



Greetings from Western Michigan University!

We can't wait to see you at the "Travel Talk and Preparation" virtual event tomorrow, **December 11** from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. EST ([timezone converter](#)) via WebEx. No pre-registration is required; simply click on the [WebEx link](#) to join. Discussion topics will include:

- The Weather in Kalamazoo
- What to Pack
- Important Travel Documents
- In-Person International Student Orientation

Important Reminders:

Students are expected to have a comprehensive understanding of the following topics prior to their arrival at WMU:

- Course Registration – Register for classes
- Housing – Secure your housing
- Immigration – Upload your immigration documents
- Health Insurance – Understand your health insurance plan at WMU

For detailed instructions on these topics, please refer to our [second email](#).

Register for In-Person Orientation

Click [here](#) to register for in-person orientation at WMU on January 9, 2026. Orientation is a key part of your transition to WMU and a great opportunity to make friends, connect with WMU staff and faculty and learn more about Kalamazoo! Those who attend orientation get the following perks:

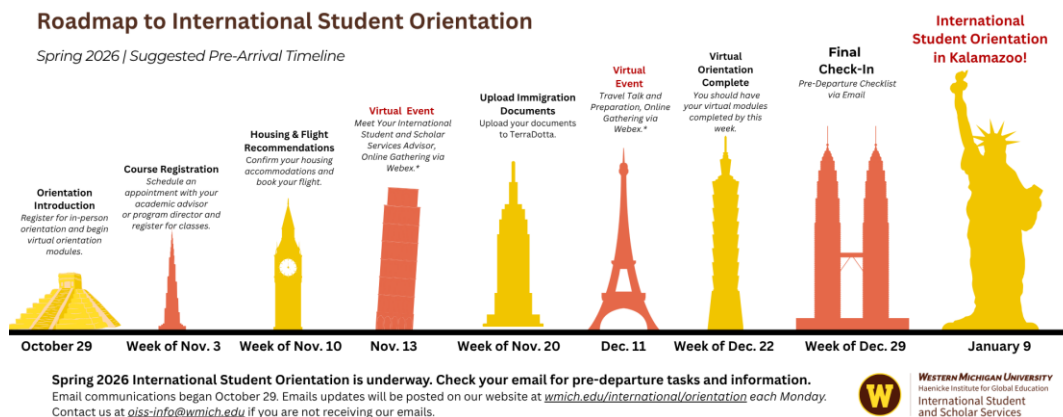
- Free Breakfast and Lunch
- Free SIM Card and U.S. Bank Account Set Up
- Library Tour

Virtual Orientation Continues

Good luck as you continue working on your [virtual orientation modules](#) and [TerraDotta assignments](#). Stay on track to make your arrival as smooth and easy as possible. See our suggested timeline of completion on the roadmap graphic below. Continue on and complete topics early if you wish.

We look forward to meeting you!

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Questions?

- First, ask your peers in the Spring 2026 Orientation WhatsApp group. Join [here](#).
- For additional support regarding immigration, contact us at oiiss-info@wmich.edu
- For additional support regarding orientation, contact us at hige-orientation@wmich.edu.
- Consult the "Roadmap to International Student Orientation" **above** for our suggested pre-arrival timeline.

If this is your first orientation email, please do the following to continue:

- [Check our website](#) and read our past email communications.
- [Complete the virtual orientation modules](#) and gain access to your WMU email and [Elearning](#).
- Join the [Spring 2026 Orientation WhatsApp group](#) to connect with your fellow students, orientation leaders, and WMU staff.
- Undergraduate students: Use the link in the "[Academic Advising for Undergraduate Students](#)" module in the virtual orientation portal to schedule an appointment with your academic advisor and register for classes.
- Graduate students: Check out the "[Registration and Advising for Graduate Students](#)" module for information on registering for classes and connecting with your advisor or director.
- ESL Students / English as a Second Language Students will be registered for classes after completing a placement test and attending the in-person orientation. Questions about placement testing or registration can be directed to the Center for English Language and Culture for International Students (CELCIS) staff at caroline.g.huffman@wmich.edu or eva.copija@wmich.edu.

- Register for in-person orientation on **January 9** using [this link](#).

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