



UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

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☑ J-1 VISITOR PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

1. **VISA APPOINTMENTS:** After receiving your admissions packet including your admissions letter and DS-2019, please visit the U.S. Department of State's [website](#) and follow the instructions for visa application.
2. **HOUSING:** After obtaining your visa, please secure your housing. If you choose to live on campus, please visit the Housing Office's [website](#) for rooms and rates. To secure campus housing, please contact visitorhousing@louisiana.edu. You can also choose to [live off campus](#).
3. **IMMUNIZATION RECORDS:** Please make sure to complete [UL's immunization compliance form](#) prior to entering the country. Please be advised that Sections A and C are required. Students who sign the waiver (Section B) will not be allowed on campus in the event of the spread of a contagious disease.
4. **FINANCES:** Make sure to exchange your money for U.S. dollars prior to leaving for the U.S. You will need approximately \$10,000 to pay for tuition, housing, books and expenses for the semester. This amount may be less if you have paid your tuition at your home institution. It is best to use traveler's checks or credit cards. Carrying large amounts of cash money is not recommended.
5. **FLIGHT PLANS:** Make sure to reserve your plane tickets in advance. The airport code for Lafayette is LFT. There are no direct flights to Lafayette, so you will have to fly into another U.S. airport before arriving in Lafayette. If you fly into Lafayette on a weekday and require airport pickup, please complete an [arrival request](#). Please be advised that public transportation in Lafayette is minimal.
6. **ORIENTATION:** You are required to attend an orientation (see schedule for details) before registering for classes. All incoming international students must pay tuition or set up a payment plan at orientation (payments cannot be made until you register for classes at orientation). Visit the Student Cashier Center's [website](#) for information about tuition. If your home university has a [Memorandum of Understanding](#) with UL Lafayette, your tuition and/or fees will be assessed or waived according to that agreement.

For detailed information, please visit our [website](#) or contact us at (337) 482-6819 or oia@louisiana.edu.