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Greetings International Student,

Congratulations on your admission to Morgan State University! We are delighted that you have selected Morgan State University and we welcome you to our growing community.

Aligned with Morgan State University's motto of "Growing" the Future, Leading the World," the international community at Morgan is robust and continues to grow with your support.

We look forward to the contributions of new ideas, values, beliefs, customs, and experiences to enrich our campus. You will find your time here rewarding both personally and academically.

The Office of International Student & Faculty Services (OISFS) is here to support you. I look forward to meeting you at the beginning of the semester and wish you a successful and enjoyable learning experience in Maryland.

Best regards,

### Al Zain Zee Al Zain

Interim Director of International Student & Faculty Service

### I. PRE-ARRIVAL

Here are all the things that you need to know and do before you arrive in the United States and to

Morgan State University:



(Undergrad)

### To confirm your acceptance, go to:

http://www.morgan.edu/enrollment\_management\_and \_student\_success/office\_of\_undergraduate\_admission\_

nd\_recruitment/admitted\_students/confirm\_enrollment

### 2a. Receive Your I-20

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Submit the following documents to Office of International Student & Faculty Services via: international.affairs@morgan.edu

**Bank statement** with official bank stamp or seal and signature of bank official (must be converted to USD if coming from a foreign account)

#### OR

Financial Guarantee from your government or sponsoring agency covering full cost of tuition, room & Board and books for 12 months: UG \$33,822.00 | GRAD \$ 32,858.00

Affidavit of Support (A notarized letter from person financially supporting – not required if you have a Financial Guarantee) Passport Bio Page



#### **International Residential Address**



**POST COVID – BEGINNING FALL 2021** 

2b. I-20 Delivery & Pick-up

ALL I-20 MUST BE PICKED UP BY OR EMAILED DIRECTLY TO THE ADMITTED STUDENT.

\*\*NO EXCEPTIONS\*\*

If you are outside of the United States, you will need to register with <u>eShipGlobal</u> <u>UMES</u> to receive your I20. Instructions can be found on our webpage below: This service is currently suspended

https://www.morgan.edu/international affair s/office of international student and facult y services/shipping information for international students.html

PLEASE FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS
COMPLETELY



### Pay your I-901 fee for SEVIS (mandatory for new international

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CONTINUED...
THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

3. Your Passport Must be Valid For At Least Six Months



4. Apply For A U.S. Visa

students): https://www.fmjfee.com/

<u>Print the receipt for your records!</u> **Schedule a visa interview appointment** 

- Form I-20 (prepared by Morgan State and sent to student)
- A completed visa application form
- SEVIS I-901 payment and visa application receipts
- Proof of financial support
- Other documents can be found at the U.S. Embassy website

### 5. Test Your Username & Password

For services such as Morgan Email, WebSIS, and Canvas, take time to configure and get familiarized with these services.

If you have <u>any difficulty</u> accessing these services, contact Morgan State University's **Service Desk** at 443.885.4357 for assistance.

8. Plan Airport Pick-up On Arrival To The United States

> Be prepared for cold weather! Bring a coat or jacket

**BEAR TIP** 





### **Attend your visa interview** with all **OISFS WILL NOT** required documents. Required

documents are:

**PROVIDE SUPPORT** 

 A passport valid for at least 6 LETTERS FOR LATE months ARRIVALS

9. Apply For On-campus
Housing

The application for campus housing can be found here -

10. Child Care & Schools

http://www.morgan.edu/residencelife

ON CAMPUS HOUSING IS DESIGNATED BY GENDER: •

Male:

Baldwin Hall

- Cummings HallO'Connell Hall
- Rawlings Hall Female:
- Blount TowersCo-Ed:
- Harper-Tubman (honors students ONLY)



- Marble Hall Gardens
- Thurgood Marshall



If you are bringing your family, you can find more information about local schools and childcare at the link below:

http://www.morga n.edu//Documents/ ADMINISTRATION/ OFFICES/ResLife/Ch il d%20Care%20and% 20Schools.pdf

### 11. Look & Apply For Off-campus Housing

Morgan View Apartments is the closest off-campus housing. Information about Morgan View – <a href="http://morganview.com">http://morganview.com</a>

To Apply To Morgan View
Apartmentshttps://applynow.studenthousing.com:
446/732

### TOOLS TO FIND OTHER OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING:

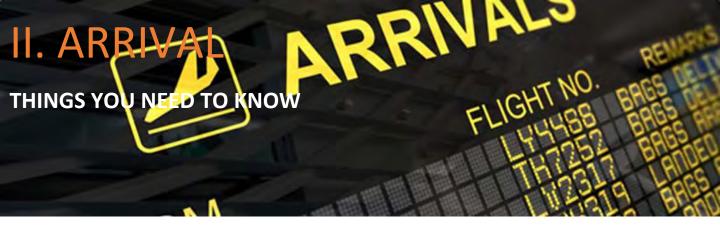
http://www.msu.och101.com/

### 1. Airport Emergencies

If you have any difficulty at Customs & Border Protection while entering the country contact the Office of International Student & Faculty Services (OISFS) so we can assist by phone:

MON-FRI 9:00AM - 5:00PM, CALL: 443.885.4755 (OFFICE LINE)

AFTER 5:00 PM & WEEKENDS FOR AIRPORT EMERGENCIES ONLY, Call:



410.805.6924

### 2. Transportation from the airport

For convenient service that can accommodate your luggage, we recommend:

- BWI Airport Taxi-http://www.bwiairportta
   xi.com/
- Uber--mobile app
- Lyft--mobile app
- Super Shuttle

### 3. Mandatory check-in

Upon arrival to campus, you MUST bring the following documents to the Office of International Student & Faculty Services (OISFS): Post pandemic email to: international.affairs@morgan.edu

- ☐ Your signed I-20
- ☐ Passport & F-1 visa
- □ I-94

https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home

☐ I-901 Fee payment receipt https://fmifee.com

\*\*If these documents are not



12, 2023 a
Registration
Hold will be
placed on your
account.\*\*

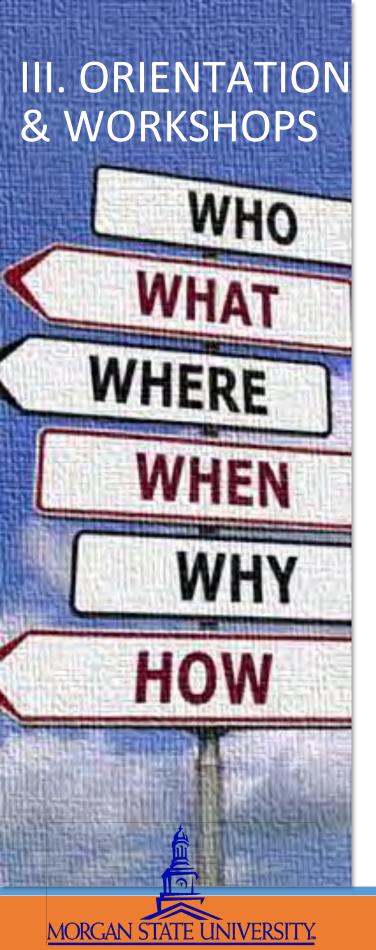


All <u>UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS</u> are required to have health insurance. <u>Health insurance is automatically added</u> to the account of undergraduate

<u>GRADUATE STUDENTS</u> are eligible to enroll in the insurance plan, however, this is a

**students**. If you already have insurance coverage, you must waive health insurance by visiting the **Harriet A. Woolford** 

## TO ENROLL IN OR WAIVE HEALTH INSURANCE, VISIT:



# ORIENTATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS

### 1. Freshmen Orientation

ACCESS Orientation is for new, incoming first-time freshmen only. CASA, PACE, and Transfer students are not required to participate in the ACCESS Orientation Program. See the link for more information: <a href="https://www.morgan.edu/enrollment manageme">https://www.morgan.edu/enrollment manageme</a> nt and student success/office of student success and retention/access orientation.html

All NEW international students must attend ACCESS Orientation to prevent a hold on your registration.

### 2. Online Transfer Orientation

If you are transferring from another U.S. institution, you will learn how to transfer your credits and other resources available to you. *Check in with your department's Transfer or Retention Coordinators* 

### 3. International Student Workshops

### F-1 BASICS:

Fall 2023 - 09/11/2023

### In the Earl Richardson Library, Rm 212

Provides guidance and information you need to maintain your F-1 Status and get advice on how best to navigate campus services to meet your needs.

#### 4. Meet With Your Advisor

Advisors are assigned according to major and help students with choosing classes.

Freshmen will have a hold on registration until you have a meeting with your Advisor.

A meeting can be scheduled by email.

Check STARFISH/WebSIS to find your advisor.

# IV. Scheduling Classes

6. Online Registration: WebSIS

WebSIS is the student portal for your registration needs. You will need your pre-assigned username and password for access on:

https://cas.morgan.edu/cas/login



Payments Can Be Made At The Office Of The Bursar

http://www.morgan.edu/bursa

PAYMENTS PLANS ARE AVAILABLE!

Fees and tuition can also be paid by clicking "Pay Now" under the student tab in WebSIS.

### WEBSIS DATES YOU NEED TO REMEMBER:

Last day to ADD/DROP courses

Fall 2023 - 9/5/2023

Last Day To Drop A Course WITHOUT A Grade Of "W"

Fall 2023 - 9/5/2023

### 8. Government Sponsored Students

### **Transcripts & Proof of Graduation:**

<u>Transcripts with a posted degree are proof of graduation.</u>

The Office of Records and Registration provides the above documents to students for their respective government requests.

Verification Letters, Ticket Allowances, Etc.

Letters concerning confirmation of tutoring, online classes, and enrollment, can be requested at the Office of International Student & Faculty Services (OISFS).

Being Under-enrolled And Not Paying Your Tuition And Fees WILL Affect Your Immigration Status.



BEAR TIP

### V. Getting Around

1. Transportation

### **BALTIMORE CITY TRANSPORT:**

www.mta.maryland.gov MTA BUS **METRO SUBWAY** LIGHTRAIL

### **GETTING AROUND CAMPUS**

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**BEARtransit** provides transportation around campus. https://morgan.edu/beartrai

### ROUTES

Montebello

McKeldin to Northwood Shopping Center, Blount & Montebello **Campus West** 

McKeldin to Communications, Engineering/CBEIS, Morgan View,

Portage, Marble Hall & **Northwood Shopping Center** 

**International Student & Faculty Services** (OISFS) to obtain a Social Security

**Exemption Letter** 



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2. Obtaining A Driver's License

If you want to obtain a driver's license, you must visit or email the Offi

3. Baltimore CollegeTown

**Baltimore CollegeTown Shuttle Provides Transportation Around Baltimore City:** 

www.baltimorecollegetown.org/shuttle

Collegetown shuttle stops in McKeldin parking lot and at bus stop by the library \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

### **ROUTES:**

**BLUE:** Goucher College, Towson Mall, Towson University, Notre Dame, Loyola University--Maryland, Johns Hopkins & Penn Station

**RED:** Towson University, Towson Mall, Towson Place Shopping Center, Morgan State, Johns Hopkins, and Penn Station

CAMPUS WIDE: Makes All Stops

Get in contact



with & involved with campus organizations

### VI. Administrative Offices & Resources

1. Office of International Student & Faculty Services

http://www.morgan.edu/oisfs

Suite #212, E. S. Richardson Library

Mon-Fri 9:00AM - 4:00PM

443.885.4755 (Office)

International.affairs@morgan.edu

\*\*AFTER 5 PM & WEEKENDS\*\* FOR AIRPORT EMERGENCIES ONLY:

CALL - 410.805.6924

2. School of Graduate Studies

http://www.morgan.edu/gradschool

McKeldin, 310

443.885.3185 (Office)

3. Office of Records & Registration

5. Counseling Center

http://www.morgan.edu/counselingcenter

Holmes Hall, Suite # 326

443,885,3130

6. Campus Resources

registrar.morgan.edu

**Tyler Hall** 

443.885.3300

4. Office of the Bursar – Tyler Hall

http://www.morgan. <u>wu/bursar</u>

Tyler Hall 200

443.885.3108





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At Morgan State University, there are several resources located on campus for the convenience of students, including:

- **Book store**
- Library
- PNC Bank Located in the University Student Center, provides access to a bank account for all students, including international students.
- Restaurants--Chic-fil-A and Subway
- Sports facilities--workout, tennis, pool
- Chapel
- **Police and Public Safety Department**
- **University Health Center**