



International Student Orientation (ISO) At A Glance Fall 2021

The University of California, Riverside (UCR) is delighted to welcome international students from all over the world to study and become an integral part of our community. This year's International Student Orientation (ISO) will be conducted online through a combination of online pre-arrival events, required self-paced informational modules, and live interactive Zoom sessions.

This is an exciting time to gain information, get access to resources, and give you the opportunity to meet other international students and make new friends! Please note that this schedule is subject to change, and feel free to let us know if you have any questions about the planned sessions and activities.

Registration Information

International Freshmen - Both Orientations are required.

All new international freshmen (first-year undergraduates) must register for and attend:

- **International Student Orientation 2021** – Register [online](#). Contact internationalstudents@ucr.edu for questions. Required only for F and J students or those planning to be in F or J status.
- **Highlander Orientation** – Register [online](#). Contact orientation@ucr.edu for questions.

International Transfer Students - Both Orientations are required.

All new international transfer students must register for and attend:

- **International Student Orientation 2021** – Register [online](#). Contact internationalstudents@ucr.edu for questions. Required only for F and J students or those planning to be in F or J status.
- **Highlander Orientation** – Register [online](#). Contact orientation@ucr.edu for questions.

International Graduate Students

All new international graduate students must register for and attend:

- **International Student Orientation 2021** – Register [online](#). Contact internationalstudents@ucr.edu for questions. Required only for F and J students or those planning to be in F or J status.

| Pre-Orientation Events | | |
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| Event | Date/Time | Details |
| Pre-Arrival Webinar 1 | Date: June 17, 2021 Time: 6:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time Recording available here . | The International Students and Scholars (ISS) staff hosted a pre-arrival webinar to provide you with important immigration, housing, and immunization information. |
| Pre-Arrival Webinar 2 | Date: July 29, 2021 Time: 6:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time Recording available here . | The International Students and Scholars (ISS) staff will host a pre-arrival webinar to provide you with important travel and arrival information. This session will be recorded and sent to registered students. |
| Connect with new students | Ongoing: Join our Slack Community to connect with other new international students. | Email us at internationalstudents@ucr.edu and ask to join this Slack Community. |

Required Orientation Events

These orientation events and meetings are specifically designed to guide you to success at UCR, by providing essential information about your immigration status, safety, and health.

*What is Canvas? It’s UCR’s learning management software, where professors post course materials and other course-related information:
<https://keeplearning.ucr.edu/canvas>

| Required Orientation Module (self-paced and made available on Canvas) | | |
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| Event and Participants | Date/Time <i>Pacific Daylight Time</i> | Details |
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| <p>Online ISO Orientation Module and Document Check-In</p> <p>All Students</p> | <p>We will email you when the online module opens.</p> | <p>The ISO Orientation Module is a required part of ISO. The module will provide you with important information on U.S visa and immigration regulations, travel, safety, health and wellness, academic success, U.S. classroom culture, and more.</p> <p>You must complete t and a required document check-in process in order to have your arrival in the U.S. confirmed and your F-1/J-1 status activated in the Student Exchange and Visitor Information System (SEVIS).</p> <p>If you do not complete this process, we will not be able to report your arrival as required by federal regulations and you will fall out of valid F-1/J-1 status. A registration hold will be placed on your account for the Winter 2021 quarter if the check-in process is not completed. https://international.ucr.edu/students/get-started-ucr#new_student_checkin</p> <p>Please note: we cannot activate your I-20 or DS-2019 if you are starting remotely outside of the United States.</p> |
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September 13 – September 22

| <p>Interactive Orientation Sessions (conducted on Zoom)</p> | | |
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| <p>These sessions are full of good information that will help you get connected to resources available at UCR and give you opportunities to meet other new students. Please join us!</p> | | |
| <p>Register in advance with the Zoom links below. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Please use your UCR email address when registering for the sessions.</p> | | |
| <p>*Students who attend live sessions will be entered into a raffle to win prizes like Amazon gift cards, ISS padfolios, and more.</p> | | |
| Event | Date/Time (Pacific Daylight Time) Registration Links | Details |
| <p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>All Students</p> | <p>Monday, September 13 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>https://ucr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uQ7NWutNTvW76TltVVzLMA</p> | <p>The Opening Ceremony marks the beginning of ISO 2021 and is for all incoming international students. This introductory session will feature information about ISS, and an overview of ISO 2021.</p> |

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| <p>Immigration rules for F and J visa holders.</p> <p>All students</p> <p>F/J students are required to attend this session or view the recording when it is released.</p> <p>Attendance at the live session is recommended.</p> | <p>Monday, September 13 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>https://ucr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B5oZTG4pT-S0mPr7xURRRw</p> | <p>Do you have questions about the check-in process, maintaining your F-1 and J-1 status in the United States or about your employment opportunities in the United States? Join us for an important presentation and Q & A session. All questions are welcome.</p> |
| <p>Parents Information Session</p> <p>All International Parents</p> | <p>Tuesday, September 14 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>https://ucr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NZVyhva-QHSr1myKtmXW9A</p> | <p>The Parents Information session is optional for the parents of new students. This is a great opportunity to meet University staff and discuss any general questions or concerns. More resources can be found here: https://orientation.ucr.edu/campus-resources-guide.</p> |
| <p>Undergraduate/Graduate Student Networking</p> | <p>Tuesday, September 14 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>https://ucr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwlf-yvrD8uHNWmc3nnMQmTr2zPRwHbzINQ</p> | <p>This is the perfect opportunity for you to ask our panel of current undergraduate and graduate international students any questions that you have about UCR, life in Riverside, or making friends in the United States.</p> |
| <p>Counseling and Psychological Services</p> <p>All Students</p> | <p>Wednesday, September 15</p> <p>9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (Graduate Students) https://ucr.zoom.us/j/95834276813</p> <p>10:30 to 11:00 a.m. (Undergraduate Students) https://ucr.zoom.us/j/91511081182</p> | <p>Learn more about the resources in UCR 's Counseling and Psychological Services Department. Discuss cultural adjustment and learn about mindfulness practices.</p> |

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| <p>Speed Friending</p> <p>Graduate Students This session will not be recorded.</p> | <p>Wednesday, September 15 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>https://ucr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlIdeihrjIjE9TopRhzzh1rZQoEReYTxFdI</p> | <p>Want to connect with other new graduate students? Join us for Speed Friending and Networking Event.</p> |
| <p>Question and Answer Session</p> <p>All Students</p> | <p>Thursday, September 16 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>https://ucr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlIduCsrdgoHNd7LR80bWom0DTKC6b_42m1</p> | <p>Did you finish the online Orientation module? Do you have questions about the check in process, maintaining your F-1 and J status in the United States, or about your employment opportunities in the United States?</p> |
| <p>Survival Skills All Students</p> | <p>Friday, September 17 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>https://ucr.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_H5yj7GOWTnO41cpsus_aHg</p> | <p>In this session, you will learn important information about budgeting your money, shopping smart, and how to recognize and avoid scams in the U.S.</p> |
| <p>Diversity Equity and Inclusion at UCR and in the United States All Students</p> | <p>Friday, September 17 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>https://ucr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMtdu-upzoqG9AhArMSFCRDVlcYi7ZLsvUs</p> | <p>Join current UCR staff and students for a discussion about diversity, equity and inclusion in the U.S. Learn about important UCR resources.</p> |
| <p>EAP Reciprocity Exchange Students Meet and Greet</p> | <p>Monday, September 20 12 -1:00 p.m.</p> <p>https://ucr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYkc-GsrTosEtKtRXAJriGszn8ZD3005vYr</p> | <p>Meet the IA Education Abroad staff, learn more about your reciprocity program at UCR, and connect with other reciprocity and international students at UCR.</p> |
| <p>Job Talk All Students</p> | <p>Monday, September 20 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Graduate Students) https://ucr.zoom.us/j/98775137571</p> <p>4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Undergraduate Students) https://ucr.zoom.us/j/94849513757</p> | <p>Want to learn the best strategies to look for internships or a job in the US? Here is the session for you. The UCR Career Center Staff will share resources, tips, and how to navigate job search process in the US with you.</p> |

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| <p>Trivia and more!</p> <p>All Students</p> | <p>Tuesday, September 21 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>https://ucr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUrceqqzssE9QsO7YlWzYz0sZtUYjMwixU</p> | <p>Join us for a fun trivia session and a recap of Orientation. Earn raffle entries for gift cards, padfolios and more.</p> |
| <p>Undergraduate/Graduate Student Networking</p> | <p>Wednesday, September 22 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>https://ucr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0rc-ugpjotGdKdpE-SV-9IYOxIGTJ8MYaf</p> | <p>This is the perfect opportunity for you to ask our panel of current undergraduate and graduate international students any questions that you have about UCR, life in Riverside, or making friends in the United States.</p> |
| <p>Speed Friending</p> <p>Undergraduate Students This session will not be recorded.</p> | <p>Wednesday, September 22 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. PST</p> <p>https://ucr.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcqd-GgqjsiHdP6cJr3sgWyy9kXN06R151-</p> | <p>Want to meet other new students? Join us for a Speed Friending and Networking Event.</p> |

*Please note that most of the interactive Zoom sessions will be recorded and will be available for you to view on Canvas following the session. All sessions are subject to change.