



INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

The University of Alabama at Birmingham

UAB F-1/J-1 VISA STUDENT ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

- Attend International Student Orientation:** This session is mandatory for all international direct admit graduate students and international transfer students in F or J status. You will also submit scans of your immigration documents to ISSS (passport, I-20/DS-2019, I-94 arrival record)
- 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. Login to BlazerNet to search for and add classes. You will first need to take care of any holds on your account.
- Purchase Textbooks:** Visit the campus Barnes & Noble bookstore in the Hill Student Center, or buy online.
- Health Insurance and Immunizations:** 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.
- Meet Your Academic Advisor or Program Director:** Undergraduate students will meet with their advisor at 'Blazer Beginnings'. Graduate students should contact their department or program director for course advising assistance.
- ONE Card:** Visit the One Stop Office in Room 103 at the Hill Student Center to get your ONE Card, which you will need to access buildings on campus and for student ID. www.uab.edu/students/onestop
- Housing:** If you wish to live on-campus, please visit www.uab.edu/students/housing/apply to reserve accommodation as soon as possible. Students searching for off campus housing are encouraged to contact [Off Campus Student Services](http://www.uab.edu/offcampushousing) and search their listings for housing and roommates: <https://offcampushousing.uab.edu/>.
- Set Up a US Cell Phone Number;** There are a few carrier options to choose from such as Verizon, AT&T and T-Mobile. Shop around as companies are competitive. You can also request a US sim card from ISSS.
- 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), and Wells Fargo (18th Street and 3rd Avenue). To open a bank account, you must present two forms of identification, such as your passport and Form I-20/DS-2019. It also helps to have a US cell phone number.
- Register for B-Alert:** Enter your phone number at www.uab.edu/emergency to receive alerts related to severe weather or other campus events.
- Follow us on social media:** [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/uab) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/uab)
- Download These Apps:** www.uab.edu/app and www.uab.edu/studentaffairs/blazerwelcome/