

The International Student Orientation is intended to provide international students with added time and exposure to life at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. This program helps students to adjust not only to Garrett-Evangelical, but also to completely different food, weather, and time zone, among other things.

Organized and run by the Dean of Students, the Office of Student Life (OSL), and Orientation Leaders (OLs), this fun-filled program introduces you to Garrett-Evangelical's rich academic, social and cultural resources.

NOTE: International Student Orientation is required and mandatory for all incoming international students and international exchange and transfer students. While optional, Americans living abroad are welcome to participate in the International Student Orientation.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21 – WELCOME AND AN INTRODUCTION TO G-ETS

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| 12:00 – 1:00 pm | Welcome Potluck and Brief Introductions
Loder Lobby |
| 1:00 – 2:00 pm | Campus Tour
<i>Introduction to campus facilities/key areas of support and guidance</i> |
| 2:00 – 3:00 pm | Introductions, Icebreakers and Getting to know Student Services
Room 301 |
| 3:00 – 3:15 pm | Break |
| 3:15 – 4:00 pm | Public Safety Matters
Room 301 |

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22 – KEEPING IT LEGAL IN THE UNITED STATES

- 10:00 – 11:50 am** **Introduction to Immigration Regulations**
Room 301
Fulfilling immigration-related reporting obligations/obtaining a travel endorsement/learning about rights and responsibilities of non-immigrant students and more.
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm** **Lunch with Rev. Paul Ortiz, *Director of Residential Ministries***
- 1:00 – 1:30 pm** **Health Education and Insurance**
- 1:30 – 2:00 pm** **Permission to work on/off campus**
- 2:00 – 2:15 pm** **Break**
- 2:15 – 3:00 pm** **Applying for a U.S. social security number**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23 – CULTURE: WHAT TO EXPECT

- 12:00 pm** **Lunch**
Room 301
- 1:00 – 1:30 pm** **Icebreaker/Fun Activity**
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm** **Let's Talk Culture**
Intercultural adjustments strategies/culture shock/ learning about life in the US
- 2:30 – 3:00 pm** **General advising and support**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24 – OUT AND ABOUT

- 9:00 am** **Meet Jason Gill, Director of Financial Aid**
Room 301
Bank deposits
- 9:30 am** **To the CTA Purple Line (Foster Station)**
- 9:45 am** **Using the Ventra Card**
*How to load the CTA card with money at the station
(or ask station attendant for assistance if necessary)*
- 10:00 am** **Visit the Social Security Administration via CTA**
- 11:00 am** **Chase Bank in Downtown Evanston via CTA**
Opening a US bank account
- 12:00 pm** **Lunch**
Fountain Square (downtown Evanston)
Pick a resuarant in downtown Evanston, buy your food, and have lunch with your peers.
- 1:00 pm** **Shopping via CTA**
Grocery Store/Target/General Shopping

Please be reminded New Student Orientation begins Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.