

# Graduate International Student Orientation [GISO] Fall 2024

NOTE: Please complete the [Required Online Orientation Course for F-1 and J-1 Students](#) at your convenience and plan accordingly for orientation events before your arrival.

We recommend that you apply for the [Wildcard](#) early so that you can obtain the card for the orientation events and intercampus shuttle service.

<b>Sunday 9/15</b> <b>Airport Pick-up Day*</b>	<b>Wednesday 9/18</b> <b>Onboarding Day</b> <b>Buffet Institute for Global Affairs, 1800 Sherman Ave.</b>	<b>Thursday 9/19</b> <b>Orientation Day</b>
<p><b>All Day</b></p> <p>OISS staff will meet the new students at the:</p> <p><b>Chicago O'Hare Airport Terminal 5, concourse M</b></p> <p>*Students arriving on a date <b>other than</b> September 15 or traveling with their families and friends can explore <a href="#">various travel options to Northwestern</a>.</p>	<p><b>All Day Info Station</b>  <b>10am-3pm</b></p> <p>Check-in with us at the Buffet Institute for Global Affairs building (<a href="#">1800 Sherman Ave. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl, Evanston, IL</a>) for all your immediate post-arrival needs and questions!</p> <p>Drop by anytime (during opening hours 10am-3pm) to learn more about cell service, banking, transportation, housing and dining.</p>	<p><b>Office of International Student Services</b>  <b>Introductions</b>  <b>9am-11am</b></p> <p>Two sessions will be offered:</p> <p><b>Surnames A—L      9-9:45am</b>  <b>Surnames M – Z    10 -10:45am</b></p> <p>The sessions will take place in:  <b>Louis, McCormick &amp; Northwestern Rooms at</b>  <a href="#">Norris University Center</a></p>
<p><b>11am <a href="#">O'Hare Airport</a></b></p> <p>OISS shuttle leaves for Evanston Campus.</p> <p>The airport shuttle bus will be making a loop through Evanston's north and south campus.</p>	<p><b>Tax Information Sessions</b>  <b>10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm</b></p> <p>This session will provide you with key information about income and income tax as international students.  All sessions are free.  Registration is required. <a href="#">Click here</a> to sign up.</p>	<p><b>Pizza at OISS Office</b>  <b>11:30 am-1:30pm</b></p> <p>Come dine with fellow international grad students &amp; catch up on all you need to know about the upcoming year.</p> <p>Location: OISS Student Services Office  <a href="#">630 Dartmouth Pl, Evanston, IL</a></p>
<p><b>3pm <a href="#">O'Hare Airport</a></b></p> <p>OISS shuttle leaving for Campus.</p> <p>The airport shuttle bus will be making a loop through Evanston's north and south campus.</p>	<p><b>Midwest 101</b>  <b>3-4 pm</b></p> <p>Join your international grad peers to socialize within and across your discipline.</p> <p>Useful tips on important services and agencies on campus (mental health, fitness, unions) and the basics of Midwest.  Registration is required. <a href="#">Click here</a> to sign up.</p>	<p><b><a href="#">The Graduate School Resource Fair</a></b>  <b>2pm-4pm</b></p> <p>Open to All Graduate International Students.</p> <p>This session is hosted by TGS  Location: 2nd floor of <a href="#">Norris University Center</a></p>
<p><b>7pm <a href="#">O'Hare Airport</a></b></p> <p>OISS shuttle leaving for Campus</p> <p>The airport shuttle bus will be making a loop through Evanston's north and south campus.</p>	<p><b>Scavenger Hunt - Happy Hour</b>  <b>4-6 pm</b></p> <p>Join us for an exciting scavenger hunt around Evanston and meet new friends! The OISS team will be waiting for you on the <a href="#">first floor of 1800 Sherman Avenue</a> to kick off the adventure. Let's explore and have fun!</p>	