CHECKLIST FOR ARRIVAL AT UAB – DIRECT ENTRY STUDENTS

It’s almost time! Start taking care of these tasks so that you can hit the ground running when you arrive!

☐ Create your BlazerID: It will be your official UAB email address where all information is sent.

☐ Register for Classes: You will need your BlazerID to do this through logging in to BlazerNET.

☐ Purchase Textbooks: Visit the campus Barnes & Noble bookstore in the Hill Student Center, or buy online.

☐ Find Housing: If you wish to live on-campus, please reserve a residence hall room as soon as possible. Refer to the Compass or UAB’s Off-Campus Student Services for off-campus accommodations.

☐ Follow ISSS on Facebook and Instagram: We share important announcements about office closures, immigration regulations, cultural events, and opportunities weekly. You can also find roommates and carpool to take driving tests.

☐ Medical Clearance: Visit www.uab.edu/studenthealth and complete the medical history form under the Immunizations tab. Create a profile and upload the Student Health Form and proof of immunizations. You must have a TB skin test performed within the United States within three months of your arrival on campus.

☐ Enroll in Student Health Insurance: All international students must have health insurance. You can enroll in UAB’s student health insurance, provided by United HealthCare, at the website. If you already have insurance through another provider, submit a waiver to UAB Student Health & Wellness so that they can decide if your coverage is appropriate.

☐ Know Your Academic Advisor: Contact your department or program chair to learn who will be your academic advisor.

☐ Download These Apps: UAB and Blazer Welcome

☐ Establish Mobile Phone Service: Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile all operate in the Birmingham area. We have heard that Cell King at 1027 11th Place South offers competitive international calling plans and SIM cards.

☐ Register for B-Alert: Enter your phone number to receive alerts related to severe weather or other campus events.

☐ Open a Bank Account: Several banks near UAB offer student checking accounts: BB&T (8th Avenue & 19th Street), BBVA Compass (20th Street and 7th Avenue), Regions (corner of 19th Street and University Boulevard), Wells Fargo (18th Street and 3rd Avenue), and Legacy Credit Union (1400 20th Street South and 1920 4th Avenue South). To open a bank account, bring two forms of identification (e.g., passport and Form I-20/DS-2019). A US mobile number is helpful.

☐ ONE Card: Visit the OneStop Office in Room 103 at the Hill Student Center to get your ONE Card. It serves, which you will need to access buildings on campus and to present as student ID.

☐ Attend International Orientation: International Orientation with ISSS is mandatory for all international direct admit graduate students and international transfer students in F or J status. Time and location information can be found here. Bring your passport, signed original Form I-20 or DS-2019, and a printout of your Form I-94.

☐ Read the Globetrotter weekly e-newsletter: It provides relevant and important news each week and is the best source of information from ISSS, including announcements about OPT and CPT workshops and travel letters. Look for it every Monday or Tuesday at your UAB email address!

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