

# Summer 2017 International Student Orientation Schedule May 4, 2017



## Welcome International Graduate Students!

### *Maryville at-a-Glance*

**Institution Type:** Private, coeducational, selective and comprehensive university

**History:** founded in 1872

**Degree levels:** Bachelor, Master, 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 on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. 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  
Maryville University  
650 Maryville University Dr.  
St. Louis, MO 63141

### 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

Thursday, May 4, 2017

## Orientation Schedule



### **1:00pm-2:00pm Welcome Meeting for Students and Their Families**

*President's Conference Center/Gander Hall*

Welcome messages from Admissions, International Student Success staff, Strategic Communication & Leadership and Actuarial Science Program Faculty. Receive your ID Cards and Parking Passes.

### **2:00pm-3:15pm International Student Support 101**

*President's Conference Center*

Learn more about American culture, Maryville academic policies, navigating the transportation systems around St. Louis, Health Insurance and Immigration.

### **3:30pm-4:45pm Maryville Technologies**

*Walker 220*

Learn about managing technologies at Maryville such as Maryville Portal, email accounts, Canvas, etc.

### **5:00-7:00pm SEVIS Check-in**

*Division of Student Success*

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.

### **7:00pm Strategic Communication and Leadership Graduate Hooding Ceremony**

*Auditorium*

Celebrate with the Class of 2017 as they say farewell to Maryville in their caps and gowns through this moving ritual.



## Pre-Arrival Information

- **Activate your Maryville Technology Account.** All official communication from the University will be sent to your Maryville e-mail account. Check your Maryville email daily.
- **Submit your Health Packet** (International Student Health Form and Meningococcal Vaccination Form) to the [Maryville Health and Wellness Center](#).
- Airport transportation provided starting on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Submit your [Airport Pick-up 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.
- **SEVIS registration and check-in** will happen during orientation. However, you can schedule an appointment with the Office of International Student Success for early SEVIS registration. Email [gdryden@maryville.edu](mailto:gdryden@maryville.edu)

## First Steps at Maryville

- **Attend the mandatory orientation session on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** 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** 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 May 8, 2017.

## 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 to serve international students! Come talk with me or contact me at [saraparrott@maryville.edu](mailto: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 look 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 Master's degree in Strategic Communication and Leadership at Maryville. I can be reached at [aalzahrani4@live.maryville.edu](mailto:aalzahrani4@live.maryville.edu) or in person at the International Student Success Office.

### Stay Connected

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