

Travel & Arrival Information

Designated Arrival Dates & Arrival Information

Upon arrival at Regent, all new international students should stop by the Office of International Student Services (OISS, Student Center, Room 201) as soon as possible for SEVIS/immigration registration purposes. Office walk-in hours are from 2-5 p.m. Monday – Friday. You will need to bring your passport; I-20 or DS-2019; I-94 Arrival/Departure Record; local U.S. address; and the name and phone number of at least one emergency contact person. The *International Student Arrival Form*, which is included in this packet, lists the designated arrival dates and mandatory International Student Orientation dates for the semester you were admitted. All international students must arrive at Regent by the specific arrival dates that are designated for the required International Student Orientation. F-1 students will not be admitted into the country beyond the designated arrival date (which is also listed as the program start date in Section 5 of your I-20). Students who will be living on-campus must notify Student Housing of their arrival date.

International Student Arrival Forms

An *International Student Arrival Form* is included in this packet. It is extremely important that you complete and return this form to the Office of International Student Services (OISS) as soon as you know your travel plans but no later than July 15 for the Fall term, or November 15 for the Spring term. We cannot accommodate students who do not return the Arrival Form on time.

Luggage

In case your luggage is delayed, all students are advised to attach a tag to each piece of your luggage with the following address: Regent University, Campus Security, 1000 Regent University Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23464, USA (Phone: 1-757-226-2075). You can ask the airline to deliver your luggage to Campus Security, which is open 24 hours a day. You will also need to call the Campus Security Dispatcher and provide a phone number and address where you can be contacted after your luggage is delivered to campus. We suggest that you pack a small bag with essential items and keep it with you on the plane just in case your other bags get separated from you.

Travel to Regent University & Airport Pick-up Dates

All students should fly into Norfolk International Airport in Norfolk, Virginia (ORF), which is only 15 minutes from Regent University by car. You can check the airport's web site for information about companies that fly into Norfolk, flight schedules, etc.:

<http://www.norfolkairport.com/> The OISS and the International Student Organization (ISO) coordinate a special airport pick-up service for all new international students who arrive at Norfolk International Airport (ORF) on the designated arrival dates. Please be sure to plan your arrival for one of the designated dates which are listed on the *International Student Arrival Form* and to submit your *Arrival Form* by the established deadline so you can benefit from this special service for new students. If, for some reason, you cannot arrive on one of the designated dates, you will need to be prepared to secure your own arrival to campus by taxicab or airport shuttle.

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➤ Airport Shuttle

Brown Airport Sedan Service

Located at Norfolk International Airport, Near Baggage Claim #5

Tel: (757) 857-5950

The price for the shuttle from the airport to Regent University one way is approximately \$35 and can seat up to three people for the sedan. This service requires prior reservation.

➤ Taxi Services

The price per mile in the area ranges from about \$2 upward.

It will cost you approximately \$25 to get from the airport to Regent University. Five people can ride for the price of one as long as they are going to the same destination. Payment may be made by cash, and in some instances by credit card.

Taxi Companies:

Telephone Numbers:

Website Addresses:

Black & White

(757) 855-4444

<http://www.norfolkblack-whitecabs.com>

Norfolk Checker

(757) 855-3333

<http://www.norfolkcheckertaxi.com>

Telephone/Calling Home

Before you depart your home country, be sure to advise your friends and family members that it may take a few days for you to be able to connect with them once you arrive at Regent. The University Computer Labs may not be open at the time you arrive on campus. In addition, land-line telephone service is not included as a part of the on-campus housing utilities, and it may take you some time to either select a cell phone provider or to establish land-line service in your on-campus housing apartment. Assistance will be provided with these matters during the International Student Orientation. There are some local “house phones” in the lobbies of certain buildings at Regent. These phones can be used for toll-free calls and for local phone calls, at no charge. You can also purchase an international calling card at the airport or at most gasoline stations. With an international calling card you will be able to call overseas from any phone, including the local/house phones at Regent. More details will be provided in your *International Student Survival Guide* once you arrive at Regent.

Various companies offer cell phone service in the Virginia Beach area, and each company offers multiple service plans. For a full listing of cell phone service providers, please visit the following website: http://cellphones.about.com/od/plans_bycity/a/ci_rginia_beach.htm

For the most up-to-date information, you may also check with the specific company website.