Important Steps for New International Students

IMPORTANT: Obtain OKTA Two-Step Authentication to connect to university technology
- Information on OKTA enrollment and OKTA set up for Windows and Mac are found here: https://kb.uwp.edu/
- Problems with OKTA? Email the University Tech Bar for help: techbar@uwp.edu

Regularly check your Parkside email account for important information!
- All university correspondence will be sent to your UW Parkside email account

Review costs & complete Financial Sponsorship form (with financial documentation)
- Information on OKTA enrollment and OKTA set up for Windows and Mac are found here: https://kb.uwp.edu/Financial-Sponsorship-Form-fall2023-update.pdf
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- Please note that Parkside International scholarships are determined upon admission ($2000-$6,000 annually).

Submit financial documents and color copy of your passport online
- Upload your financial documents and color copy of your passport: International Student Financial Documents (uwp.edu)

Receive I-20 Student Visa Document (or DS-2019 for One-Semester Exchange Students)
- Your I-20 “Certificate of Eligibility for Non-Immigrant Status” will be emailed to you once your financial sponsorship documentation and passport is received. (DS-2019 will be sent via USPS mail as original is required at visa interview.)

Pay your SEVIS I-901 Fee (needed for visa)
- https://fmjfee.com/901fee/index.html

Submit your DS-160 Nonimmigrant Visa application to schedule a visa appointment

Obtain visa appointment with your nearest US Consulate
- Prepare by reading: https://www.uwp.edu/international/upload/Ten-Points-for-Visa-Interview.pdf
- Inform the ISS/SA Office of your visa outcome by emailing international@uwp.edu and upload a visa copy - Visa Upload (uwp.edu)

Complete Campus Housing Application - Late applications result in fewer options
- https://www.uwp.edu/live/offices/residencelife/contractprocess.cfm
- If you have problems with this application, please email: housing@uwp.edu

Bachelor Level Only: Sign up for New Student Orientation and take the Placement Test (computer-based)
- The Placement test is required of FIRST YEAR STUDENTS before course registration (Not required for Exchange students)
- Register for New Student Orientation & the Placement Test:
  - https://www.uwp.edu/admittedstudent/NewStudentPrograms/Orientation/internationalorientation.cfm

Plan to arrive in time for New Student/International Orientation
- Plan arrival for no later than August 26, 2024
- Inform ISS/SA (international@uwp.edu) of your flight information to obtain arrival support (transportation, early lodging, etc.)

Email Academic Advisor to discuss registering for courses
- Bachelor Level: Identify Advising & Career Center Advisor for your Academic Major:
  - https://www.uwp.edu/learn/academicsupport/advising.cfm
- Bachelor students register for Navigate Advising software:
  - https://www.uwp.edu/currentstudent/navigate.cfm
- Master Level: Work with the Academic Advisor of your graduate program for course scheduling

Paying your bill to Parkside
- Students are billed each semester. Bills are due on the 10th day of the semester
- Bills include separate charges for tuition, housing, food plans, and int’l, new student and segregated fees
- Parkside accepts wire transfers by FlyWire: https://payment.flywire.com/pay/payment
- Alternatively, the Parkside bank “Educators Credit Union” (Routing # 275981378) allows new students to register for an immediate account into which funds can be electronically wired.

Major in you.