

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAVEN
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New International Graduate Student Orientation Guide
Spring (April) 2010

The entire UNH community is looking forward to your arrival. Orientation for new international graduate students begins Monday, April 5th at 9:00 a.m. We encourage you to come to the U.S. at least one week prior to April 5th to secure off-campus housing. **Please plan to arrive at our university on Monday, April 5th 2010 at 9:00 a.m.**

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1. Steps to Obtain Your Student Visa

- **Students outside the U.S.A.:** When you receive your I-20 from UNH in the mail, contact the nearest U.S. Embassy in your home country to make an appointment for an **F-1 Visa** interview right away. **Do NOT make an appointment until you receive your I-20.** We are NOT responsible if you miss your visa interview date because you made an appointment before receiving your I-20 Form.
- Pay the \$200 SEVIS Fee online www.fmjfee.com before you go to the U.S. Embassy.
- Read the “Preparing for your Visa Interview” article found on <http://www.newhaven.edu/admissions/internationaladmissions/11502/>

Visa Tip: Be prepared to answer the following questions in English during your visa interview:

- *Why did you choose to study at UNH?*
- *Why did you choose to study this major at UNH?*
- *How do your future plans, after graduation, include returning to your country?*

If your visa gets denied, don't give up, try gain. Many of our international students manage to obtain their student visas after the second or third interview.

- **International students inside the U.S.A. who wish to transfer to UNH** should follow the transfer instructions sent to them along with their acceptance letter. For more information, please e-mail iso@newhaven.edu

2. How to get to UNH When You First Arrive in the USA

- **BY AIR:** When you arrive at LaGuardia or JFK, go to the Ground Transportation Center and request a Prime Time Shuttle of Connecticut to West Haven. The Shuttle (available only from LaGuardia or JFK Airports) goes directly to UNH and costs about \$60. For more information, visit Prime Time Shuttle www.2theairport.com or call (800-733-8267). We advise international students to choose JFK as their arrival airport as this is the most convenient airport for international arrivals. **DO NOT TAKE A TAXI FROM ANY NEW YORK OR NEW JERSEY AIRPORT! It's too expensive, costing several hundred dollars!**
- **BY CAR: From New York and Points West Traveling North on I-95:** Take Exit 43, Campbell Avenue. Turn left at bottom of exit ramp. Continue past University of New Haven sign on left at Ruden Street (0.6 miles) to intersection with Route 1 (Boston Post Road). Turn left, travel to top of hill, turn left into the University of New Haven.

From Hartford, Boston, Providence, New London, and Points North and East Traveling South on I-95: Take Exit 43, First Avenue. Turn right at bottom of exit ramp, travel 0.5 miles to second traffic light, Route 122 (Campbell Avenue). Turn right and continue past intersection with Ruden Street (note University of New Haven sign at left) to intersection with Route 1 (Boston Post Road). Travel to top of hill, turn left into the University of New Haven.

- **BY BUS OR TRAIN:** Amtrak trains, Metro North trains and Peter Pan buses all make regular stops at the New Haven railroad and bus station (Union Station), which is located in

Downtown New Haven From there you can take a quick five-minute taxi ride to campus. Metro Taxi New Haven Telephone number is (203) 777-7777.

3. Housing and Living Arrangements

The University of New Haven does **NOT** provide on-campus housing for graduate students. However, our ISO office maintains listings of off-campus accommodations including apartments, houses and private rooms in the immediate area for those who are interested. **Prior to leaving your country**, you should contact Jill Stone at jstone@newhaven.edu or ISO@newhaven.edu to arrange for off-campus housing. Also visit <http://www.newhaven.edu/universitycollege/27348/> or [click here](#) and [click here](#).

Hotel Accommodations: Students who have not yet made proper arrangements for off campus housing, or accommodation with friends or relatives, should plan to go directly to a motel or hotel if they arrive to the U.S. on a weekend (Saturday or Sunday) or after 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. We recommend the following hotels:

* **Best Western Hotel:** 490 Sawmill Road West Haven, CT 06516, Tel: 203-933-0344. Cost \$79.00/night. <http://www.bestwestern.com/>

* **Econo Lodge:** 370 Highland Street, West Haven, CT 06516, Tel: 203-934-6611. Cost: \$59.98/night. <http://www.econolodge.com>

* **Hotel Duncan:** 1151 Chapel Street, New Haven, CT 06511. Tel: 203-787-1273. Cost: \$50.00/night.

4. Steps To Take When You First Arrive On the UNH Campus

- When you first arrive to UNH, go to the International Services Office (ISO) located in Bartels Hall, 4th Floor and bring your immigration documents (UNH Acceptance Letter, UNH I-20 or DS 2019 Form, your passport, visa, I-94 card) and the Director will give you clearance to register for classes. ISO office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

5. Steps To Register and Pay for Classes

- Attend the International Graduate Students Orientation and Registration (IGOR) on Monday, April 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Upper Lounge in Bartels Hall.
- All new graduate students will meet with their academic advisors for proper class selection and registration in Bartels Hall on Monday, April 5th 2010.
- All new students must pay their first trimester charges of **\$7045 in full** on Monday, April 5th 2010. UNH's tuition, fees, estimated off-campus housing costs, and other costs Per Academic Year (3 trimesters) as shown on your I-20 form are **\$33,235.00**
- The above mentioned amount is for one academic year (3 trimesters). **Expect to pay \$7045 for tuition (9credits/3 courses), fees, and health insurance upon registration for your first trimester on Monday, April 5th 2010.** International students who have received partial scholarships must pay the remaining costs that are not covered by their scholarships on Monday **April 5th 2010. NO payment plans are available for new international students.** Payments can be made by cash, bank draft, money order, travelers' checks or credit card at the time of registration. Wire transfers are also accepted. **International Wire Instructions:** Wachovia Bank, N.A.
A/B/A #021101108
Swift code: PNBPUS33

Credit to: University of New Haven
A/C # 2000012930441
Include your full name and Student ID#

- Once you pay your first trimester charges of \$7045, you will be given your registration login and password which will enable you to register for your classes online and obtain a UNH ID.
- All **graduate** with iBT TOEFL scores ranging from 70 to 79 or with an IELTS score of 5.5 will be required to take an English language leveling course (E600) in their first term along with their other regular courses. **This course is mandatory and will not be waived unless a TOEFL score of 80 or an IELTS score of 6.0 is presented prior to or at the time of class registration.**
- Go to Health Services to submit your *Health Examination Report*. **You and your doctor must complete this report in your home country.** Your Health Report is being mailed to you along with your I-20 form. Do **NOT** send us this report prior to your arrival, instead, complete it with your doctor in your home country and bring it with you. **Failure to submit this report will delay your class registration and will prevent you from attending your classes on time.** The UNH Health Insurance is **mandatory** for all international students and will not be waived. If you purchase your own health insurance from your country, you will still be required to pay the UNH Health Insurance fee. Don't purchase your own health insurance plan unless you wish to have secondary coverage. Most overseas insurances don't work in the U.S.A
- Classes begin on the evening of Monday, April 5th 2010.

6. Helpful Information

- **What to Bring Along:** The following is a Top List of things to bring, which some international students forget when packing for their arrival to UNH:
 - Phone number/contact address of any friends and relatives in U.S.A!
 - Some traditional outfits from your country, for the International Festival at UNH.
 - A battery operated alarm clock (Please note: You may need an adapter to use electrical goods from your country in USA).
 - Toiletries such as soap, shampoo, shaving cream etc. (Smell fresh!!!)
 - Favorite music CD/cassettes from your country (you may find them at a better price back home).
 - Sheets, blankets, towels & other linens.
 - Pictures of loved ones.
 - Winter coats and warm clothes. It's cold here in the winter.
 - An extra pair of reading glasses (It may cost more in USA!!!)

- **Important Contacts:**

International Graduate Admissions Office
Tel: 203-932-7441, E-mail: gradinfo@newhaven.edu

International Services Office (ISO)
Tel: 203-932-7475, E-mail: iso@newhaven.edu

Campus Police Office (Open 24 hours/ 7 Days a week), Tel: 203-932-7014

Remember to print out this Orientation Newsletter and bring it with you when you travel.

We look forward to seeing you at the University of New Haven!