WELCOME TO UNO!

We are excited to host you at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO). This packet includes important information and actions you need to take. Please carry it with you while traveling.

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BEYOND BORDERS

The portraits featured in this packet are from a 2016 photo shoot called Beyond Borders: Celebrating the International Maverick by UNO Multimedia Specialist Ryan Henriksen. The students featured in this portrait series come from ten countries and each of the six colleges at UNO. Just like you, these students made an important decision to study at UNO. Nearly 2,000 international students from more than 100 countries attend UNO. We are excited that you have chosen the University of Nebraska at Omaha.
SEVIS & VISAS

PAY THE SEVIS FEE
As soon as you receive a Form I-20 or DS-209 from UNO, pay the SEVIS I-901 fee to the U.S. government online at fmjfee.com. Make sure you print a copy of this receipt. A receipt will be also be mailed to you.

OBTAIN A VISA
As soon as you pay the SEVIS fee, schedule an appointment with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate. You can find the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate at travel.state.gov/visa.

› Ask them about the specific requirements for entry into the U.S. from your country.
› F and J students must print their I-901 SEVIS Fee payment receipt and present it as proof of payment at their visa interview and when entering the United States at a U.S. port of entry.
› You may not use an email notice as proof of payment.

HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

UNDERGRADUATES, GRADUATE STUDENTS, AND SCHOLARS
You have many housing options to choose from. International students and scholars can live in on-campus residence halls or in nearby off-campus apartment complexes.

› Off-campus housing options are available, learn more at housing.unomaha.edu/offcampus.
› Apply for on-campus housing at housing.unomaha.edu.

ILUNO INTENSIVE ENGLISH STUDENTS
UNO will help you arrange for your housing. You need to complete a housing request form online at world.unomaha.edu/iluno. Make your housing request at least one month before arrival and notify us of your arrival date so we have time to accommodate you. Please note that on-campus housing fills quickly.
ITEMS TO CARRY WITH YOU WHILE TRAVELING TO OMAHA

› Passport
› Form I-20 or DS-2019
› Copy of bank statement
› Itinerary and other travel documents
› Medical records
› School records
› Birth and/or marriage certificate, if applicable

AIRPORT PICKUP FROM EPPLEY AIRFIELD OMAHA (OMA)

PLAN IN ADVANCE
Requests for airport pickup are only guaranteed if you:

› Request a pickup by the deadline of August 11, 2016 by 5:00 P.M. (CST)
› Arrive on August 14 and 15, 2016 between 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 P.M. (CST)
› Request for pickup must be made online unomaha.edu/international-studies-and-programs/student-support/getting-started.

OMAHA TAXI SERVICE
If you do not request a pickup through UNO, or are not arriving on the dates above, you can use a local taxi service by calling 1.402.292.2222. A taxi to UNO’s campus may cost upwards of $30. Depending on your arrival time, you may need to stay in a hotel. Make sure you request the special UNO rate. Expect to pay about $90 to $120, including tax for your room.

RECOMMENDED HOTELS
› SONESTA ES SUITES (LOCATED NEAR DODGE CAMPUS)
  6990 Dodge Street, Omaha, NE 68132
  1.402.553.8898

› COURTYARD MARRIOTT AKSARBEN VILLAGE (LOCATED NEAR SCOTT CAMPUS)
  1625 S. 67th Street, Omaha, NE 68106
  1.402.951.4300

› COUNTRY INN & SUITES (LOCATED NEAR EPPLEY AIRFIELD)
  2210 Abbott Drive, Carter Lake, IA 51510
  1.712.347.5600
IMMIGRATION FORMS & PROCEDURES

FORM I-94, SEVIS, & VISAS
U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will issue an electronic I-94. You will need to do the following upon entering the United States:

› Check your passport to make sure that the CBP officer has put an entry stamp indicating that you entered on a certain date, in a certain visa status (e.g. F-1), and can stay until a certain date or D/S (duration of status) in the case of F and J visa holders.
› Print out your I-94 from cbp.gov/i94. You will need it for other purposes. Upon entering the U.S., travelers will receive a paper with instructions on how to access the website.

CUSTOMS
Before landing, you will fill out a customs declaration. Remember the following:

› Certain items such as fruit, vegetables, drugs, and firearms are not allowed in the United States without special permission.
› Report the value of the items you are carrying into the United States.
› Ask the flight attendant if you have questions.
› We encourage students to research what items can be brought into the U.S. at cbp.gov/travel/international-visitor.

After landing, be ready to present your passport, visa, and Form I-20 or DS-2019 to the immigration officer. They may ask for evidence of financial support, like the copy of your bank statement, and will ask questions about your plans in the United States. You will then go to a checkpoint where your bags may be inspected by a customs official.

IMPORTANT
Be sure to give your correct name (as it appears on the visa page of your passport) to the airlines when purchasing plane tickets.
CURRENCY & MONEY

INFORM YOUR BANK
Before departing for the United States, tell your bank that you will be traveling. Banks may not process international transactions without receiving authorization from you.

CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS
Credit and debit cards are the safest and most convenient way to spend money in the United States. Credit and debit cards are accepted almost everywhere. Prior to departure, confirm with your bank that your cards will work in the United States. Make sure your credit limit is high enough if you plan to use a credit card for expenses while in the United States.

ILUNO students should be prepared to pay tuition, fee and health insurance during orientation.

CARRYING CASH
It is strongly discouraged to carry large amounts of cash. For most students and scholars, $300 in U.S. currency is enough to get settled in Omaha. With this amount, you should easily be able to pay for a night in a hotel, purchase meals, and immediate housing items like bedding and bathroom supplies. Whenever possible, pay other large expenses like housing deposits and/or first month of rent with credit or debit cards.

EXPENSES TO GET YOU STARTED IN OMAHA
It’s very important that you consider a financial plan for your immediate needs upon arrival in the U.S. Examples of these include:

› On-campus housing deposit
› First month of rent and potentially last month of rent for off-campus housing
› Travel emergencies
› Airport pickup (if you are not able to use the UNO shuttle service, refer to page 4)
› Short hotel stay
› Housing supplies
› Meals
STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY

All UNO international students and scholars including ILUNO and IPD students on F or J visas who do not have U.S.-based insurance provided by a government sponsor will be required to pay for the UNO health insurance plan.

WAIVER INFORMATION
Beginning January 1, 2017, all UNO international students will be required to be enrolled in the StudentBlue Health and Dental Insurance plan. Waivers will only be reviewed for students who have an active financial guarantee or have a U.S.-based employer plan.

➢ Must be a U.S.-based carrier that pays for care in Nebraska
➢ Deductible must be $500 or less
➢ Unlimited major medical coverage including pre-existing conditions
➢ Unlimited medical evacuation and repatriation coverage
 ➢ Meets or exceeds Affordable Care Act requirements
➢ Coverage premium must be paid in full for the entire semester

POLICY REVIEW
➢ Each policy will be individually reviewed before a waiver is granted
➢ Fall 2016 will be the last semester private policies will be accepted for waiver consideration
➢ Waivers can only be submitted by following the steps on MavLINK
HEALTH SERVICES AT UNO

PROOF OF MMR (MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA)
Proof of two immunizations is required to ensure your health and safety while at UNO. Measles is a serious but preventable disease. To prevent measles outbreaks, UNO requires all new students and scholars to show proof of immunization or immunity. Measles immunizations may be listed on your immunization record as MMR, M/R or Measles. If you prefer to provide a positive measles titer, a record of the lab result must be provided. Immunization records can be obtained from your health care provider. They may also be available from your high school or colleges or universities you have attended. Public health department and military records are also accepted.

› Records must include month, day and year.
› Please attach a copy of your records to the form.
› Please do not send originals.
› If you need the MMR vaccine or blood titer test upon your arrival, you must visit UNO Health Services in 102 HPER on UNO’s Dodge Campus. No appointment is needed and the cost is included in UNO’s StudentBlue health insurance.

TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING
All international students, scholars, and ILUNO students must have a tuberculosis screening upon arrival at UNO. This is done during orientation. If you arrive earlier or later than in-person orientation, you may go to UNO Health Services Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday to get the test. Chest X-rays will be required for people who test positive. The cost is included in UNO’s StudentBlue health insurance.

STUDENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 19 YEARS OF AGE
If you are younger than 19, UNO needs authorization from a parent or guardian to provide you with health care services. Have a parent or guardian read and sign the health form included in this packet.

MENINGOCOCCAL MENIGITIS DISEASE
Nebraska State Law requires students and scholars living on campus read this information on Meningococcal Meningitis Disease and Immunization (Menactra/MCV4 or Menommune/MPSV4). Parents of students younger than 19 are also required to read this information. UNO encourages all students and scholars to consider getting this vaccination and to become knowledgeable about meningitis and its symptoms. The vaccine is available in UNO Health Services.

Meningococcal Meningitis Disease is a severe bacterial infection of the bloodstream and meninges (a thick lining covering the brain and spinal cord). It is a relatively rare disease and usually occurs as an isolated event. Clusters of cases or outbreaks are possible. The meningococcus germ is spread by direct close contact with nose or throat discharges of infected people. College students who live on campus have a slightly higher risk of getting this infection than others their age.

More information is available at cdc.gov/meningitis. Students and scholars who do not want the vaccine must first read the information on the website. Signing the immunization waiver indicates that you understand the possible risk or not receiving this vaccine. If you are under 19, a parent must sign the waiver for you.
ORIENTATION

ILUNO INTENSIVE ENGLISH STUDENTS
At orientation, you will meet other new students, take a campus tour, and learn about the city of Omaha. You will also receive important information about university services, immigration regulations, health services, culture shock, and special activities and clubs that involve U.S. and international students.

UNDERGRADUATES, GRADUATE STUDENTS, AND SCHOLARS
All new students and scholars on F-1 or J-1 visas, including those transferring from another school in the United States and those moving from ILUNO to UNO, must attend orientation. The most updated orientation schedule and registration link is available online at world.unomaha.edu.

PLACEMENT EXAMS
All undergraduate students and graduate MBA students must take the English Placement and Proficiency Exam (EPPE). Undergraduate students may also need to take the Algebra and Calculus COMPASS placement exams.

Other graduate students, and those with transfer credit, should consult with their academic advisors about placement exam requirements. As a part of orientation, placement exams are built into your itinerary.

ACADEMIC ADVISING
All students in a degree program must meet with an academic advisor to select and register for classes each semester. You can easily find your advisor by visiting orientation.unomaha.edu/advisors.

REGISTER FOR CLASSES
After contacting your academic advisor, you will register for classes on mavlink.unomaha.edu by logging in with your NU ID. Your NUID is a unique 8-digit number assigned to you during the application process.

ACTIVATE YOUR EMAIL ACCOUNT
All students enrolled in classes at UNO are given a gMAV email account. Important academic and billing information as well as emails from International Admissions and advising information will be emailed to your UNO email account. To learn how to access and use gMAV visit my.unomaha.edu.

PICK UP YOUR MAVCARD
After you have enrolled in classes and arrived on campus, you will be able to get your MavCARD. This is your ID card used for accessing parking garages, grants students free admission to sporting and cultural events, checking out items at the Criss Library, purchasing food, accessing the residence halls, the Wellness Center, and much more. MavCARDS are issued in the Business Office on the second floor of the Milo Bail Student Center (MBSC). Bring your passport, U.S. driver’s license, or U.S. government issued ID with you.
TRAVEL NOTES

Take this packet of information with you, in case you need to reference this information later. Use this page for reminders and important information while you travel to Omaha.

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