

International Student Pre-Arrival Packet



REGENT UNIVERSITY
STUDENT ENGAGEMENT



Welcome!

On behalf of Student Engagement, and International Admissions and Advising, we welcome you to Regent University and to the United States of America. Our goal is to make your transition to living and studying in Virginia pleasant and exciting! We are here to help you every step of the way.

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ORIENTATION

INTERNATIONAL ADMISSIONS & STUDENT SERVICES

The mission of the International Admissions Team is a three-part mission:

1. The Team provides vital services that support the immigration and adjustment needs of Regent's international student community.
2. We educate and advise University faculty, staff, and students about F-1 student immigration rules, procedures, and benefits.
3. We maintain University compliance with government regulations and reporting requirements.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

Students who participate in an orientation generally find they acclimate better, have a greater sense of connection to their professors and peers, better attend to their responsibilities as a student, and more readily embrace the transformative experience ahead of them. The *mandatory* International Student Orientation Program includes:

- **Legal Information** – Learn about maintaining your F-1 visa status while a student in the U.S.
- **General Information** – Materials on programs and services available on campus and in the community
- **Getting Acquainted** – Meet other students, people, and places on campus
- **Settling In** – Go on a campus tour and library tour
- **Get Connected** - Receive information about on-campus throughout the semester



We are excited that you will be joining us very soon! Please read this packet thoroughly as it will provide you with important information you will need to know prior to your arrival..

Pre-Arrival Checklist:

1. Pay your SEVIS FEE online and schedule your visa interview with the US Embassy or consulate in your area as soon as possible. People from most countries can pay online at www.FMJfee.com. Make sure you print the receipt for this payment and keep it with your passport.
2. Apply for and secure your housing. See the “On-Campus Housing” section in this packet.
3. Once you receive your visa, schedule your flight to arrive at least a few days before orientation. You can schedule your flight before receiving your visa, but understand the risks involved if your visa is denied. If you arrive before the designated arrival date, please be prepared to find your own transportation and hotel.
4. You are required to enroll in a specific group health insurance plan through International Admissions & Advising.



ARRIVAL INFORMATION

ARRIVAL DATES & ARRIVAL INFORMATION

All International students will be required to meet with the International Admissions & Advising Office during the first week of classes. You will need to bring your passport, I-20, I-94 Arrival/Departure Record, local U.S. address, and the name and phone number of at least one emergency contact person. This information will be used to check you into the SEVIS system.

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.

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 (Phone: 1+757-226-2075) 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. It may be wise to take a photo of each piece of your luggage before handing it over to the airline.



TRAVEL TO REGENT



All students should fly into Norfolk International Airport (ORF) in Norfolk, Virginia. Each student will be responsible for securing transportation from the airport. Please see below for some travel options from the airport:

Office of International Admissions and Advising: Work with your advisor *prior* to arriving to the U.S. to arrange pick-up and transportation from the airport. Call: 800-846-4198, Email: [intladvicing@regent.edu](mailto:intladvising@regent.edu)



The Founders Inn Airport Shuttle: Located on the University campus, students can reserve the hotel shuttle with 72 hours advance notice for \$10 per person each way. For reservations, call: +1 757-424-5511

Uber and Lyft: The Hampton Roads area does offer ride-hailing services such as Uber and Lyft. These services typically require you to register an account with the service's phone app and that you link a form of payment (i.e. credit card) to your account. You can get more information on each company's website at:

Uber: www.uber.com/ride **Lyft:** www.lyft.com/ride



CAMPUS ADDRESSES

Main Campus: 1000 Regent University Drive,
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Regent Village Student Housing Office:

5960 Jake Sears Circle, Apt. 104
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Regent Commons Student Housing Office:

1117 Centerville Turnpike, Suite 101
Virginia Beach, VA 23464



ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

Our mission is to provide students a safe, clean, and well-maintained environment that is conducive to academic excellence, individual accountability, community development, and living a Christ-centered life.

Student Housing is dedicated to providing housing to full-time (9 credits per term for graduate students, 12 credits per term for undergraduate students) on-campus students. Two housing facilities are available to serve the housing needs of the Regent student community. Apartments in the Regent Village are reserved for single, non-traditional-age (25+) undergraduate students. Housing for traditional-age (18-24) single undergraduates is available in the Regent Commons. We do not offer any housing for families.

Regent Village has two and three-bedroom apartments. The kitchens include a refrigerator, stove, garbage disposal, and dishwasher. In Phase II (Graduate students only), there are also electric washer/dryer hookups. There are laundry facilities, a grilling area, playground, and basketball and volleyball courts on the premises. Activities for students are planned by both members of the residential community and the Student Housing staff.

Regent Commons housing assignments are available to single undergraduate students only. This facility is comprised of two four-story buildings with elevators and fully furnished housing assignments. The floor plans include studio, one-bedroom, and four-bedroom suites. Regent Commons is conveniently located on campus and easily accessible to all campus facilities. Kitchens include a refrigerator, stove/oven, dishwasher, and microwave oven.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

1+757.352.4890 | studenthousing@regent.edu | regent.edu/housing



ON-CAMPUS HOUSING

APPLICATION PROCESS

**If you have already secured on-campus housing for the academic year, you may disregard this section. You should be able to view your housing assignment in Genisys through your MyRegent portal mid-July*

Once you have been accepted as a student to the University, you are eligible to apply for housing. Complete the application online and submit the \$350 deposit (\$150 enrollment deposit + \$200 housing deposit). The application and deposit are together in the same online form and can only be submitted/accepted online through the Student Housing website.

Traditional-age undergraduate students (ages 17-24) must fill out the combined Enrollment Agreement that also includes the housing deposit. For non-traditional undergraduate (25+) and graduate students, you will need to complete the housing application once you enroll in the University and submit it online, which will require a \$30 non-refundable application fee. Applications are not processed until the fee is received.

MOVING INTO STUDENT HOUSING

If you are living in Regent Commons or Regent Village, you will receive housing assignment and move-in information prior to your arrival. This information is sent mid-July. When you arrive at the University, and it is during a weekend (Saturday or Sunday) or outside of business hours (8 am-5 pm EST | Monday - Friday), you or someone accompanying you must call Campus Police at 1+757-226-2075 to indicate that you have arrived on campus and are ready to move-in to your housing assignment. Campus Police staff will meet you in front of Constitution Hall where the Regent Commons Student Housing Office is located or at Building 5960 of Regent Village where the Regent Village Student Housing Office is located to retrieve your keys. Campus Police will ask you to provide them with a form of identification like a passport or a driver's license.

Once you have your keys, you will be able to move into your housing assignment. If you arrive at the University during business hours, please go to the Student Housing Office of the residential area you are living in. For more information about what to bring and what not to bring, please visit:

[What Should I Bring To Campus?](#)



ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

HIRING PROCESS

Job openings and applications can be found online at: www.regent.edu/jobs. Applicants will need to create a profile through the online system to submit an application for any open position. Positions are posted until filled.

Qualified candidates are screened and interviewed by the supervisor within the hiring department and Human Resources. Depending on the amount of applicants and each school or department's hiring timeline, it may take a week, a month, or longer for selected candidates to be contacted. As an ever-changing and growing institution, new opportunities become available regularly. Please check the "Job Opportunities" web page often. We encourage you to apply for positions in which the job qualifications and your skills and goals best align.

Review the following steps about Regent University's hiring process:

- 1. Review open positions found on the job opportunities web page**
- 2. Submit an employment application**
- 3. Applications will be received by the hiring manager**
- 4. Interviews will take place with the hiring manager**
- 5. Reference checks are completed by the hiring manager**
- 6. A background investigation will be required**
- 7. An employment offer may be made by the hiring manager**
- 8. Contact International Advising & apply for a Social Security Number (SSN)**
- 9. The new employee form (form I-9) and other employment paperwork will be completed on or before the first work date**



ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT

WHAT YOU NEED TO PREPARE

- **An Up-to-Date Resume** | Resumes are marketing tools to highlight your skills and abilities to a prospective employer, organization, or graduate school. Writing an effective one takes time, thought, and work. Customize your resume to fit your skills and reach your audience. It should be a relatively brief, attractive document that convinces employers that you are the person they want to hire. Career Services is a great place to start when looking to create a resume or practice an interview. Visit www.regent.edu/csh to access Career Services, their resources, and meet with a coach.
- **Form I-9 Documents** | In order to determine eligibility for employment in the United States, you will need an international passport and Form I-94 or Form I-94A.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

1+757.352.4070 | hr@regent.edu | regent.edu//employment



OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING



**If you have already secured housing for the academic year, you may disregard this section.*



We strongly recommend on-campus housing for our single first-year international students, not only for the convenience but for the strong community environment. Off-campus housing can be difficult for international students to obtain because the process often requires the students to have a Social Security Number (SSN) that is issued by the U.S. Social Security Administration. International students are not eligible to apply for a U.S. SSN unless they can show proof of employment in the USA.



A U.S. SSN is usually needed to secure many services you would need for an off-campus apartment, such as electricity, cable, and gasoline. Living off-campus will also create transportation concerns because we do not have a reliable public transportation system in our area. Most businesses require you to have a U.S. SSN in order to buy or lease an automobile. Therefore, new international students who are unable to obtain an on-campus housing assignment will be required to submit documentation to show they have secured alternate housing arrangements and reliable means of transportation.



LOCAL PROFILE

CLIMATE AND AREA

Regent University is located on the East Coast of the United States in the city of Virginia Beach. Virginia Beach has 29 miles of beaches and Regent University is approximately 12 miles from the nearest beach. With approximately 455,618 residents, it is the largest Virginia city by population. Even with such a large population, Virginia Beach has been named one of the safest cities in America. The region around Virginia Beach, known as “Hampton Roads,” is one of the most historic areas in the United States. Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America, is less than an hour’s drive from Regent. Important battles in both the U.S. Revolutionary and Civil Wars were fought in this area. Washington D.C. is 200 miles/322 kilometers from Virginia Beach, a good distance for a weekend trip.

WEATHER AND CLOTHING

Virginia Beach experiences mild weather and temperatures compared to other areas of Virginia and the East Coast of the United States. Temperatures vary according to the four seasons (winter, spring, summer, fall) and extreme temperatures are rare. Temperature changes are unpredictable, so it is a good idea to prepare for any kind of weather. Short sleeved shirts and shorts are worn in the summer, and coats are comfortably worn in the winter, with approximately 1-2 snowfalls per year. During the spring and summer, it will be helpful to have a rain coat and umbrella. Sweaters or sweatshirts will come in handy, not only for the winter, but also for indoor use in the summer with the colder air conditioning settings that are used.

Some programs and classes have a dress code. For information about Regent’s dress codes, please refer to the Student Handbook found [HERE](#).

Due to a sizable number of flowering trees that bloom in the Hampton Roads area every Spring, students with allergies are advised to bring their allergy medications with them as long as they meet the United States customs regulations.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

GLOBAL STUDENT FRIENDSHIP

Global Student Friendship is a nonprofit organization that assists incoming international students throughout the Hampton Roads community as they transition into the United States. Although Regent University is not affiliated with Global Student Friendship, they are an available resource in Hampton Roads to serve international students.

Global Student Friendship assists with the following:

- Arrival assistance (airport pickup and temporary housing)
- Friendship and hospitality
- Furniture needs
- Outreach services (food delivery)
- Holidays and special events
- English as a second language courses

For more information, you can contact Dr. Kurnia Foe at

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WELCOME TO



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WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!