



Planning Your Arrival CHECKLIST

ARRIVAL DATE

- Choose your arrival date.**
 - The start date on your I-20 is the first day of classes.
 - Orientations will mostly be held the week prior to the start date and attendance is expected.
 - Students with assistantships must be at UWM by their contract start date.
 - Students that need to secure off-campus housing are encouraged to arrive at least two weeks before classes begin.
 - Students that will live on-campus should pay attention to move-in dates listed in their Housing contract.
 - The earliest you can legally enter the U.S. is 30 days before the start date.
 - The latest you can legally enter the U.S. is the start date.

ORIENTATIONS

- Determine which orientations you will need to attend:**
[Undergraduate \(Bachelor's\)](#) or [Graduate \(Master's or PhD\)](#)
 Attendance is expected.

REGISTRATION

- [Register for classes.](#)**
 - You must register full-time: 12 credits for Bachelor's degree students, 8 credits for Master's/PhD students, 6 credits for students with assistantships
 - Only one class toward your full-time can be entirely online. All other classes must have an in-person component.
 - Registered students are responsible for paying tuition by the first day of classes. If you register and then cannot come to UWM, it is your responsibility to drop the courses by the first day of classes.

HOUSING

- [Finalize your accommodations/housing plans.](#)**
 Housing will not be automatically arranged. It is your responsibility to decide if you want to live on campus or off campus and make those arrangements.

INITIAL EXPENSES

- Make sure you have accessible funds to start your life in Milwaukee.**
 There will be [extra expenses](#) when you first arrive, even for [students with assistantships](#).

TRANSPORTATION

- [Arrange transportation to UWM's campus.](#)**
 UWM offers Panther Pickup - transportation from Chicago O'Hare Airport to downtown Milwaukee. Registration is required.

TRANSCRIPTS

- [Prepare your final transcripts.](#)**

I-20 HARD COPY

- Download the I-20, print a hard copy, and sign and date using a blue pen.**
 A digital copy is not sufficient.

STUDENT ID CARD

- [Upload a photo for your PantherCard.](#)**

PACKING

- [View our suggested packing list.](#)**