

ADMITTED INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CHECKLIST UW OSHKOSH MAIN CAMPUS

1. Visa Application OR SEVIS Transfer Process

a) STUDENTS APPLYING FOR AN F-1 OR J-1 VISA FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES:

Once you schedule a visa application interview, or if you are eligible for an interview waiver, please contact iss@uwosh.edu to inform us of your scheduled appointment and/or whether you were issued a visa. **It is crucial that keep us informed on whether you receive a visa.**

b) STUDENTS TRANSFERRING A SEVIS RECORD FROM ANOTHER UNITED STATES INSTITUTION:

This section is ONLY for students who have entered the United States in F-1 or J-1 status already and have an “ACTIVE” SEVIS Record at another US Institution.

You ONLY need to renew your F-1 or J-1 visa if your current one will expire before you travel through US customs again.

Those in F-1 status transferring a SEVIS Record are permitted to stay in the US while the SEVIS transfer is pending, **as long as** they will begin classes at UWO within five months of transferring out of the current school or within 5 months of the program completion date on your current Form I-20 or successor form, whichever is earlier.

Students who plan to remain in the United States while a SEVIS transfer is pending do NOT need to renew their visas, even if they are expired. A valid visa is only required when entering through US Customs. It is not required to maintain F-1 status while in the US.

If you have not done so already, please inform your current Designated School Official or Responsible Officer of UWO’s SEVIS School Codes:

F-1 Students:

UWO Oshkosh Campus (Main Campus): **CHI214F20164000**

UWO Fox Cities Campus: **CHI214F20164001**

UWO Fond du Lac Campus: **CHI214F20164002**

J-1 Exchange Visitors:

UWO Program Code: **Available Upon Request by contacting iss@uwosh.edu**

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2. Register for On-Campus Housing and Meal Plan:

UWO has several on-campus residence hall options. Housing types, a list of residence halls, room layouts, and more information is located on our [DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENCE LIFE WEBSITE](#).

Our resident meal plans can be found on our [DINING SERVICES WEBSITE](#).

Once you decide on which residence hall and meal plan you prefer, you can register and pay the \$75 housing deposit using the portal here:

<https://portalx.housing.uwosh.edu/1A638E0B/1/1/Home-Home?UrlToken=6CE63739>

You will need to use your **UWO NetID** to access the housing portal. Your NetID is the same as your UWO email address, just without the “@uwosh.edu”. For example, if your UWO email is “clashthetitan71@uwosh.edu”, your NetID would be “clashthetitan71”.

The password you set for your UWO email is the same for you NetID.

3. Secure Your Flight, and Transportation to Campus, if applicable:

It is strongly recommended that you only purchase flight tickets AFTER your visa is approved. Please note that you CANNOT enter the United States more than 30 days before your program start date, unless you are transferring your SEVIS record to UW Oshkosh.

We recommend that you arrive to campus at least 3-4 days prior to the start of International Student Orientation so you have adequate time to rest after your travels. The first day for International Student Orientation for upcoming semesters will be as follows:

Spring 2024: Monday - January 29, 2024

Fall 2024: Tuesday - August 27, 2024

The nearest airport to the UWO campus is the [Appleton International Airport \(ATW\)](#). If you fly into this airport, transportation options from the airport to campus are located on the airport website [HERE](#).

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If you fly to either [Chicago, Illinois](#), or [Milwaukee, Wisconsin](#), transportation to campus is available by the [Amtrak Thruway I-41 Bus Service](#). This journey would include an approximately 2-hour bus ride from Milwaukee to UWO's Gruenhagen Conference Center. If you fly into Chicago, it would also include an approximately 2-hour train ride from Chicago to Milwaukee.

You are welcome to fly to any airport of your choosing. However, you should research transportation options from the airport to the city of Oshkosh BEFORE booking an airline ticket. Public transportation options may be limited and expensive, if it even exists at all. **Do NOT assume that there will be public transportation from any airport to UW Oshkosh.**

4. [Reserve a Temporary Space in Gruenhagen Conference Center, if applicable:](#)

STUDENTS LIVING ON CAMPUS: You will receive a message to your UWO Email address stating when you can move into your permanent on-campus housing assignment. This move-in day is typically during orientation week. For any time you will be in the Oshkosh area prior to that date, you must either make temporary housing arrangements in an off-campus location (such as a hotel), or you can reserve a temporary room on campus at [Gruenhagen Conference Center \(GCC\)](#). GCC is a UWO-operated housing facility that can accommodate reservations on a nightly basis. The nightly room rates can be found [HERE](#).

You can reserve a space in GCC by calling +1 (920) 424-1106, or by emailing the following UWO Staff Members:

Marc Nylén – Residence Life Associate Director: nylen@uwosh.edu

Allison Hinze – Event Coordinator: hinzea52@uwosh.edu

5. [Sign the UWO Financial Agreement:](#)

Signing the Financial Agreement is required BEFORE you can be enrolled in courses. This agreement details the financial responsibilities each student has when they enroll.

You must complete the agreement by logging into [TitanWeb](#) and following the detailed instructions [HERE](#).

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6. Placement Tests

All first-year students are required to take [Math A and English Placement Tests](#). Detailed instructions on registering for and taking the placement tests are located [HERE](#).

EXCHANGE STUDENTS, **MOST** RE-ENTRY STUDENTS, AND **MOST** TRANSFER STUDENTS, ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE PLACEMENT TESTS. Please contact us at iss@uwosh.edu if you have questions about the placement testing requirement. All students required to take placement tests will be charged a \$35 fee to their UWO account balance. **Fee waivers are not possible.**

7. Submit Final Transcripts, If Not Done So Already

If you used in-progress transcripts for admission, please be sure to send us FINAL transcripts once you complete your final semester at your current educational institution. These can be submitted to applyworldwide@uwosh.edu. **Failure to do so will result in a hold preventing enrollment for future terms.**

8. Complete Student Health Center Requirements

The [UWO Student Health Center](#) (SHC) requires all incoming international students to submit the [Tuberculosis Screening Questionnaire](#). Depending on the questionnaire answers, students may be required to take an IGRA Tuberculosis Test. Failure to abide by this requirement could result in a hold preventing course enrollment for future semesters.

Furthermore, **students under the age of 18** MUST complete the [Consent for Medical Treatment of a Minor Form](#) to receive care at the SHC. Students under 18 must complete this with a parent or legal guardian.

Finally, there is the [Authorization for Exchange of Health Information](#). This form is **OPTIONAL** and would permit the SHC to exchange information regarding your tuberculosis screening with International Student Services.

Please submit all documents applicable to you to studenthealth@uwosh.edu. More information about SHC requirements for international students is located [HERE](#)

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9. Entering the United States

Documents you must bring when going through US Customs are different depending on your visa category. Please examine the appropriate checklist below:

F-1 Students:

- Printed Form I-20.
 - o Must be signed with pen in the “Student Attestation” section.
- Unexpired F-1 Visa
- Printed Form I-20 and F-2 Visas for Dependent(s), **If Applicable**.

J-1 Students:

- Printed Form DS-2019
 - o Must be signed in the “Exchange Visitor Certification” section.
- Unexpired J-1 Visa
- Printed Form DS-2019 and J-2 Visas for Dependent(s), **If Applicable**.

Both F-1 and J-1 Students:

- Passport
 - o Generally must be valid for at least 6 months after entering the United States. However, some countries have a treaty with the United States allowing passports to simply be valid upon entry. The list of those countries can be found [HERE](#).
- I-901 SEVIS Fee Payment Receipt
 - o Your receipt can be accessed on <https://fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html> by clicking “Check I-901 Status”.
- Bank Statements or Financial Documents Proving Ability to Fund Your Stay in the U.S.
- Passport(s) for Dependent(s), **If Applicable**.

10. Arriving to Campus

Students staying in [Gruenhagen Conference Center \(GCC\)](#) can travel directly there. The GCC Front Desk is open from 7:00 AM (07:00) to 11:00 PM (23:00). Here is the address:

Gruenhagen Conference Center
208 Osceola St.
Oshkosh, WI 54901

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If you are not staying in GCC, you must make your own arrangements to attend the opening sessions of orientation. The orientation schedule will be provided about 2-4 weeks before the start of the first day.

RECOMMENDED Steps:

1. Healthcare in your Home Country

We STRONGLY encourage you to visit your doctor or healthcare provider – and your dentist - one final time before you travel to the U.S. If you're curious, or your parents are worried, you may find this [video about the US healthcare system](#) to be helpful.

2. Payments

We encourage you to consider making payments on your Student Account balance before arriving to UWO to ensure any international transfers are completed by the payment deadlines. Delays in payment, including those caused by issues from international transfers, could make you subject to late fees, finance charges, and holds preventing enrollment in future semesters. Payment information is located on the ISS website [HERE](#). Please note the fees for each type of service. Wire transfer details can be provided upon request by emailing iss@uwosh.edu.

3. UW Oshkosh Email Account

Read your UW Oshkosh email at least one time per day. You will receive important information from our office, and from other UW Oshkosh offices, in the weeks leading up to your arrival.

To access your account on your mobile phone or other device, download "Microsoft Outlook" from the Apple Store (iOS users) or from Google Play (Android users).

[iPhone and Android instructions](#)

4. UWO App

Through the UWO App, you can access numerous campus resources such as a campus map, safety information, and weather alerts. You can download the app here: <https://uwosh.edu/police/uwomobile/>

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