Password: 8-digit date of birth mmddyyyy format
- All international students in F1/J1 immigration status are required to enroll in health insurance.
- After enrollment, log back into portal to access and print/save medical cards. Coverage begins August 1, 2025.
- Exceptions include:
 - Student athletes- trainers will assist you with the waiver process
 - Government sponsored students-submit waiver or work with scholarship advisor, ISSS office, and Xavier Health Insurance office

More information: xavier.edu/ship.

Send questions to Marybeth Sullivan sullivanm25@xavier.edu



Vaccination Records & Medical Forms

- Information was sent via email and in Road to Xavier (if applicable).
 Visit Xavier Health Services page: https://www.xavier.edu/health-wellness/health/immunizations
- COVID-19 vaccination/boosters strongly recommended
- Submit vaccination and medical records now, via MedProctor site: https://www.medproctor.com/ (\$10 fee)
- Any student who hasn't received all of the required immunizations or has an approved exemption on file can schedule an appointment during orientation week or first week of class, at **student health services**, to bring them into compliance (**513-745-3022**, **option 3**)





Confirm Flight Details & Schedule Airport Pick-up

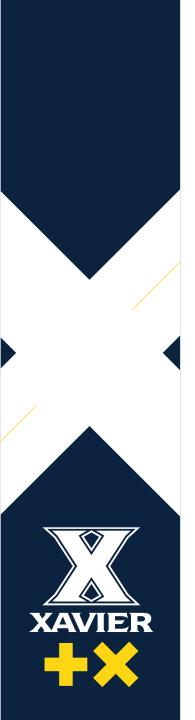
- Along with confirming you have received your F1 or J1 visa, please also send flight details to international@xavier.edu as soon as they are available
- Schedule airport shuttle by completing the following form: https://www.xavier.edu/international-students/new-students/arrival-information/airport-arrival-form
 - Shuttle service is provided by "Executive Transportation" and this first trip to campus is paid for by Xavier.
 - Your family are welcome to ride the shuttle with you, but please include their information in your booking
 - If you prefer to pay your own way, you are welcome to utilize services such as "Uber" or "LYFT"



Review and Print Important Documents/Contacts

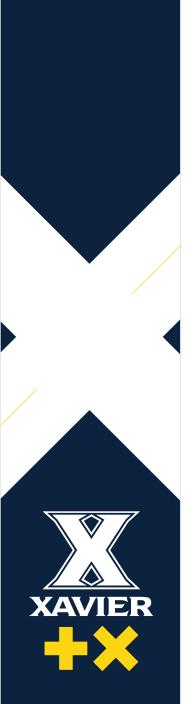
- Review immigration documents including I-20 or DS-2019, visa and passport to ensure your name is spelled correctly and matches
- Print off all documents (if you haven't done so already for visa interview), I-20, admissions letter and scholarship offer, class schedule, proof of finances (bank statements, financial sponsor form(s))
- Any important Xavier contacts such as the Center for International Education (513-745-2864), Xavier Police (513-745-2000), university address (3800 Victory Parkway Cincinnati, Ohio 45207), your emergency contacts back home, travel insurance (if purchased for outside the U.S.), Xavier health insurance card/policy





Final Transcripts

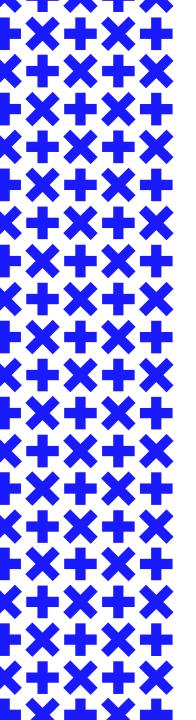
- Preferred: Request your school official sends final official transcripts, board results or examinations, and proof of graduation/matriculation to: internationaladmit@xavier.edu
- Alternatively, request official paper results (in signed and sealed envelope preferred) and bring these with you to orientation on August 13, 2025
 - Graduate students should follow directions from their department for sending final/official transcripts and proof of degree



Test Credits IB, AP, A-Levels, & CLEP Results

- Xavier will review final IB, AP, A-Level, and CLEP exam results for any eligible college credits.
- Follow instructions on Xavier's website for sending your IB, AP, A-Level and CLEP results over the summer: https://www.xavier.edu/undergraduate-admission/ap-ib-and-clep-

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Cell Phone/SIM (know before you go)

- Explore cell phone plans ahead of arrival
 - During orientation week, if needed, we can make a trip to cell phone stores nearby, including the following:
 - T-Mobile
 - Verizon
 - AT&T
- Xavier Center for International Education will provide a SIM card from MINT Mobile (<u>Campus SIMs</u>) that is eligible for activation and pre-paid plan (no contract), but does require an unlocked iPhone or Android phone.



XU Alert Me App & Xavier App

- Sign up to receive important safety alerts via the XU Alert Me App:
 - Log-in online and download app here: https://www.getrave.com/login/xavier
 - Learn more about campus safety here: https://www.xavier.edu/safety/index
- Download Xavier Mobile app:
 - https://www.xavier.edu/mobile/index



2. Packing Essentials

- Packing
- Ordering ahead
- Buying later



What to Pack in your suitcase

- Essentials for the first nights on campus (we will take a shopping trip on August 13):
 - Clothing items, shoes, etc.
 - Fitted bed sheet Twin XL size
 - Regular bed sheet Twin XL size
 - Mattress cover/protector (waterproof)*
 - blanket (optional but recommended)*
 - Electronics, chargers, converter(s)
 - Small hand towel and bath towel*
 - Small toiletries (soap, shampoos, tooth paste, toothbrush, hair brush, etc.)*
 - Medicines (if applicable)- contact Xavier Health Center with any questions regarding filling prescriptions after arrival
 - *Buy more later, pack light for these items!
- Don't forget to pack a few things to remind you of home! (photos, small items, cultural items, small snacks/candies, etc.)

- Other essentials
 - Travel documents (keep in carry-on!)
 - Money (USD) limit amount and carry on you in a money belt or similar to avoid losing it!
 - Credit card, travelers checks (if needed/available), banking information
 - Emergency contacts at home and in USA, travel insurance (if applicable) and Xavier Health Insurance cards – also carry with you, if you can (in a pocket, money wallet, purse, etc.)
- Packing list and tips from Xavier Housing (some of this you can buy after arrival) https://www.xavier.edu/student-involvement/orientation/resident-students/before-you-arrive
- Exchange/visiting students CIE has bed sheets and blankets that will be provided for you for the semester.





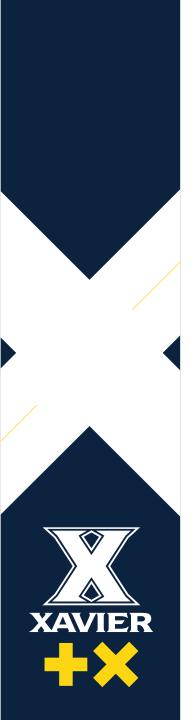
Online Orders & Shipping to Campus

- Mail room will start accepting packages Monday, August 4, for new students.
- Items should be addressed to:
 - First & Last Name
 Xavier University
 Resident Hall & Room Number
 Cincinnati, OH 45207
- Specific mail pick up hours should be on the mail center site: https://www.xavier.edu/mailing-services/index
- Common online shipping providers include Amazon, Dormify (linens program: https://www.xavier.edu/residence-life/parents/linens)
- Local stores that also may provide shipping to campus: Target, Meijer, Wal-Mart, Kohl's, At Home





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What to Buy Later (shopping trip or order)

- Optional Shopping Trip (transportation provided) on Wednesday, August 13th, 6-9 pm – Stores include: <u>Target</u>, <u>Meijer</u>
 - Cell phone providers we may visit include: T-Mobile, Verizon, AT&T
- What to buy later or order online (this list is not exhaustive):
 - Pillows
 - Heavier blanket/comforter
 - Storage containers (for under bed), organizers
 - School supplies (pens, etc.)
 - Additional towels, toiletries/shower caddy
 - Additional clothing/shoes/heavier coat, rain coat, umbrella, etc.
 - Room decorations
 - Mini fridge*
 - Microwave*
 - TV/Gaming (if applicable)*
 - CIE does have some small items, such as lamps, that can be borrowed and returned at end of the semester.

^{*}Coordinate these items with your roommate(s), especially if they are already here in the U.S.

3. US Port of Entry & Customs

- What to carry with you
- What to expect



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Essential Documents to Carry

- All documents you took to F1/J1 visa interview including, but not limited to:
 - Passport (including F1 or J1 visa stamp)
 - Must not expire in less than 6 months from the date of entry into the U.S.
 - If you also have tourist visa (B1/B2), be sure to show your F1/J1 visa!
 - Printed Official Xavier Admissions letter and Scholarship offer (print in color)
 - Printed and signed I-20 or DS-2019 document (print in color, sign in blue ink)
 - Financial documents and sponsor form(s)
 - Printed schedule of classes (Fall 2025 semester)
- Important contacts (in U.S./Xavier campus, and in home country)
- Living address/on or off-campus address
- University Address: 3800 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207 (Open Monday-Friday 8:30 am-5:00 pm)
 Phone: 513-745-2864
- Xavier Police/Campus Safety: Flynn Hall 1648 Musketeer Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207 (Open all the time)

Phone: 513-745-2000 (answered 24/7)





What to Expect at Port of Entry

- Designate a point of contact
- Notify someone that you have arrived at the airport before you go through immigration control (this could be a family member, but make sure they also have your Xavier contacts)
- If stopped by Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and asked to designate, we suggest you designate the university

Xavier International Center (M-F, 8:30 am-5 pm): 513-745-2864

Xavier Police (24/7 line): 513-745-2000

- Questions you may be asked at Port of Entry
 - What's your purpose for coming to the U.S.?

- Why did you choose to study in the U.S.?
- Have you ever been to the U.S. before?
- Why did you choose Xavier University?
- Have you registered for courses? In which courses are you enrolled?
- Who will support you financially while you are in the U.S.?/What is your plan to fund your education?
- What do your parents do for a living?
- What are your plans after you finish with your studies in the U.S.?

Remember, the primary purpose of a person on a non-immigrant F-1 student or J-1 exchange visa is **to study.**

Endless Curiosity





4. Getting to Campus/Move-in

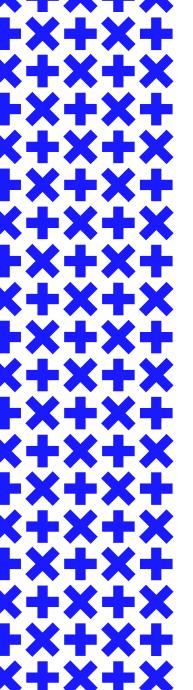
- Airport Shuttle Directions
- Arrival to campus (business hours or before/after)
- Move-in and expectations
- Meals





Finding Airport Shuttle (CVG airport to campus)

- After landing, follow signs to Baggage claim.
- After claiming your bags, go to far end of baggage claim, carousel #4, and follow sign for the "Executive Transportation."
- There will be a desk with a phone. Pick up the phone and share with the operator your full name, that you are student with Xavier University to confirm reservation.
- Operator will then ask you to walk through double sliding doors, outside to wait for shuttle and will share your driver's name.
- Shuttle will take you directly to Xavier's campus.



Arriving to Campus/Where to check-in

- Continue to check your Xavier email for move-in updates.
- When the shuttle brings you to Xavier, you will be dropped off at Xavier Police/Campus Safety:

1648 Musketeer Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45207 (513) 745-2000

- Between 8:30 am-5:00 pm (Monday-Friday), come visit the Center for International Education (CIE) office: Gallagher Student Center, 2⁻⁻ Floor, 3800 Victory Parkway Cincinnati, Ohio 45207 (513) 745-2864
- Family members are not allowed to stay in on-campus housing.
 Please plan to book a hotel nearby: https://campustravel.com/university/xavier-university/
- If you are living off-campus, you should plan to shuttle to campus, then Uber/Lyft to your residence off-campus.
- Questions about arrival can be directed to international@xavier.edu







On-Campus Move-in and Expectations

- International student move-in begins <u>August 11-12</u>.
 Center for International Education (CIE) staff, students, and Xavier Police, will help you check in find your dorm/move into your room.
- After checking in, you are welcome to come hang out with us in the Center for International Education during business hours (M-F, 8:30 am-5 pm).
- Most students who are living within the U.S., but outside Ohio, will move in either Wednesday, August 13, evening, or Thursday, August 14, morning.
- Most students who are living within the U.S., but within Ohio, will move in Thursday, August 14, morning.



Meals (orientation week)

- For those students living on-campus, meal vouchers will be provided at checkin from Campus Safety/Police (small envelope provided with your keycard envelope, if applicable). Wednesday meals will be provided during orientation.
- Students living off-campus will need to provide for their own meals during Orientation Week, except for:
 - Wednesday breakfast, lunch, dinner
 - Thursday breakfast (lunch will be at students' discretion)
- Please plan to check in at the Center for International Education (CIE)
 Office, 2nd Floor Gallagher Student Center, 3800 Victory Parkway Cincinnati,
 Ohio 45207 (if you got your keycard from campus police overnight, check in
 first thing the next morning with CIE).



5. Mandatory New Student Orientation

- Schedule and importance
- Program orientations
- Optional activities





Schedule Overview & Importance

- New International Orientation is <u>required</u> by the U.S. government in order to maintain your F1/J1 immigration status and register your immigration record in the SEVIS system.
- Orientation will begin Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 9 am
 EST. Please do not be late!
- Don't forget to bring:
 - Immigration documents (passport, visa, I-20, printed or PDF of I-94 www.cbp.gov/i94 can be access 24-hours after arrival)
 - Final transcripts (if applicable)
- Please find the full schedule on our website: https://www.xavier.edu/international-students/newstudents/orientation



Orientation by Program

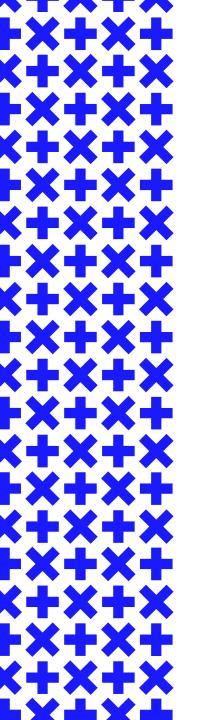
- There will be additional required orientations August 14-17 and these will vary by program.
- Continue to check your Xavier email daily for updates and detailed schedules are listed online.
- Family members are welcome to attend international orientation Wednesday and <u>family</u> <u>program during Manresa</u> (for families of first-year/freshman students).
- First year/Freshman
 - Manresa Orientation begins Thursday afternoon, August 14 and you will check-in with us on Thursday morning.
- Transfers
 - Sunday, August 17. <u>REGISTER HERE</u>
- Graduate
 - Graduate Student Onboarding and Networking Event, Saturday, August 16, 9 am. REGISTER HERE



- Exchange
 - Optional Friday activities to explore Cincinnati area with Interlink Peer Mentors (IPMs)







Optional Activities (open to all new students!)

- Shopping Trip
 - Wednesday, August 13 (evening)
- US Bank Session
 - Thursday, August 14 (morning)
- Factory 52 excursion
 - Thursday, August 14 (morning/afternoon)
 - Learn more <u>HERE</u>
- Xavier Week of Welcome
 - Starts August 17
 - Check Xavier website for Schedule of activities: https://www.xavier.edu/student-involvement/campus-events/week-of-welcome



Interlink Peer Mentors (IPMs)

- Interlink Peer Mentors (or "IPMs") are current Xavier students (from a variety of countries and backgrounds) who help support incoming international students
- You will meet the IPMs during the mandatory orientation and during our outings and activities.
- They will also be available by email and will attend CIE events throughout the semester.
- You will have to option to join a new student WhatsApp group to help you connect (please check your Xavier email in the coming weeks to join via the link)



6. Important Contacts



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Contact	Phone	Email	Location
Center for International Education (CIE)	(513)745-2864	international@xavier.edu	Gallagher Student Center, Room 230 (2 nd floor)
Xavier Police	(513)745-2000 (non-emergency) (513)745-1000 (emergency)		Flynn Hall 1648 Musketeer Drive Cincinnati, Ohio 45207
Emergency (on or off campus)	911		
Residence Life (On-Campus Housing)	(513)745-3203	reslife@xavier.edu	Justice Hall, Musketeer Mezzanine
Bursar (billing and payment plans)	(513)745-3435	xubursar@xavier.edu	Justice Hall, Musketeer Mezzanine
Health Services/Student Health Insurance	(513)745-3022 (option 3 for appointment) (513)246-7023 (after hours and weekend nurse line – NOT for medical emergencies)	sullivanm25@xavier.edu Health insurance/RX questions) help@medproctor.com (immunization form support) COVID-19 Guidance https://www.xavier.edu/hea lth-wellness/health/covid-19	Health United Building, Suite 101

7. Questions ???



