Arriving to UVA Checklist

**PRIOR TO DEPARTING TO THE UNITED STATES**
- Make sure your passport is valid for the next 6 months
- Make sure your F-1 or J-1 visa is valid before departing to the United States
- Check [CDC website](https://www.cdc.gov) for travel guidance on COVID-19
- Solidify your travel arrangements from the airport to Charlottesville
  - [Register for AirBus](https://www.airbus.com) for travel from Washington Dulles International Airport to Charlottesville on August 16
  - Alternative options include Megabus, Amtrak, or flying directly to Charlottesville Albemarle Airport
- Solidify your living arrangements
  - ON-GROUNDS STUDENTS: [Housing and Residence Life, U.Va.](https://housing.web.virginia.edu) (virginia.edu)
  - OFF-GROUNDS STUDENTS: [University of Virginia | Off-Campus Housing Search](https://housing.web.virginia.edu)

**ARRIVAL: UNITED STATES**
- Keep a physical copy of your signed I-20 or DS-2019 on hand.
  - Make sure to sign your I-20 or DS-2019 in wet ink
  - Do not leave your document in check-in luggage
  - Keep physical and electronic copies of your I-20 or DS-2019 in a safe location
- Make sure to declare your entry as a F-1 or J-1 student. **Do not enter on a tourist visa**
- If you experience any issues at Port of Entry, call 434-982-3010

**ARRIVAL: CHARLOTTESVILLE**
- Complete Immigration Check-in on [ISSP Connect](https://issp.virginia.edu) within 3 days upon your arrival.
  - Use “Current Student Login”
- Attend International Student Orientation
  - Undergraduate Orientation: Thursday, August 18 from 2:30-5PM at Clark 108
  - Graduate Orientation: Tuesday, August 16 from 10-12:30PM at Chem 402
  - Exchange Student Orientation: Monday, August 22 at 2pm in Minor 125
- Attend [Global Greeter Events](https://global.virginia.edu)

**CHARLOTTESVILLE RESOURCES**
- [Banks](https://www.banking.virginia.edu) and [Cell Phone Providers](https://www.cellphoneproviders.virginia.edu)
- [Transportation around UVA](https://transportation.virginia.edu)
- [Dining Plans](https://dining.virginia.edu)