International Student Orientation & Welcome Activities

Tuesday, January 17

Airport Shuttle Service: ISSS will be running an all day shuttle service from San Francisco airport to USF. Prior online registration is required.

International Student Move-In Day: On Move-in Day there will be additional assistance at the Welcome Center. All One Cards for international students who completed ID Express will be distributed at the Welcome Center. University Center 1st Floor, 10am-5pm.

International Game Night: Join new students and the orientation guides in a casual game night. Feel free to bring a game to share! University Center 4th Floor, 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Wednesday, January 18

English Placement Testing: All undergraduate students who are required to take English as a Second Language (ESL) classes are required to take this placement exam. Written exam in Cowell 107 at 8:30am, interviews will be held in various rooms from 8:30-12:30pm.

Resource Fair: Come visit the resource fair to get your questions answered. Resources include banks, course advising, immunization information, immigration check-in and other campus offices. University Center 1st Floor, 12pm-2pm.

JEEP Advising Lunch: Jesuit Education Exchange Program students are required to attend this lunch and special advising session. McLaren 251, 12:15pm-1:15pm.

Campus Tour: Meet outside the Lone Mountain main entrance for a campus tour. Lone Mountain, 2:30pm-3:30pm.

Library Orientation: Learn from your USF librarians about the Gleeson Library services. Meet outside of Gleeson Library, 3:30pm-4:30pm.

Off-Campus Dinner Excursion: Make new friends and explore a San Francisco neighborhood. Bring money, good walking shoes and warm clothes. Meet on the University Center 1st Floor, 5pm.

Schedule at a Glance

TUESDAY 1/17
Airport Shuttle Service
International Student Move-in
International Game Night

WEDNESDAY 1/18
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Resource Fair
JEEP Advising Lunch
Campus Tour
Library Orientation
Off-Campus Dinner Excursion

THURSDAY 1/19
International Student Orientation
Working & Driving
SF & Beyond
Ice Cream & Karaoke Night

FRIDAY 1/20
Undergrad Student Orientation

Status Verification
Complete your mandatory immigration document verification as soon as you arrive on campus. Bring your passport, phone number, local address and I-20/DS-2019 at the time and location below:

Jan. 17 1pm-4pm UC 5th
Jan 18, 12pm-2pm, UC 1st
Jan 19, 1pm-4pm UC 5th
Jan 20, 1pm-4pm UC 5th
Jan 23-27th, 11am-3pm, UC 5th
Thursday, January 19

International Student Orientation: This mandatory session for both new graduate and undergraduate international students, will provide important information about your visa category, academic success, cultural adjustment and more. A light breakfast and full lunch will be provided. McLaren, 8:30am-1:30pm.

Working & Driving in the U.S.: Do you want to work on-campus or drive in the U.S.? Come learn the basics about getting a driver’s license and applying for a Social Security Number. University Center 4th Floor, 2:00pm-2:45pm (Tea & Cookies included).

San Francisco & Beyond: Learn about your new city and the many points of interest that California has to offer. University Center 4th Floor, 3pm-3:45pm. (Tea & Cookies included)

Ice Cream & Karaoke Night: Ice cream sundaes, singing, games and new friends. University Center, 4th Floor, 7pm-9pm

International Student Orientation Program - Thursday, January 19

8:30am - Check-in & Breakfast: Come at 8:30am to register and eat a light breakfast.

9:00am - University Welcome: Official welcome and meet the ISSS office staff.

9:15am - Immigration Matters: In this session we will go over important information related to your immigration category, work eligibility and how to stay in good status throughout your program.

10:20am - Academic Success: Hear from a professor on classroom expectations and tips for being successful at USF.

10:45am - Campus Resources: Select campus offices will talk about their services including immunizations, health insurance and paying tuition.

11:25am - Cultural Encounters: This session will explain the cultural adjustment process and the challenges that you may face.

12:00pm - Student Panel: Listen to fellow students talk about their USF experience and ask them questions.

12:20pm - Closing & Questions: This will be a final chance to ask questions and participate in a group quiz. Pay attention and you just might get a prize!

12:30pm - Lunch: Enjoy a meal with all the new international students and the ISSS staff.

Other Important Orientation Activities

Undergraduate New Student Orientation: All new undergraduate students are required to attend New Student Orientation (NSO). This program is essential for getting ready for your USF degree. View more details online at www.myusf.usfca.edu/orientation. Friday, January 20th.

Graduate Student Orientations: Each graduate department requires attendance at their orientation. Contact your specific grad department for more details.