OISS is Excited to Welcome You to Yale and New Haven!

During the OISS check-in and orientation (which is about 75 minutes) we will go over your immigration status and responsibilities, and provide you resources for a smooth transition to your life in the U.S. and at Yale. This will also be an opportunity for you to meet other international students and scholars, and the OISS staff. As new students and scholars, you also might be invited to participate in an orientation program associated with your school, department, or unit. Please make sure to attend those programs as well.

Student Orientation [1]
Scholar Orientation [2]

When Should You Check-In at OISS?

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Graduate & Professional School Students
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Summer Session & Certificate Students

Yale College Students

OISS organizes a five-day long pre-orientation program - Orientation for International Students or OIS. If you participate in OIS, immigration check-in and orientation will happen on Old Campus during the regular schedule [3] of events. If you do not attend OIS, you will receive instructions from your OISS adviser.

Graduate & Professional School Students

All degree seeking graduate and professional students will receive an email invitation in the late spring from their designated school adviser [4] to attend their school specific orientation. In order to prepare for orientation, you should update your U.S. address and phone number [5] if you already know it. Please bring all of the documents listed on the right side menu to the orientation. If you have any questions, please contact your school adviser [6].

Faculty, Researchers and International Scholars

The current health emergency and the subsequent University guidance has caused offices to cancel on-campus meetings. For this reason, OISS is temporarily suspending in person orientation for newly arrived scholars. Newly arrived scholars must email a copy of their passport, visa page and CBP entry stamp to Nathan Duddles. [7] Please do this as soon as you arrive in the U.S.
The new scholar orientation program can be accessed here [8]. Take a few minutes to review it. If you have questions please email your OISS adviser [9].

If you are being paid by Yale, you should contact your Yale department administrator about your benefits and employment status, as well as completing the I-9 form [10]. In addition, you will need to apply for a U.S. social security number [11] and need a document from OISS to do so. Your adviser can send you the instructions. For information about COVID-19 and Yale's operational and accommodations please click here [12]. We look forward to welcoming you in person once the University is past this health emergency.

Non-Degree Students

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Spouses & Partners of Yale International Students and Scholars

Spouses, partners, and family members are welcome to join the orientation session for scholars that happens on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 am at OISS. In addition, OISS and the International Spouses & Partners at Yale (ISPY) organize two extensive orientations for spouses, one in September and the second in January. If you arrive before or after one of these events, please know that you can also make an appointment [4] to meet with an OISS adviser if you have questions about your transition to the Yale community.

Summer Session & Summer Certificate Program Students

All new students enrolling in Summer Session courses or a Summer Certificate Program must check in at OISS, 421 Temple Street. Please bring your passport, I-20, and F-1 visa during one of the following times:

**Summer Session A Students**

- May 28 - May 29, between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM

**Summer Session B & Summer Certificate Program Students**

- July 1 - July 2, between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM