OISS Check-In & Orientation

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?

Yale College Students  Graduate & Professional School Students  Faculty & Researchers  Non-Degree Students  Spouses & Partners  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. Details for the fall of 2019 will be posted in May.

Graduate & Professional School Students

All degree seeking graduate and professional students will receive an email invitation in the late spring of 2019 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

Check-in for newly-arrived faculty and researchers is held at 9:00 am on Mondays and Wednesdays at OISS, 421 Temple Street. Plan to visit OISS the week you arrive on campus and bring all of the documents listed on the right side menu.
Non-Degree Students

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Non-Degree students [7] (Visiting Assistants in Research, Exchange Scholars, and Visiting Students) should check in on the second Monday of your arrival month at OISS, 421 Temple Street. You will receive an email invitation to register for this 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 in the 'Documents Required For OISS Check-In' block to the right to orientation.

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, [8] 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