Ready, Set, Go!

Preparing for your Arrival to the University of Michigan-Flint

Things To Do Once You Have Been Admitted

Inform the University that you have received your admission packet.
Email the International Center (IC) at ic@umflint.edu and notify them of your receipt of your admission letter and I-20 or DS-2019.

Make arrangements to get a visa.
Check the expiration date on your passport to make sure that it is up-to-date. Be sure all of the information on your documents are correct. Each country has a different procedure to obtain a visa, visit www.travel.state.gov to learn more.

Plan your arrival.
Plan on entering the United States no more than 30 days before the start date on your I-20 or DS-2019. You can view term start dates by clicking here to determine your arrival date. We recommend giving yourself enough time to accomplish the following: adjust to the time change, check-in at the IC, settle living arrangements, and attend the International Student Orientation.

Try to attend an EducationUSA information session.
EducationUSA offers pre-departure orientation that will help you prepare for your time in the United States. Visit www.educationusa.state.gov for availability in your area.

Set-Up Your University Account & Placement Exams.
Visit My UM-Flint to set up your online student account. This account will be used to login to your email, view and pay fees, register for courses, and more. First-year and certain Transfer students will be required to take a Math and English placement exam. Consider being e-Advised through Academic Advising; this may allow you to register for classes (www.umflint.edu/advising).

Medical Records.
Be sure to collect copies of your medical and dental records with an English translation. A tuberculosis (TB) skin test is required of students from several countries for continued enrollment at UM-Flint. Schedules to take TB tests will be provided at the International Student Orientation.

Things To Do Immediately Before You Arrive

How are you going to get to UM-Flint?
Airport Information: The closest airport is Flint Bishop Airport, and its airport code is FNT. Other major airports include Detroit (DTW) and Chicago (CHI).

Arrival Services: If you are arriving for Fall term, the IC can arrange to pick you up from the Flint Bishop Airport. You may click here to complete an airport pick-up request, this must be completed two weeks in advance.

Other ways to come to campus from the airport are by taxi (about $20 - 40) or shuttle if you choose to stay at the local Holiday Inn Express.

Where are you going to stay?
First Street Residence Hall www.umflint.edu/housing
Riverfront Residence Hall www.flintstudenthousing.com
The Durant www.thedurant.com
Uptown Lofts www.updowndevelopments.com
Off Campus Housing www.umflint.edu/housing/campus

There are also many landlords who rent apartments and rooms in the East Village area (close to the University) at very affordable prices. You will need to sign a lease/contract, pay an initial deposit (which is usually equivalent to the first month’s rent) and first month’s rent. When you sign a contract for an apartment, or anything else, it is a legally binding contract. DO NOT sign a contract or lease unless you are sure you will live in the apartment for the duration of the lease. We highly recommend looking at your apartment unit before signing the lease/contract, otherwise you may have to stay there even if you don’t like it.

What type of things should you pack?
Our current international students say they consider the following items most important to bring: frequently used and favorite books, educational instruments (calculator, etc.), spare eye glasses or contact lenses, GSM capable cell phone, warm clothing, boots, umbrella and raincoat, ethnic wear, items of interest, formal wear, and toiletries. Beware that each airline has specific travel guidelines. Ask your travel agent or airline for more details.

Personal Expenses to Expect
Consider bringing funds for the following expenses: bedding items (sheets, pillows, pillow cases, blanket), household furniture, books, dining/eating out, entertainment, excursions, groceries, transportation. Also consider carrying enough money to pay for a hotel stay should the need arise.

University Expenses to Expect
Tuition, registration fee, student activity fee, recreation fee, health insurance. Other fees may be assessed.
Learn About Health Insurance
If you are an international student and your I-20 or DS-2019 was issued by the University of Michigan-Flint, you must have health insurance that meets UM requirements for yourself and any accompanying F-2/J-2 dependents during the entire time you are an F-1/J-1 student or scholar at the University of Michigan-Flint. You will be automatically enrolled upon arrival to the US. Individual student rates are $112/month. You may be able to waive this insurance by providing the correct documentation. In order to meet UM requirements, your health insurance must, in the judgment of the University, provide coverage that is at least comparable to the coverage provided by the UM International Student/Scholar Health Insurance Plan. For the rates and standards that are used by the University of Michigan to determine health insurance waivers, please visit: www.umflint.edu/international/health-insurance#tab-standards--waivers.

What should you carry on the plane?
Passport with visa, I-20 or DS-2019, UM-Flint admission letter, and any other important personal documents and important contact numbers (see the Departure Checklist below).

What should you do when you arrive on campus?
• **Check-In:** All incoming F-1 and J-1 international students are required by U.S. immigration law to check-in with the IC. If you miss orientation, you MUST check in by visiting the International Center office immediately. We are located at 219 Harding Mott University Center. Make sure to bring all immigration documents with you for check-in.

• **Orientation:** Every new international student is required to attend the International Student Orientation where important information regarding maintaining your immigration status and academics will be provided. Bring your passport with visa, I-20, and I-94. During orientation you will receive your M-Card and you may also meet current international students and make new friends.

How do you get around campus and Flint?
The University uses transit shuttle system Mass Transportation Authority (MTA) that can take you to most buildings around the campus. Shuttle runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and the route around campus runs every 12-15 minutes. To get around Flint, you may utilize the bus system through MTA. If you wish to drive yourself, you will need to get a driver’s license at the Michigan Secretary of State. You must first be registered and confirm with the IC before applying for your license.

Items you should consider on your shopping list when you arrive to Michigan:

- Pillow, Bed sheets, Blankets, Towels, Shower Curtains & Rings, Hangers, Landry Bag, Landry Detergent, Trash Bin, Alarm Clock, Toilet Paper, Bowl, Plate, Utensils, Toothpaste & Toothbrush

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