International Students Pre-Orientation (ISP) Schedule

August 25 – August 29, 2019
Welcome to Smith College!

Arrival Day

**NOTE:** We purposely have a loose schedule today, since travel plans vary greatly from student to student. If you arrive earlier in the day, feel free to settle in and unpack your belongings.

Our first “official” event will happen after dinner, at 7pm. Until then, we’ll have a few informal activities happening in and around our Registration at Ziskind House.

*Attendance is required at all sessions marked with an asterisk (*)*. 

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12:00 – 8:00pm

*Registration and Check-In* Ziskind House
Shuttles from Bradley International Airport, Hartford, CT to Smith College
*Enter building from Henshaw Ave (use 1 Henshaw Ave, Northampton, MA for GPS).*

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12:30 – 1:30pm

**Student Lunch** Cutter-Ziskind House
We encourage family members to explore some of the local cuisine downtown.

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2:00 – 6:00pm

**Various Activities led by ISP Leaders**
Sign-up sheets and more information will be available at Registration.

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6:00 – 7:00pm

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7:00 – 8:00pm

*The Genki Spark Performance & Panel* Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall
The Genki Spark is a multi-generational, pan-Asian women’s arts and advocacy organization that uses Japanese taiko drumming, personal stories, and creativity to build community, develop leadership, and advocate respect for all. Come enjoy a great show! (Families welcome)

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8:15 – 9:00pm

*Welcome to Your House!* House Living Rooms
You’re not alone! Meet your Residence Life staff and Head of New Students (HONS), as well as other students who have returned to campus early. Ask any questions you have regarding housing and living in Smith’s diverse community! Watch out for an email from one of your Res Life staff to find out the details about where you should meet up with them.
### STUDENT SCHEDULE

**Monday, August 26, 2019**

#### 7:30 – 8:45am

**Breakfast** *Cutter-Ziskind House*

#### 9:00 – 9:45am

*Program Overview & Welcome Session with Dean of the College*  
*Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall*

A joint session for families and students. Welcome remarks by Dean of the College Susan Etheredge.

#### 10:00 – 10:15am

*Orientation Group Introductions*  
*Various locations*

Get a chance to meet your orientation group, which represents a cross-section of ISP!

#### 10:15am – 12:15pm

*Scavenger Hunt!*  
*Stoddard Hall Auditorium*

Explore Smith’s campus with your Orientation Group. You could even win a prize!

#### 12:30 – 1:30pm

**Lunch** *Cutter-Ziskind House*

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**Diploma Program: Overview Luncheon**  
*Lewis Center Conference Room*

Meet with Lane Hall-Witt, Director of the Smith Diploma Program, and learn program specifics and expectations.

#### 1:30 – 5:30pm

**Shopping trip to Holyoke Mall**  
*Holyoke Mall at Ingleside, Holyoke, MA*

Find all your housing needs at the local mall! Bring your shopping list. Bus sign-ups will be located in Ziskind House living room area.

**Getting there:**
- 1:30pm  
  Buses 1 & 2 departs from Smith, *John M. Green Hall*
- 2:15pm  
  Bus 3 departs from Smith, *John M. Green Hall*

**Getting back:**
- 4:00pm  
  Bus 1 departs from Holyoke Mall
- 5:00pm  
  Buses 2 & 3 depart from Holyoke Mall

#### 5:30 – 7:00pm

**Barbecue Dinner**  
*Davis Lawn (behind Cutter-Ziskind House)*

To celebrate the end of summer and the start of ISP, we’ll have a traditional American summer barbecue dinner outside! *(Rain location: Cutter-Ziskind Dining Hall)*

#### 7:15 – 8:45pm

*Cultural Transitions – Part I: Self-Reflection & Making Connections*  
*Conference Center*

#### 9:00 – 10:00pm

*Visual Identity Exercise*  
*Conference Center*

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PARENT SCHEDULE

8:30 – 9:00am **Parent Registration** *Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall*

9:00 – 9:30am **Program Overview & Welcome Session with Dean of the College** *Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall*
A joint session for families and students. Welcome remarks by Dean of the College Susan Etheredge. (Parents will depart session at 9:30).

9:45am **Coffee Reception** *Lobby, Conference Center*

10:15 – 10:50am **The First-Year Experience** *Paradise Room, Conference Center*
A panel discussion about the Smith experience featuring Dean of Students and Associate Dean of the College Julianne Ohotnicky, and Dean of the First-Year Class Jane Stangl.

11:00 – 11:45am **Academic & Career Resources** *Paradise Room, Conference Center*
Brian O'Connell, Head of Technology, Learning, & Research, Smith Libraries

12:00 – 1:00pm **Lunch & Student Panel Discussion** *Paradise Room, Conference Center*
Question and answer panel with a few of our ISP leaders this year, moderated by Caitlin Szymkowicz, Associate Dean for International Students & Scholars.

1:15 – 1:45pm **Global Opportunities at Smith** *Paradise Room, Conference Center*
Join Co-Director of the Lewis Global Studies Center and Dean for International Study, Rebecca Hovey, for information on international and global opportunities while at Smith.

1:55 – 2:30pm **Health & Wellness Panel** *Paradise Room, Conference Center*
Kristina

2:30 – 3:30pm **Visit the Bookstore/ Break**

4:00 – 5:30pm **Parents’ Networking Tea** *Lobby & Terrace, Conference Center*
An opportunity to get to know other international parents and college staff. Dean Hovey and Associate Dean Szymkowicz from the Lewis Global Studies Center will also attend.

*Tuesday, August 27th*

10:00am, 11:00am, **Campus Tours** *Admission Office*
Join a regularly-scheduled campus tour to get-to-know Smith’s beautiful campus.

1:00pm, 3:00pm

10:00am **Greenhouse & Botanic Garden Tour** *Lyman Plant Conservatory*
Arrange a time to meet back up with your student to say your goodbyes for the night. You may plan stay in the area a little longer, but the rest of your student’s

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week will be jam-packed with activities, so we respectfully request that you allow
them the space to participate with their new ISP friends.

11:30am  **Guided Tour of the Museum of Art**  *Smith Museum of Art*

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**Tuesday, August 27, 2019**

**TODAY YOU WILL NEED** (Bring to breakfast):

**Groups 1, 2, 3:**  *Passport, Visa, Form I-20*

**Groups 4, 5, 6:**  *Passport, Visa, Form I-20, $25+ USD cash to open a bank account*

7:30 – 8:45am  **Breakfast**  *Cutter-Ziskind House*

9:00am – 12:20pm  **GROUPS 1 - 3:**  *Registration Rotations*

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*Smith is Global*  *Lewis Center, Wright Hall*

Register your documents with ISSO, and learn about Smith’s global community.  *Bring your passport, visa, and I-20!*

*Required Forms*  *Bass Hall 103*

Print your I-94 Arrival Record, and talk briefly about keeping a budget at Smith, as well as financial resources on campus.  *Bring your passport, visa, and I-20!*

*Health Services*  *Schacht Health & Wellness Center, 21 Belmont Avenue*

Visit the Health & Wellness Center; TB blood test required for some students. Make sure to drink lots of water and eat breakfast!

9:00am – 12:20 pm  **GROUPS 4 - 6:**  *Choice Sessions – You choose what you’d like to do!*

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Once you have opened an account, this time can also be used to visit cell phone stores or do other shopping.

**Athletics Facilities Tour & Open Gym Time** *Ainsworth Gymnasium*
Come explore Smith’s athletic facilities and learn what’s available for your use! Or if you’re feeling like you want to want to work out some of your nerves by getting a workout, this is time for you. Meet at the glass doors at the entrance to Ainsworth (the middle level of the outdoor stairs).

**Tour your Museum!** *Smith Museum of Art*
Come meet some of the staff at the College art museum and learn about resources and opportunities that you can get involved in. Afterwards, you can spend some time exploring our campus art museum, which is widely recognized as one of the leading academic museums in the nation.

**Gettin’ Dirty with the Botanic Garden!** *Lyman Plant Conservatory*
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12:30 – 1:30pm  **Lunch** *Cutter-Ziskind House*

1:45 – 2:30pm  **Writing at Smith** *Stoddard Auditorium*
Miranda McCarvel, Multilingual Writing Specialist, Jacobson Center
Learn about Smith’s Honor Code, cultural approaches to writing, and how to access resources for writing across languages, as a native or non-native speaker.

2:45 – 4:15pm  **Wellness Session** *Stoddard Auditorium*
Kris Mereigh, Associate Director of Wellness Education

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4:30 – 5:30pm *Student Financial Services (required if receiving Financial Aid)  
Stoddard Auditorium  
David Belanger, Director of Student Financial Services (SFS)  
Michael Ireland, Associate Director of Student Financial Services

6:00 – 7:00 pm Dinner Cutter-Ziskind House

7:15 – 8:00pm Introduction to International Orgs Stoddard Auditorium  
Come hear from returning international students about student organizations in which they take part! Learn about ways to get involved throughout the year.

8:15 – 9:00pm Academic Panel Stoddard Auditorium  
Learn more about academics at Smith from a panel discussion with your ISP leaders! Bring and ask any questions you have!
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1:45 – 2:45pm  *Cultural Transitions – Part II: Culture & Resilience* *Stoddard Auditorium*

3:00 – 4:00pm  *Schacht Center for Health and Wellness & US Insurance* *Stoddard Auditorium*
Meet staff from Health Services and Counseling Services, and hear about resources available to students. We’ll go over how health insurance works in the US.

4:15 – 5:45pm  *Gender & Sexuality at Smith & Group Discussions* *Stoddard Auditorium*
Toby Davis, Assistant Director of Admission, School for Social Work
Annie Cohen, Site Coordinator, BOLD Women’s Leadership Network, Lazarus Center

6:00 – 7:00pm **Dinner** *Cutter-Ziskind House*

7:30 – 10:00 pm **Karaoke Night & Ice Cream Social!** *Cutter-Ziskind dining room*
Come enjoy an ice cream sundae (with all the toppings!) and join in a long-loved ISP tradition – KARAOKE!

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7:30 – 8:45am  **Breakfast**  *Cutter-Ziskind House*

9:00 – 10:00am  *Immigration Workshop: Documents, Maintaining Status, & Working in the US*  *Stoddard Auditorium*
*Required for all students in F-1 visa status*
*Bring your passport, visa, and I-20!*

10:00 – 10:30am  *Money & Budgeting at Smith*  *Stoddard Auditorium*
Learn about resources at Smith and at the ISSO to help with managing your finances in college.

10:45 – 12:15pm  *Race & Ethnicity in the US*  *Stoddard Auditorium*
Marianne Yoshioka, Dean of Smith School for Social Work
Learn more about race constructions in the US, and how racial and ethnic diversity play a role in campus conversations and the national environment.

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**REQUIRED for all Diploma students and any Financial Aid Recipients who have signed up for student employment.**
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1:45 – 2:30pm  *Surname M-Z: Cultural Transitions – Step III: Reflection Writing*  *Stoddard Auditorium*
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3:30 – 4:15pm  **“But I Already Know the US…” Meeting**  *Lewis Center conference room*
For anyone attending ISP who has experience living in the US already. Let’s gather together to discuss resources specific to your circumstances, and how the
ISSO may (or may not, that’s okay!) be a resource to you during your time at Smith.

5:00pm  
*ISP Group Photograph  Steps of John M. Green Hall*  
You are encouraged to wear traditional festive clothing, or your ISP t-shirt!  
**Please arrive promptly (or a few minutes early!) to ensure we can get to dinner quickly.**

6:00 – 7:00 pm  
Closing Dinner  *Cutter-Ziskind House*

7:15 pm  
ISP Talent Show & Cultural Showcase!  *Stoddard Auditorium*  
Dance, sing, read a poem, show us something about home – let’s celebrate your experience at ISP!
Friday, August 30, 2019
All-student orientation begins

8:00 – 11:30am  *Central Check-in Indoor Track and Tennis Facility (ITT)  
**REQUIRED for all first-years and transfers**  
All first-year students must attend Central Check-In. You’ve already gotten some of the information you need through ISP, but here you will receive vital information about course registration and have the opportunity to connect with various campus departments and services.

8:00am – 1:00pm *ISP Online Evaluation TBD by your leader  
Make plans as a group to find 15 minutes to meet up. Tell us what we’ve done well and how to make ISP even better next year. Maybe you can walk to Central Check-In or one of the other day’s activities together!

11:30am – 1:00pm Lunch for New Students and Families

1:00pm *President’s Welcome John M. Greene Auditorium  
All entering students and their families are invited to the President’s first community address of the academic year. Speakers and guests include:  
- Kathleen McCartney, President of the College  
- Susan Etheredge, Vice President for Campus Life & Dean of the College  
- Jonathan Hirsch, Senior Lecturer, Music Department  
- Sarah Paquet, Lecturer, Music Department  
- Lemuel Gurtkowsky, Accompanist  
- Rosalie Toupin ’20, SGA President

AFTERNOON EVENTS TO FOLLOW!  
Please refer to All-Student Orientation schedule on the Smith College app for First-Year Experience or on the Student Life web site under “For New Students”:  

Check meal times, menus, and open dining rooms at www.smith.edu/diningservices for the rest of the week.

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