

Fall 2016 International Student Orientation Schedule August 22 to 28, 2016



Welcome International Students!

Maryville at-a-Glance

Institution Type: Private, coeducational, selective and comprehensive university

History: founded in 1872

Degree levels: Bachelors, Master's, and Doctoral levels

Fields of Study: 100+ degree programs

Total Enrollment: 6,400+ students

Average Class Size: 15 students

Ranking: #1 Over-Performing University in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*, Best Value by *Kiplinger's Personal Finance*, the value of a Maryville degree ranks in the top 15% of major universities

Campus Life: 80+ clubs and organizations, 1000+ events scheduled each year

Important Numbers

Division of Student Success:

314-529-9477, University Library

International Student Success:

314-529-9649, University Library

Health & Wellness Center:

314-529-9520, University Library

Technology Helpdesk:

314-529-9506, Reid Hall lower level

Public Safety:

314-529-9500, Buder Commons West

Residential Life Office:

314-529-9552, Potter Hall

Student Service Center:

314-529-9360, Gander Hall 124

Greetings from Maryville University!

Maryville University welcomes international students from all over the world to our campus in St. Louis, Missouri; your new home away from home.

Our international student orientation program is designed to answer many questions you may have and to give you information that will help you be successful in meeting your academic and personal goals.

Attendance at international student orientation is **required for all students between August 22-25, 2016** and strongly encouraged for all sessions of Saints Nation Orientation, which will take place between **August 25-28, 2016**.

While most sessions are designed for students only, families are welcome to attend. We look forward to meeting you and helping you get started successfully at Maryville!

Sincerely,

International Student Success

Airport Transportation Provided

Complimentary transportation from the St. Louis airport to the Maryville University campus will be provided. Complete the online request form *at least 1 week* before you travel:

<https://maryville.tfaforms.net/217884>

International Student Orientation

Monday, August 22, 2016

Orientation Schedule



8:00am-8:30am Breakfast

Gander Dining Hall

Meet the International Orientation Leaders and enjoy eating breakfast together.

8:30am-12:00pm Welcome Meeting for Students and Their Families

President's Conference Center/Gander Hall

Learn about immigration rules and regulations, campus safety and health insurance.

Bring your and your F-2 dependent family members' passport, I-20, visa, [I-94 document](#), contact information for your family and sponsor, and any other immigration document you have been given.

12:00pm-1:30pm Lunch with Center for Student Engagement

President's Conference Center

Meet Student Involvement Staff and learn all about how to get involved

1:30pm-6:30pm Banking and Shopping Trip

Meet at the Division of Student Success, University Library

- **Banking:** Students who intend to open a bank account must collect their passport from the front desk in the Division of Student Success and bring money to deposit.
- **Shopping:** Students should bring U.S. currency and their identification (passport, driver's license, etc.) to buy linens, towels, school supplies and other items for their room (Walmart, Target). This would be a good time to do cell phone and other technology shopping (Best Buy, AT&T, Verizon, etc.)

7:00pm

Dinner and Activities in LJ's

Donius University Center Atrium

Engage with Maryville students, orientation leaders, and staff.

Show us your best smile for our group photo!

Transportation provided following the event (for students living off-campus)

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

Orientation Schedule

8:00am-9:30am Breakfast with Life Coaches

Division of Student Success, University Library

Enjoy a delicious open buffet breakfast and meet your Life Coach!

➤ **8:00am-9:30am Ipad Deployment**

Library

Full time undergraduate students only

Receive your Ipad and start connecting with Maryville Digital World!

➤ **8:30am-9:30am Math Placement Exam**

Student Success Testing Area

First-year and transfer students who signed up to take the exam

9:30am-11:00am International Student Support 101

ABAC 3245

You are now a Maryville student! So, what is it like? Learn about American culture, Maryville academic policies, and navigating the transportation systems around St. Louis.

11:00am-12:00pm Maryville Technology

REID 1320/1334

Learn about managing technologies at Maryville

12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch

Gander Dining Hall

All international students welcome

1:00pm-4:15pm Academic Orientation Sessions

Auditorium

Meet the Faculty, the Deans, attend various panels

5:00pm-7:00pm Dinner and Activities Sponsored by Maryville International Admissions

Donius University Center Atrium

Join us for a fun-filled evening with your fellow students

Transportation provided following the event (for students living off-campus)



Wednesday, August 24, 2016 Orientation Schedule

8:00am Breakfast

Gander Dining Hall
All international students welcome

9:00am-12:00pm Various Events (See Below)

- **9:00am-12:00pm TOEFL Boot Camp**
REID 1320
Mandatory for conditionally admitted students
At Noon-Lunch at Spaghetti Factory in Chesterfield
(undergraduate group joins here for lunch)
- **9:00am-1:30pm St. Louis Attractions for Graduate Students**
Depart from Division of Student Success
Trip to the St. Louis Arch and the Loop
At Noon-Lunch at Blueberry Hill, followed by Fitz's Root Beer
- **9:00am-1:30pm St. Louis Attractions for Undergraduate Students**
Depart from Division of Student Success
Trip to Forest Park/Zoo (City Museum in case of rain)
At Noon-Lunch at Spaghetti Factory in Chesterfield
TOEFL Boot Camp group joins here for lunch)

1:30pm-5:00pm Optional Shopping Trip or Free Time

Chesterfield Valley
Take this opportunity to do your last minute shopping
Sign up sheets available at the front desk of Student Success

6:00pm Dinner and Evening Activity Sponsored by International Students, Inc.

Buder Commons
Get to know other international students
Transportation provided following the event (for students living off-campus)

Thursday, August 25, 2016 Orientation Schedule

9:00am Breakfast

Gander Dining Hall
All international students welcome

10:00am-12:00pm Optional Shopping and Banking Trip or Free Time

Depart from University Library
Sign up sheets available at the front desk of Student Success

12:30pm to 1:30pm Lunch

Gander Dining Hall
All international students welcome

2:30pm-5:30pm Institutional TOEFL Exam

ABAC 2245
This exam is mandatory for conditionally admitted students

1:00pm-4:00 pm Break

- **Optional text book pick up from the Bookstore for students who live off-campus only (Commuting students)**
Come to Division of Student Success for assistance

Join Saints Nation Orientation Program for First Year and Transfer Students Only:

4:00pm-5:00pm Pick Up Your Orientation Welcome Bag

Donius University Center Atrium
Undergraduate students only

5:00pm-7:00pm Who's Who Multicultural Student Networking

Donius University Center Atrium
Learn more about the cultural student organizations on campus
All international students welcome
Transportation provided following the event (for students living off-campus)

8:00pm-8:30pm Residential Hall Meetings

Each Hall/Floor (Ask Residential Assistant for location)
Residential students only

8:30pm-10:00pm Residential Students Community Camp-out Event

Gander Dining Hall
Residential students only
Ask your Residential Assistant for details





Friday/Saturday/Sunday, August 26-28, 2016 Orientation Schedule

Friday, August 26

10:30am-11:30am Multicultural Welcome Reception

2nd Floor Walker Hall

12:00pm-1:00pm Academic Welcome Lunches

Throughout Campus/Refer to Saints Nation program booklet

1:00pm-1:45pm Convening of Class

Simon Center

All Students and Families welcome

1:45pm-2:00pm "M" Photo for students

Soccer Field

2:00pm-2:30pm All Students Meet their Team, Faculty

International students join Team 28

Walker Hall 133

2:30pm-3:30pm Team Intros & Ice Breakers

Donius University Center

3:30pm-4:10pm Meet Your Faculty

Walker Hall 133

4:10pm-5:30pm Special Interest Sessions

Various Locations/Refer to Saints Nation program booklet

6:15pm-6:45pm Students and parents Farewell BBQ

Simon Center

➤ **6:15pm-8:00pm President's Parent Reception**

Dining Hall

Parents are welcome to attend

7:00pm-8:00pm All Students: "Let's Make a Deal"

Auditorium

8:00pm-9:30pm David Coleman: Dating Doctor

Auditorium

9:45pm Transportation Provided for Students Living Off-Campus (Commuting students)

DUC Atrium

Saturday, August 27

➤ **Optional Program for Graduate Students
SHOW U ST. LOUIS-REGIONAL COLLEGE FESTIVAL**

Soldier's Memorial/Downtown St. Louis-10am-2pm
Festival for College Students to explore how to LIVE,
WORK, and PLAY in St. Louis!

Transportation provided. Sign up at the front desk in
the Division of Student Success.

<https://showustl.splashthat.com/>

Undergraduate Students Only:

10:00am-10:30am Breakfast with Your Neighbors

Gander Dining Hall

10:30am-11:00am Good Morning Maryville!

Gander Quad or Dining Hall (depending on weather)

11:00am-12:00pm Orientation Play

Auditorium

12:00pm-2:00pm Student Team Meetings & Lunch

Walker Hall 133/Gander Dining Hall

2:00pm-4:00pm Maryville 101

Throughout Campus, Start in Auditorium

4:00pm-6:00pm Break or Activities

Throughout Campus

6:00pm-7:00pm Dinner at President's House

President's Backyard or Dining Hall (rain)

7:00pm-8:00pm Optional Spiritual Services

Throughout Campus

8:00pm-9:00pm Judson Laipply: Evolution of Dance

Auditorium

9:00pm-12:00am Orientation Dance

Donius University Center Atrium

12:15am Commuter Transportation Provided

Donius University Center Atrium

Sunday, August 28

➤ **Optional Program for Graduate Students Only:
FESTIVAL OF NATIONS**

Tower Grove Park, St. Louis-1:00pm

Region's premier multicultural celebration!

Transportation provided. Sign up at the Division of
Student Success front desk

Undergraduate Students Only:

10:00am-10:45am Breakfast with Academic Schools

Gander Dining Hall

10:45am-11:30am Finding Your Classes

Throughout Campus

**11:30am-12:00pm Look At It This Way...A Professor's
Perspective**

Auditorium

12:00pm-1:30pm "What's It All About?" Experience

Auditorium

1:30pm-2:30pm Students ONLY Panel

Auditorium

**2:30pm University Week of Welcome (UWOW)
KickOff/Lunch**

Gander Dining Hall



Pre-Arrival Information

- New undergraduate students should contact Sara Parrott to **register the first time** at saraparrott@maryville.edu or 314-529-6843. Graduate students should contact their Academic Department for assistance.
- If you are conditionally admitted to the ESL Bridge Program, **sign up for On Campus ESL Placement Testing (TOEFL exam)**. Email Sara Parrott at saraparrott@maryville.edu.
- **Activate your Maryville Technology Account** at using this [link](#). All official communication from the University will be sent to your Maryville e-mail account. Check your Maryville email daily.
- Apply EARLY for **on-campus housing**. On campus housing is very popular and fills quickly. Check out residential life at this [link](#).
- **Submit your Health Packet** (International Student Health Form and Meningococcal Vaccination Form) to the [Maryville Health and Wellness Center](#).
- Airport transportation provided starting on August 15th. **Submit your Airport Pickup Request** at least 1 week before you travel and a Maryville Representative will meet you at the St. Louis International Airport and provide transportation to the Maryville campus. Include: your flight number, airline, date and time of arrival, and connecting cities. There is no fee for this service.
- **Make payment arrangements**. Tuition fees are due before classes begin.
- **Move into your on or off-campus housing**

First Steps at Maryville

starting on August 18, 2016.

- **SEVIS registration and check-in** will happen during orientation. However, you can schedule an appointment with the International Student Success Office for early SEVIS registration. Email gdryden@maryville.edu
- **Attend the mandatory orientation sessions on August 22-25, 2016** and join **Saints Nation Orientation between August 25-28, 2016**. Please refer to schedule for details.
- **Get a student ID card and a free parking pass** from the Public Safety Office located in Buder Commons West. Add money to your student ID account (Saints Dollars) in the [Maryville Portal](#) if you intend to eat in the Dining Hall but do not have a meal plan.
- **Submit a Health Insurance Waiver request** by August 29, 2016 or pay your Health Insurance fee on your Maryville account.
- **Open a local bank account**. You can deposit your money or have funds sent to your account by wire transfer.
- **Go shopping**. Cell phone, banking, clothing, bedding items...Get ready to decorate your room.
- **Pay your tuition and fees** or make a payment plan with the [Student Service Center](#) **after** you register for classes and before the first day of class on August 29.

Meet International Student Success Staff Members



Sara Parrott-Coordinator, International Student Success/Immigration & Support Services

Welcome to Maryville University! My name is Sara Parrott, and I am delighted to join the Maryville community as the Coordinator for International Student Success and Immigration Support Services! Come talk with me or contact me at saraparrott@maryville.edu if you have questions about employment, immigration, or cultural adjustment. I admire the courage it takes to pursue a degree abroad. While this adventure will be incredibly rewarding, it can also be quite challenging! I want you to feel comfortable discussing your questions, concerns, and goals with me so that we can approach them together!



Esra Uysal-Coordinator, International Student Success/Programming & Engagement

We are so excited that you have decided to pursue your degree at Maryville University! I will be looking forward to getting you involved in the many fun activities and events we will have during the year. My job is to make sure you have an amazing college experience while you bond with other students around campus on your way to become a Maryville SAINT! I can be contacted at euysal1@maryville.edu.



Gayle Dryden-Coordinator of Student Success

Greetings new international students! I am looking forward to welcoming you to our beautiful campus. My job is to support you with all the questions you might have about your immigration status and to facilitate a smooth transition to Maryville University. I oversee the International Student Health Plans, as well, so do please do not hesitate to contact me at gdryden@maryville.edu.



Anas Alzahrani-Graduate Assistant

I am from Saudi Arabia. I finished my Bachelor's degree majoring in Advertising and Marketing Communication, Leadership Certificate, and International Studies Certificate in May 2016. I joined the International Student Success Office in August 2016 as a graduate assistant while getting my Masters degree in Strategic Communication and Leadership at Maryville. I can be reached at aalzahrani4@live.maryville.edu or in person at the International Student Success Office.

Stay Connected

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