



Hello Again!

Below is additional information on ways to make your arrival and transition to Clemson as easy as possible.

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International Student Arrival Guide

To help you prepare for your Clemson Experience, we developed our [International Student Arrival Guide](#), which offers resources to help you with the transition to living and studying at Clemson University.

International Services Virtual Orientation

International Services will hold a virtual orientation for new international students on **Monday, May 15, at 9 am**. The Zoom link for this important orientation is <https://clemson.zoom.us/j/97085972806>.

Graduate School Orientation

Clemson's Graduate School will sponsor two orientations for new students arriving in summer and fall 2023. The in-person Orientation will be held on **Wednesday, August 16, 2023 from 9 am – 4 pm**. Information on the mandatory **Virtual Orientation** and the **in-person Orientation** can be found [here](#).

SEVIS Check-in Through the iStart Portal

One of the first items to take care of when you arrive in the U.S. is to complete your SEVIS Check-In using the [iStart Portal](#). Please note the following:

- SEVIS Check-In cannot be completed prior to your arrival in the U.S.
- SEVIS Check-In is of utmost importance if you are a new Graduate Assistant (GA) and need to apply for a social security number (SSN) to begin your GA position. If you delay completing your SEVIS Check-In, it will delay your applying for and receiving your SSN.
- SEVIS Check-In is done through the iStart Portal and does not require you to come in person to International Services.
- Information on how to complete your SEVIS Check-In can be found [here](#).

Applying for an SSN at the Social Security Administration

To receive a stipend for a GA position or to be paid for on-campus employment, international students must have an SSN. Applying for and receiving an SSN can be an issue for new students arriving on campus for the first time who need to begin receiving their stipend. Information on applying for an SSN can be found [here](#). Here are some helpful tips to assist in applying for an SSN:

- Complete your SEVIS Check-In immediately upon arrival in the U.S.
- If you already have an SSN issued by the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA), you do not need a new SSN. Once issued, an SSN does not expire and does not need to be renewed.
- You are required to apply in person for an SSN at a local SSA office. There are SSA offices in Anderson, Greenville, Charleston, and [other cities throughout SC](#).
- You must take the documents listed [here](#) to the SSA to apply in person for your SSN.

Submitting Student Immunization Records

All new undergraduate and graduate students (domestic and international) are required to upload a completed Student Immunization Form along with supporting immunization documents to the [MyHealth-e portal](#). The immunization form and other information on this process can be found [here](#). If you cannot upload to this portal, these documents can be mailed to Redfern Health Center, Clemson University, Box 344054 Room 34, Clemson, SC 29634-4054, or faxed to +1 864-656-0760.

Submitting Final Transcripts to the Graduate School

Final official transcripts are transcripts sent directly to Clemson University's Graduate Admissions Office from the issuing institution. Graduate Admissions accepts unofficial transcripts during the admission process, but official transcripts are required of applicants who are admitted and intend to enroll at Clemson. Please note:

- Your final official transcripts must be sent, in a sealed envelope, directly from the issuing institution to the **Office of Graduate Admissions, 220 Parkway Drive, E-209 Martin Hall, Clemson University, Clemson SC 29634**.
- The title of the degree earned and the date awarded must be noted for the transcript to be considered final official.
- Official certificates or diplomas in sealed envelopes from the issuing institution should accompany any transcripts that do not note the degree earned and the date awarded directly on the transcripts.
- Graduate Admissions will not accept faxed copies of transcripts as official.
- ***A transcript in an envelope that has been opened is no longer considered official.***
- English translation of all international transcripts is required, and more information on this can be found [here](#).
- Additional helpful resources for questions concerning the submission of final official transcripts can be found [here](#) or by contacting [Graduate Admissions](#).

Submitting Final Transcripts to Undergraduate Admissions

Clemson University requires first-year undergraduate applicants to self-report their high school transcripts. Students who are admitted to Clemson will be required to send official transcripts prior to enrollment. After submitting your application, a link to the SRAR system will be available in your [Applicant Portal](#). Additional information on International Undergraduate Admissions can be found [here](#).

We hope you find the information in this email to be helpful and useful. Over the next several weeks, International Services will continue to send you additional information as part of our Welcome to Clemson series. This email series will contain various resources, videos, and helpful tips from offices and individuals across campus to help make your arrival and transition to Clemson as easy as possible. If you missed the first email in the series, you can find it [here](#).

In our next edition, we will cover the requirement that all international students have health insurance while enrolled at Clemson, along with other helpful bits of information.

Take care,

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