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# Pre-Arrival Handbook

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# Arrival Checklist



## Congratulations! You have received your ESLI acceptance! What do you do now?

*This Pre-Arrival Handbook contains all the information you need to successfully arrive to your ESLI campus. Below is checklist to guide you.*

- ✓ Pay your SEVIS fee and obtain your F-1 student visa
  - Detailed information found on page 4
- ✓ Book your flight
  - Remember, you cannot arrive more than 30 days prior to the start of the term
- ✓ Make Arrival Arrangements using ESLI's online [Arrival Preparation Page](#). From this page, you can:
  - Inform ESLI of your arrival day and schedule airport pick-up
  - Apply for housing
  - Submit any required immunization forms
  - Pay a tuition deposit and housing deposit (if applicable)
  - Ask questions!
- ✓ Travel to and Enter the United States
  - Detailed U.S. customs information found on page 11
- ✓ Join us at your ESLI campus for orientation. We can't wait to meet you!

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## Connection Trouble?

- If you are having trouble connecting to the Arrival Prep Page, [click here](#). Under Arrival Preparations, select your school.



# Making Arrival Arrangements



## Travel Safety



If your travels require for you to overnight in your port of entry city:

- Book your hotel before you leave your home country.
- Ask your hotel about whether they have a shuttle service from the airport.
- Be careful who you trust for help at the airport.
- If take a taxi, make sure that your car has a clearly written 'TAXI' sign.
- Ask your driver how much the ride will cost before you start to drive.



## Airport Pickup

- To make life easy, ESLI offers airport pick-up service, for a fee.
- ESLI will pick you up from Louisville International Airport (SDF).
- Please schedule your pick-up after purchasing your ticket on our Arrivals Preparation Page at the [Arrival Preparation Page](#). You will receive confirmation from ESLI.
- When you schedule your pick-up, you will be able to download an airport map and other important information.

Please note that arrivals later in the evening will require a hotel room



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## Hotels

You may need a hotel room for the first few days after arriving. Here are the ones we recommend:

Red Roof Inn Louisville Fair and Expo  
3322 Red Roof Inn Pl, Louisville, KY 40218

Holiday Inn Express Louisville Airport Expo Center  
1921 Bishop Lane, Louisville, KY 40218





## Housing

- ESLI students are encouraged live on-campus at [Gardiner Pointe](#).
- Please make all housing arrangements here [Arrival Preparation Page](#).



## Meal Plan



- Gardiner Pointe provides an extensive meal plan for students.
- Check out [the daily menus!](#)



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## Insurance

- Health insurance is mandatory while studying in the U.S. or Canada. All ESLI students are required to have insurance through the plans offered at their campus.
- **Important:** Insurance does not cover all medical expenses! Contact your ESLI program director for more information.



## Emergencies

- If you need **non-emergency** medical attention upon arriving in the U.S. it is strongly recommended that you choose from one of the providers on the in-network list. Out-of-network providers may not take student insurance. Please contact your program director for further assistance.
- If you need **emergency** medical attention upon arriving in the U.S. or Canada, dial 911.



## Immunizations

- Immunizations are not required at ESLI-Sullivan



## Prescription Drugs

Students bringing prescription medication into the USA should bring a letter from their doctor stating what it is, what medical condition it is for, and the quantity in their possession. **The note must be in English.** Be aware that some medications used in other countries are considered illegal in the USA and are not permitted and could be confiscated. Check with the U.S. embassy or consulate regarding such items.



## Climate

- The weather can change quickly, so it is important to check the weather forecast.



**Summer** ~31°C high

**Winter** ~-5°C low



## Money & Banking

- [PNC Bank](#) is close to campus and offers services specifically for international students.
- Bring \$200-500 USD cash or traveler's checks.



## Transportation

- [Public Transit](#): TARC (Transit Authority of River City)
- Information Center: (502) 585-1234 Routes 23 and 17 pass Sullivan University
- [Campus Shuttle](#) from Gardiner Point Residence Hall to Sullivan University
- [Taxi: Green Cab](#) 1 (502) 635-6400





# General City Information



## Restaurants

### [Lee's Korean Restaurant](#)

1941 Bishop Ln, Louisville, KY 40218

### [El Nopal](#)

3010 Bardstown Rd, Louisville, KY 40205

### [Pasha's Mediterranean Café Hookah Bar](#)

3904 Bardstown Rd, Louisville, KY 40218

### [Buckhead Mountain Grill](#)

Gardiner Lane Shopping Center, 3020 Bardstown Rd,  
Louisville, KY 40205

### [Angio's Italian Restaurant](#)

3731 Bardstown Rd, Louisville, KY 40218



## Shopping

### [Mall St. Matthews](#)

5000 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40207

### [Walmart](#)

2020 Bashford Manor Ln, Louisville, KY

### [Kroger \(Grocery store\)](#)

2440 Bardstown Rd, Louisville, KY 40205



# What to Pack



Here are some items you might want to either bring with you or buy as soon as you arrive:



## Clothing

- Pack at least two changes of clothes in your carry-on
- American students usually wear casual clothing in the classroom (jeans, t-shirts, sneakers)
- Clothing for different types of weather, it changes often in the U.S.
- Formal outfits for any special events or ceremonies
- Traditional clothing from your home country for cultural events on campus



## Toiletries and Cleaning

- Soap, shampoo, and so on
- Tooth brush and tooth paste
- Shower curtain and shower hooks
- Shower shoes (on-campus housing)
- Laundry detergent
- Laundry bag
- Paper towels
- Dish Soap



## Bedding and Linens

- A pillow
- Bed sheets
- Blankets
- Bath Towel



## Other

- Electrical outlet adapter/converter
- Backpack or book bag
- Pictures from home
- Cultural items for events on campus
- Basic kitchen supplies (plate, cup, utensils, pot/pan)
- Laptop computer

# Entering the United States



## Before you leave for the United States, make sure that you have:

- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Visa
- ✓ I-20 "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status."
- ✓ Acceptance letter from your school
- ✓ ESLI acceptance/welcome letter (make sure you note your school's Director/DSO contact information)



Make 2 copies of your documents. Leave one copy with your family at home and keep a copy with you.

***Do not put any of these documents in your checked baggage!***

## Immigration officials may conduct a limited search of any electronic devices at the Port of Entry.

Some students may be subject to a [Secondary Inspection](#) upon entry in the US.

This is common procedure in which you will be asked additional questions and/or asked to provide more documentation.

- ✓ You will be asked to go with a CBP officer in to separate interview room
- ✓ Remain calm.
- ✓ Cooperate with CBP officers

