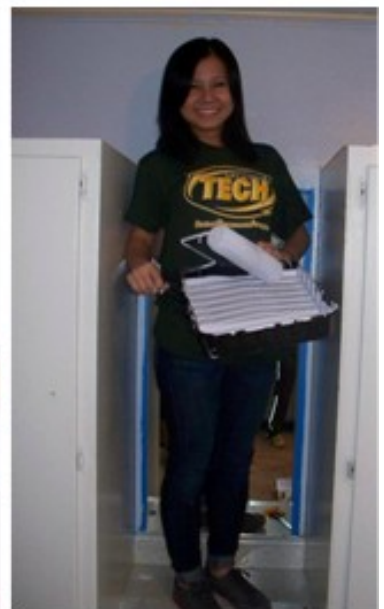




IMSSO



Orientation Schedule **Spring 2012**





A Special Welcome from Yasu Onodera!

I am so glad to see you here, finally, in person. I still remember vividly my first day as an international student. I was excited to begin a new life. At the same time, I was nervous to be in a strange place by myself. Studying in the US is a great challenge for all of you. But I know you will be successful. If I could do it, you can do it too.

The reason I am so confident about your future success is due in large part to the great IMSSO staff that stands ready to assist you. The IMSSO staff has worked hard to plan a great orientation program for you. As you begin this week, I would like to give you some advice

Ask Questions: Now is the time. Don't be afraid to speak up and ask a question. If you don't understand something, please ask.

Learn: Try to take in as much information as possible. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about how you can succeed as a student at Arkansas Tech University.

Meet New People: Don't be shy! During this one week, you will have many opportunities to meet a wide variety of interesting people. Take the time to introduce yourself to others and exchange e mail addresses. These people will become a great support network for you during your first semester on campus.

Have Fun: College represents one of the greatest times in your life. Never again will you have the opportunity to learn so much and meet so many new people. Enjoy the experience!

I look forward to learning more about each of you and spending time together this week as we learn about Tech.

Good luck as you begin your college adventure!

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Director, International and Multicultural Student Services

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

MANDATORY ORIENTATION BEGINS FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS!

7:30 a.m. Hotel Shuttles

- ◆ Please meet in hotel lobby with bags; Check-out prior to 7:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. TOMLINSON 126 (OPTIONAL)

- ◆ Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. TOMLINSON 126 (MANDATORY)

- ◆ Welcome Session
- ◆ Introduction of IMSSO and ELI Staff
- ◆ Bring your passport, I-20 and I-94 card to this session!

9:30 a.m. TOMLINSON 126 (MANDATORY)

- ◆ Sessions Begin

**Session 1: 9:30 a.m.; Student ID Card; Compass Exam Payment (\$34);
Post Office Box Registration**

Session 2: 11:00 a.m.; Banking Information Session

12:00 p.m. Lunch "On-Your-Own" (OPTIONAL)

- ◆ Chambers Cafeteria; Buffet-Style; \$6.18
- ◆ New China Restaurant; American-Chinese Buffet-Style; \$6.55

1:00 p.m. Lecture Hall, Doc Bryan (MANDATORY FOR ELI STUDENTS)

- ◆ TOEFL Exam; English Language Institute Students ONLY
- ◆ ATU ID card required. Do not bring any additional belongings.

4:00 p.m. Tomlinson 126

- ◆ Bank applications **DUE!**
- ◆ On Campus Housing: International students living on-campus will move into their residence hall; Housing assistance provided for those students seeking housing

6:00 p.m. PARKING LOT IN FRONT OF CHAMBERS CAFETERIA (OPTIONAL)

- ◆ Local Shopping at Wal-Mart Super Center

Shuttle Schedule

6:00 p.m. - Depart from ATU — Chambers Cafeteria Parking Lot

8:00 p.m. - Return to ATU — Wal-Mart Super Center Entrance

Wednesday, January 11, 2012

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. TOMLINSON 4

MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS REGISTERED FOR COMPASS EXAM

- ◆ COMPASS Exam
- ◆ Students registered to take the COMPASS exam, please meet in Tomlinson 4; Bring fee payment receipt, student ID card and your computer card.

9:00 a.m. TOMLINSON 126

ALL STUDENTS EXEMPT FROM COMPASS EXAM

- ◆ Shuttle to local banks to open accounts; Please bring your passport, I-20, I-94 card and any money or checks that you wish to deposit.

1:00 p.m. TOMLINSON 4

- ◆ Registration for university students (undergraduate & graduate)
- ◆ Registration for English Language Institute (ELI) students

3:00 p.m. TOMLINSON 126 (MANDATORY FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS)

- ◆ Medical Insurance; Health & Wellness Information Session
- ◆ F-1 Visa Immigration Update
- ◆ Campus Safety & Security; Academic Expectations Information
- ◆ Intro to OneTech, Email and Blackboard

5:00 p.m. PARKING LOT IN FRONT OF CHAMBERS CAFETERIA (OPTIONAL)

- ◆ Local Shopping at Wal-Mart Super Center

Thursday, January 12, 2012

ALL CLASSES BEGIN!

1:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m. IMSSO Office

- ◆ Shuttle to local banks to open accounts; Please bring your passport, I-20, I-94 card and any money or checks that you wish to deposit.
- ◆ Shuttle will leave every hour (1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m.)

Shopping Shuttle Schedule

Every Wednesday

Shuttle departs from Chambers Cafeteria

4:00 p.m. Depart from ATU

4:30 p.m. Depart from ATU

5:00 p.m. Depart from ATU ++

5:30 p.m. Depart from ATU

5:45 p.m. Return to ATU

6:25 p.m. Return to ATU

7:05 p.m. Return to ATU

7:45 p.m. Depart from Valley Park Center ***

7:55 p.m. Depart from Wal-Mart

+++ After dropping students off at Wal-Mart, shuttle will continue to Valley Park Center

*** After picking up students at Valley Park Center, shuttle will pick up at Wal-Mart

(NOTE: Due to tight schedule, shuttle will NOT wait for late students)

IMSSO Welcome Back Party

Skate Night!

Friday, January 13, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Skate Station

(Address: 1102 E 2nd St, Russellville)

Cost: FREE Entrance & FREE Pizza!!

If you need a ride, a shuttle will depart from Chambers Cafeteria at **5:30 p.m.**

Two more ways to get involved.....

Global Connect



Would you like to join a great program that allows you to make friends with American students and improve your English conversational skills all at the same time? If so, then you will want to sign up for Global Connect!

Global Connect is designed to assist international students with academic, social and cultural adjustments through friendship and support. Coordinated through the Office of International and Multicultural Student Services, Global Connect mentors provide international students with immediate peer support and encouragement upon their arrival to the Arkansas Tech University campus and throughout their collegiate experience. Students are only required to meet for one hour per week which makes it easy since everyone has such busy schedules. You may want to go to a football game, lunch, campus activity, movie, hiking, bowling and more!

If you are interested in being a part of Global Connect, please contact Danny Eshcol at deshcol@atu.edu, 479-964-0832, or stop by Tomlinson Room 6.

ISSB

International Student Speakers Bureau

The IMSSO receives several requests from schools, community and civic groups asking for international students to present information about their home countries. The IMSSO has created the International Student Speakers Bureau in order to handle all of these requests from the community. We want EVERYONE to be a part. The benefits include:

- Opportunities to practice and improve English speaking skills
- Learn how to build an effective presentation and how keep your audience captivated
- Become acquainted with new friends and potential employers
- Learn team building and leadership skills
- Introduction to community groups

At the end of each semester, each student who participates will receive an official certificate from the IMSSO recognizing your service. It will also be a great way to build an impressive resume. To qualify for the International Speakers Bureau, all students must do the following:

- Complete a short application
- Submit a short PowerPoint presentation or video about you and your life in your home country (4 slides minimum)



NOTES

Get Involved!

Arkansas Tech University and the Office of International and Multicultural Student Services offer a variety of programs and activities for our students to have fun, make new friends and learn about the ATU campus and Russellville community. Each month, the IMSSO publishes a calendar with a number of great opportunities for you, such as field trips and cultural events both on and off campus. You can find this calendar on our website at http://www.atu.edu/imsso/current_students.shtml. In addition, Tech sponsors sporting events, movie nights, swim nights, intramural sports, coffee-houses and much more. If you would like to get involved in any of these programs, please visit my office in Tomlinson Room 6.

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