
International Student Enrollment Guide

STEP 1

REVIEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WELCOME PACKET

In this packet you will find important information regarding your transition to Oakland University, including your I-20 documentation. Please review it prior to your arrival at the university.

STEP 2

ACTIVATE IMPORTANT ACCOUNTS

Visit oakland.edu/activate for instructions on activating your official Oakland email and MySAIL (student portal) accounts. You will need your Grizzly ID number from your acceptance letter. You should set up both accounts immediately and begin checking them regularly.

Through our secure MySAIL portal, you'll be able to:

- View your up-to-the-minute financial aid status
- Receive notifications of missing financial aid documentation or requirements
- Register for classes and view grades in the future

Once you have activated your MySAIL account, you can use your Grizzly ID number and PIN to access eBill, the university's online bill payment system. To access eBill, go to oakland.edu/ebill. In eBill you'll be able to:

- Make payments from a checking or savings account, or debit or credit card
- Enroll in a payment plan
- Schedule a payment for a date in the future
- Save your most common payment methods
- View your current billing statement
- Access important OU billing and payment information
- Sign up family members as authorized users

You will not be billed for classes or housing until after you attend International Student Orientation.

For current tuition rates, visit oakland.edu/tuition.

STEP 3

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

International Students and Scholars Office

O'Dowd Hall, Room 328

(248) 370-3358

oakland.edu/isso | isso@oakland.edu

All new international students are required to attend the International Student Orientation. The orientation program provides information you will need to become acquainted with your new academic environment, life in the Oakland area and in the United States, in general. The orientation presentations will answer many questions you may have, particularly during the first few weeks of your arrival. The orientation also will direct you to other sources of information and services available to you on and off campus. By attending orientation, you will meet the ISSO staff and other international students from all over the world. Please see the International Student Welcome Packet for instructions on orientation registration.

STEP 4

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO CONSIDER

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) CENTER

O'Dowd Hall, Room 326

(248) 370-2175

oakland.edu/esl

If your acceptance requires you to start your studies with English as a Second Language (ESL) courses for university credit, you will receive information from the ESL Center regarding your online placement test. If you have questions regarding the ESL placement process, you may contact the ESL Center.

COURSE PLACEMENT

oakland.edu/courseplacement

Some courses at OU require students to take additional placement exams before orientation or meet certain criteria. Placement testing assists academic advisers and new students in determining appropriate courses. Before orientation, you should learn about course placement by visiting oakland.edu/courseplacement.

AP, IB AND CLEP SCORES

Academic Records

O'Dowd Hall, Room 100

586 Pioneer Drive

Rochester, MI 48309-4482

(248) 370-3462

oakland.edu/collegecredit | regservices@oakland.edu

Oakland University grants credit and/or exemption for selected scores on Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) examinations. All scores should be forwarded to the Oakland University Academic Records Office.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Hamlin Hall, Room 448

(248) 370-3570

oakland.edu/housing | housing@oakland.edu

University housing is offered to new, degree-seeking students who are enrolled in a minimum of eight (8) credit hours per semester. Housing information that details living options, meal plans and more is available at oakland.edu/housing. Housing contracts are available online at oakland.edu/applyforhousing. Please note that housing space is limited. New students are encouraged to submit a housing contract as soon as possible after March 1 for the fall semester, or after November 1 for the winter semester.

DISABILITY SUPPORT SERVICES (DSS)

North Foundation Hall, Room 103A

(248) 370-3266

oakland.edu/dss | dss@oakland.edu

If you have a physical, psychological, sensory and/or learning disability, you can contact the DSS office for an appointment to discuss eligibility for services and accommodations. Services include readers, scribes, alternative testing, sign language interpreters, scanned textbooks, and assistive technology such as JAWS, Kurzweil and Dragon Naturally Speaking.

CAMPUS VISITS

Undergraduate Admissions

North Foundation Hall, Room 101

(800) OAK-UNIV

oakland.edu/visit | visit@oakland.edu

We'd love to show you around our campus. Tours are generally available Monday through Friday. Schedule your campus tour online today!