DEAR PENN EXCHANGE AND INTERNATIONAL GUEST STUDENTS,

You’ve come from far and wide—some from different hemispheres, some from the other side of the equator, and some from neighboring lands—but you are now here and you are an integral part of what makes Penn unique. Welcome to the University of Pennsylvania and to New Student Orientation (NSO)!

As an exchange or IGSP student for the semester or academic year, you are a full-time Penn student. This entitles you to take advantage of all the resources that our vast campus offers, including world-class libraries, research opportunities, engaging clubs and societies, tools and resources for learning, expansive health services, sporting events, opportunities to network and learn from top tier faculty and students, and so much more. During NSO and over the coming months, open yourself to new experiences, opinions, and people; this will make your time here memorable and impactful.

We know the journey to get here has been long and, for some, taken many years. Take a moment to pause and reflect on your past. You’ve proved that with hard work, time management, and dedication, personal and academic success is within reach. While at Penn, keep this in mind, and take advantage of every opportunity you have to learn, grow, and expand your international network. Use your colleagues, faculty, advisors, and resources to the fullest extent. Seek support when needed. The time that you are here is temporary and will go by fast. Make the most of it.

Sincerely,

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**TUESDAY**
**AUGUST 20**

**9am-5pm**
**STUDENT SERVICES EXPO AND CAMPUS EXPRESS**
Visit this “one-stop shop” to simplify your start at Penn. Get information on campus resources and acquire your PennCard.
Location: Houston Hall

**1:30pm–3:30pm**
**SHOPPING TRIP**
Take a bus to buy necessities for your room.
Location: Corner of 36th and Walnut streets

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**WEDNESDAY**
**AUGUST 21**

**9am-5pm**
**STUDENT SERVICES EXPO AND CAMPUS EXPRESS**
Visit this “one-stop shop” to simplify your start at Penn. Get information on campus resources and acquire your PennCard.
Location: Houston Hall

**M 9:30am-11:30am**
**WELCOME SESSION**
Penn Abroad and LPS give interactive introductions to life at Penn and in Philly and provide information about your program.
Exchange Students: 200, College Hall
IGSP Students: B3, Meyerson Hall

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**THURSDAY**
**AUGUST 22**

**M 9am-10am**
**EXCHANGE STUDENT/IGSP CHECK-IN AND BREAKFAST**
Bring your passport with visa and entry stamp (I-94), DS-2019 or I-20 form, and Penn Card for immigration check-in.
Location: 200, College Hall

**M 10am-10:45am**
**CULTURAL ADJUSTMENT PRESENTATION**
Learn more about cultural adjustment from experts at Penn.
Location: 200, College Hall

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**M 10:45am–11:30am**
**PANEL WITH CURRENT PENN STUDENTS**
Hear about campus, social opportunities, and student life from current Penn students.
Location: 200, College Hall

**11:30am-1:30pm**
**LUNCH**
Enjoy lunch with your new friends and colleagues.
Location: Hill, Kings Court English, NCH, and 1920 Commons dining halls. Lunch at Penn Hillel, 11:30am-1:30pm.

**M 1:30pm-2:30pm**
**ACADEMIC RESOURCES AND INTEGRITY OVERVIEW**
Learn about the academic support resources across Penn from Weingarten Learning Resources Center and the Office of Student Conduct.
Location: 200, College Hall

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**M 2:30pm-4pm**
**ACADEMIC ADVISING**
Exchange Students: Meet with your Academic Advisor from your respective school. Time, date, and location will be distributed during orientation.
IGSP Students: Meet with your IGSP advisor for any questions or course registration concerns during open walk-in hours in Fisher-Bennett Hall, room 101.