



SMITH COLLEGE

International Students Pre-Orientation (ISP) Schedule

August 22 – August 26, 2021

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Sunday, August 22, 2021
Welcome to Smith College!
Arrival Day

NOTE: We purposely have a light 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 6:30pm. Until then, we’ll have a few informal activities happening in and around the Registration area in Ziskind House.

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

- 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).
**All students will be required to complete Rapid Antigen COVID-19 testing
prior to any other program activities. Testing available at Cutter-Ziskind
House until 10pm, then at Schacht Center for Health & Wellness 7:30am –
5:00pm Monday, August 23.*
- 12:15 – 1:30pm **Student Lunch Cutter-Ziskind House**
Family members are encouraged to explore some of the local cuisine
downtown.
- 2:00 – 6:00pm **Various Activities led by ISP Leaders**
Sign-up sheets and more information will be available at Registration.
- 5:30 – 7:00pm **Student Dinner Cutter-Ziskind House**
Family members are encouraged to explore some of the local cuisine
downtown.
- 6:30 – 7:30pm **Games on the Lawn Seelye Lawn**
Come join your peers in a casual evening of lawn games. No athletic
experience/talent needed! We’ll just enjoy a few fun outdoor games to
ease into the week.
- 7:45 – 8:45pm ***Welcome to Your House! House Living Rooms**
You’re not alone! Meet your Residence Life staff, 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! Report to your
house’s living room to gather with others in your house!

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Monday, August 23, 2021

- 7:30 – 8:45am **Breakfast** *Cutter-Ziskind House*
- 9:00 – 9:45am ***Program Overview & Welcome Session with Dean of the College**
Sweeney Concert Hall, Sage Hall
A joint session for families and students. Welcome remarks by Dean of the College Baishakhi Taylor.
- 9:45 – 10:45am ***Orientation Group Introductions** *Various locations*
Get a chance to meet your orientation group, which represents a cross-section of ISP!
- 10:45am – 12:15pm ***Scavenger Hunt!** *Start on Chapin Lawn*
Explore Smith's campus with your Orientation Group. Your group could even win a prize!
- 12:15 – 1:30pm **Lunch** *Cutter-Ziskind House*
- 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 are located in Ziskind House living room area.
- Getting to the mall:**
1:30pm Group 1 departs from Smith, *John M. Green Hall*
2:15pm Group 2 departs from Smith, *John M. Green Hall*
- Getting back from the mall:**
4:00pm Group 1 departs from Holyoke Mall
5:00pm Group 2 departs 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 – 9:00pm ***Cultural Transitions – Part I: Culture & Self** *Chapel Sanctuary, Helen Hills Hills Chapel*
Work with ISSO staff to think through what "culture" is, and reflect on how you personally fit into different definitions or models.

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Tuesday, August 24, 2021

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 (Bring your passport, visa, and I-20!)**

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

9:00 – 10:00am Group 1 – Smith is Global
Group 2 – Required Forms
Group 3 – Health Services

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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 complete other required paperwork in your Smith Workday account. **Bring your passport, visa, and I-20!**

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

Visit the Health & Wellness Center; TB blood test and/or vaccinations 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!**

9:00 – 10:00am Open a US Bank Account
Campus Tour

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Campus Tours with your ISP Leaders *Meet at Ziskind House steps*

Head out with an ISP leader to take a tour of campus. They can help point out all of the landmarks you need to know, and help you get more familiar with campus before the semester begins!

Going Green with the Botanic Garden! (Limit: 20 people) *Lyman Plant Conservatory*

A Botanic Garden is a living museum of plants. And you live in one! Over 6,500 species of plants are represented in our indoor and outdoor collections. Take a tour of the Lyman Plant House (where it will be 85 degrees and sunny even in the depths of winter) and learn about student opportunities with the Botanic Garden. ****Sign up in Ziskind House to ensure a spot!**

- 12:15 – 1:30pm **Lunch** *Cutter-Ziskind House*
- 1:45 – 2:30pm ***Writing at Smith** *Sweeney Concert Hall, Sage Hall*
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 English speaker.
- 2:45 – 4:15pm ***Wellness at Smith** *Sweeney Concert Hall, Sage Hall*
Kris Mereigh, Director of Wellness Services, Arshiyam Alam Laaj '23, Community Health Organizer (CHO)
An open and frank discussion about how to stay sane and whole while at Smith College. A place to ask questions and learn a thing or two about mental health, stress management, movement and nutrition.
- 4:30 – 5:30pm ***Student Financial Services (required if receiving Financial Aid)**
Sweeney Concert Hall, Sage Hall
David Belanger, Director of Student Financial Services (SFS)
Michael Ireland, Associate Director of Student Financial Services
- 5:30 – 7:00 pm **Dinner** *Cutter-Ziskind House*
- 7:15 – 8:00pm **Introduction to International Orgs** *Weinstein 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** *Weinstein 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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Groups 4, 5, 6: Passport, Visa, Form I-20

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12:15 – 1:30 pm **Lunch** *Cutter-Ziskind House*

1:45 – 3:00pm ***Cultural Transitions – Part II: Connections & Resilience** *Sweeney Concert Hall, Sage Hall*

We'll take the next step in navigating your arrival to Smith: making connections with your fellow ISP-ers and developing strategies for resilience.

3:10 – 3:45pm ***An Introduction to US Health Care & Insurance** *Sweeney Concert Hall, Sage Hall*

We will go over how health insurance works in the US, and learn about the health and counseling resources for students at the Schact Center.

4:00 – 5:30pm ***Gender & Sexuality at Smith** *Sweeney Concert Hall, Sage Hall*
Toby Davis, Assistant Director of Admission, School for Social Work

5:30 – 7:00pm **Dinner** *Cutter-Ziskind House*

7:15 – 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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Thursday, August 26, 2021

TODAY YOU WILL NEED (Bring to breakfast):
All F-1 students: *Passport, Visa, Form I-20*

- 7:30 – 8:45am **Breakfast** *Cutter-Ziskind House*
- 9:00 – 10:30am ***Race & Ethnicity in the US** *Sweeney Concert Hall, Sage Hall*
Floyd Cheung, Vice President for Equity & Inclusion
Javier Puente, Assistant Professor of Latin American Studies
Learn more about race constructions in the US, and how racial and ethnic diversity play a role in campus conversations and the national environment.
- 10:45am – 12:00pm ***Immigration Workshop: Documents, Maintaining Status, & Working in the US** *Sweeney Concert Hall, Sage Hall*
***Required** for all students in F-1 visa status*
Bring your passport, visa, and I-20!
- 12:00 – 12:20pm ***Money & Budgeting at Smith** *Sweeney Concert Hall, Sage Hall*
Learn about resources at Smith and at the ISSO to help with managing your finances in college.
- 12:15 – 1:30 pm **Lunch** *Cutter-Ziskind House*
- 1:45 – 2:30pm **Cultural Transitions – Step III: Reflection Writing** *Sweeney Concert Hall, Sage Hall*
In the busy days to come, it's easy to jump right into the next program. But we feel strongly that it's important to stop & reflect on all that you've experienced this week.
- 3:15 – 4:15pm **Program Overview for Students in the One-Year Interdisciplinary Studies Diploma Program**
Lewis Center Conference Room, Wright Hall
Meet with Professor Lane Hall-Witt, Director of the Smith Diploma Program, and learn program specifics and expectations.
- 3:15 – 4:15pm **Sophomore Meet-and-Greet** *Davis Lawn*
This is an informal opportunity for members of the class of 2024 to get together and say hello! Think about some of the ways that ISSO might be able to help the sophomore international class unite this year on campus, after a disjointed first year.
- 5:00pm ***ISP Group Photograph** *Steps of John M. Green Hall*
We encourage you 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.****

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5:45 – 7:00 pm **Closing Dinner** *Cutter-Ziskind House*

7:15 pm **ISP Talent Show & Cultural Showcase!** *Weinstein Auditorium*
Dance, sing, read a poem, show us something about home – let's celebrate your
experience at ISP!

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Friday, August 27, 2021

All-student orientation begins

8:00 – 11:00am ***Central Check-in Indoor Track and Tennis Facility (ITT)**
****REQUIRED for all first-years and new transfers/Adas****
All first-year and new Smith 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.

In order to manage traffic flow, we ask that ISP participants report to Central Check-In based upon your Orientation Groups:

8:00am – A, B	8:30am – C, D, E
9:00am – F, G	9:30am – H, I, J
10:00am – K, L	10:30am – M, N, O

Students who were remote last year, and graduate students will not need to report to Central Check-In; instead those students should follow instructions to check in through other means and venues.

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 All 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
- Baishakhi Taylor, Vice President for Campus Life & Dean of the College
- Paige Graham, Lecturer, Music Department
- Jonathan Hirsch, Senior Lecturer, Music Department
- Grant Moss, Accompanist and Senior Lecturer, Music Department
- Emma Tierney '22, Student Government Association 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":

<https://www.smith.edu/student-life/orientation>.

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

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Religious Services in Northampton Available This Week

Consult Center for Religious & Spiritual Life at Smith for more detailed information during the school year.

Smith's Center for Religious & Spiritual Life offers multi-faith spaces for private meditation and prayer.

For more information visit: <https://smith.edu/religiouslife/spaces.php>

Al-Iman Student Group	Jummah Prayer with Halal Lunch, Fridays, 12:15pm during school year. ** During ISP, space will be reserved for personal prayer, but no leader is available yet. Halal food will be available at every meal at Cutter-Ziskind. Contact Religious & Spiritual Life for more information. <i>Blue Room, Helen Hills Hills Chapel, 413-585-2750</i> https://www.smith.edu/student-life/religious-spiritual-life/orgs
Christ United Methodist Church	“Morning Worship” traditional service, Sundays 10 AM <i>271 Rocky Hill Road, Northampton, MA. 413-584-5935</i> https://www.umc.org/en/find-a-church/church/?id=10720
College Church	Sunday Services, 10 AM; Wednesday Night Prayer 6 PM <i>58 Pomeroy Terrace, Northampton, MA. 413-586-0057</i> https://thecollegechurch.org/
Congregation B’nai Israel – Conservative	Kabbalat Shabbat, Friday 6 PM; Saturday Shabbat, 9:30 AM <i>253 Prospect Street, Northampton, MA. 413-584-3593</i> https://www.cbi18.org/
Edwards Church	Worship Service and Church School, Sunday 10 AM <i>297 Main Street, Northampton, MA. 413-584-5500</i> https://edwardschurchnorthampton.org/
Christian Science Society	Sunday Service, 10 AM <i>46 Center St., Northampton MA. 413-584-3420</i> http://csnorthampton.org/
First Churches UCC & ABC	Sunday worship service, 10 AM <i>129 Main Street, Northampton, MA. 413-584-9392</i> http://www.firstchurches.org/
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish	Saturday: 4 PM; Sunday: 8 AM (3rd Sun. Polish Bilingual), 11AM Mass; Confession Sat.: 3:15-3:45 PM <i>99 King St. Northampton, MA. 413-584-7310</i> https://www.saintelizabethannseton.net/

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Hampshire Mosque	Jumu'ah prayers, Friday 1:00 PM 451 Russell St, Hadley, MA 01035 (413) 548-8865 https://hampshiremosque.org/
Pioneer Valley Shambhala Center	Public Meditations, Sunday 10-11:30 AM; additional meditations throughout week. 191 Main, Northampton, MA. 413-585-9848 https://pioneervalley.shambhala.org/
St. John's Episcopal Church	Holy Eucharist, Sunday 9 AM; Monday & Wednesday services available 48 Elm Street, Northampton, MA. 413-584-1757 https://stjohnsnorthampton.org/
Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence	Sunday worship, 10 AM; Meditation available Tuesday. 220 Main Street, Northampton, MA. 413-584-1390 https://www.uunorthampton.org/home

For more information and resources, please check Smith's Center for Religious & Spiritual Life.
<https://www.smith.edu/religiouslife/>

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Things to Do – Aug. 22 – Aug. 26

ON CAMPUS

Download campus map:



Ainsworth Gym
+ Scott Gym

Check out the fitness facilities available to you all academic year!

Smith College
Museum of Art

Are you passionate about Art or do you want to look at some collections? The museum has you covered!

Botanic Garden
of Smith College

Flowers, flowers and more flowers!

Campus
Center (CC)

Mail services, COVID testing, hang-out place...the CC has it all

Campus
Bookstore

Browse through Smith merch! Located in the CC

Campus Cafe

Café located in the CC - Look out for specials!

***Please be sure to check the opening hours for each place since they are subject to changes according to Smith's COVID protocols.**

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NORTHAMPTON DOWNTOWN

Google Maps:



Acme Surplus

Your go-to place to get stationery, dorm essentials & miscellaneous stuff

Herrell's Ice Cream & Bakery

Ice Cream break for when it's hot (Get free ice cream on your birthday!)

Raven Used Books

Cozy bookshop to get different genres of books, both popular and five college related ones

LimeRed Teahouse

Craving Bubble Tea? This is the place to go to!

Tart Baking Co.

Cupcakes, Croissants, Cheesecakes and many more!

Woodstar Cafe

Fancy going out for brunch or coffee?

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Locations on Google Maps:

Interactive Campus
Map



Wright Hall



Ziskind House



Helen Hills Hills
Chapel



Sage Hall



Schacht Center



Bass Hall



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Emergency Contact List



Global Studies Center	
Lewis Global Studies Center	global@smith.edu (413)585-7598
International Students & Scholars Office	interstu@smith.edu (413)585-4905
Caitlin Szymkowicz <i>Associate Dean for International Students & Scholars</i>	cszymkowicz@smith.edu (413)585-4944
Claire Seely <i>International Students & Scholars Advisor</i>	cseely@smith.edu (413)585-4905

Others	
Campus Safety <i>In the case of an emergency, please call campus police. *If you need immediate medical assistance, call 911 for an ambulance.</i>	(413)585-2490 or dial “800” from a campus phone Campus Safety can help in case of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Locked outside room/house without your OneCard 2) Need a ride to the hospital 3) Need a ride in case of extreme weather conditions
Health Services	(413)585-2811 (to make an appointment)
	(413)585-2813 (nurses’ station; M-F 8:30am - 5:00pm)
	(413)585-1260 (nurses’ station; after hours)
	(413)585-2840 (counselor; after hours)
	healthservices@smith.edu counselingservices@smith.edu
Residence Life	reslife@smith.edu (413)585-4940 (M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm)

Wi-Fi Information

Network: Connect2Smith

Password: sophiasmith

Instructions to set up EduRoam: <https://www.smith.edu/its/tara/networking/eduroam-c2s.html> or visit the IT Center in Stoddard Hall 203 for help.

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