



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT & SCHOLAR SERVICES

The University of Alabama at Birmingham

### **CHECKLIST FOR ARRIVAL AT UAB**

- Attend International Orientation:** International Orientation 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](#).
- 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 into BlazerNET.
- Purchase Textbooks:** Visit the campus Barnes & Noble bookstore in the Hill Student Center, or buy online.
- Immigration Documentation:** Bring your passport, Form I-20/DS-2019, and a printout of your I-94 to the ISSS/INTO Center (917 13<sup>th</sup> Street South). ISSS will make all necessary copies.
- New Student Intake Sheet:** Complete this form so we have your local address and emergency contact information.
- Sign up for the Globetrotter weekly e-newsletter:** It provides relevant and important news and announcements each week and is the best source of information from the ISSS Office.
- Like our Facebook page:** The *Globetrotter* will post to Facebook, and we also share important announcements about office closures and opportunities via our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/uabiss](http://www.facebook.com/uabiss).
- Health Insurance and Immunizations:** Visit [www.uab.edu/studenthealth](http://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:** Contact your department or program chair to find out who will be your academic advisor.
- 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](http://www.uab.edu/students/onestop)
- Housing:** If you wish to live on-campus, please visit [www.uab.edu/students/housing/apply](http://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](#) 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.
- Open a Bank Account:** Several banks near UAB offer student checking accounts: BB&T (8<sup>th</sup> Avenue & 19<sup>th</sup> Street), BBVA Compass (20<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue), Regions (corner of 19<sup>th</sup> Street and University Boulevard), and Wells Fargo (18<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.uab.edu/emergency) to receive alerts related to severe weather or other campus events.
- Follow us on social media:** [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)
- Download These Apps:** [www.uab.edu/app](http://www.uab.edu/app) and [www.uab.edu/studentaffairs/blazerwelcome/](http://www.uab.edu/studentaffairs/blazerwelcome/)