

## **Helpful Information: What you need to and what you might want to do.**

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### **What you need to do as an international student**

#### Immigration

Student visa. Please refer to Christina Engelsgaard's May mailing for more information.

#### Health

Make an appointment on August 25, 26, September 2 or 3 with the Health Center to make sure that you are vaccinated against tuberculosis, measles, rubella and meningitis, and to get assessment for SARS. Email [mschukoske@wesleyan.edu](mailto:mschukoske@wesleyan.edu). If you do not go for your appointment, an administrative hold will be placed on your registration. *A hold means that you cannot buy books on your student account (see page 3), nor borrow books from the library.*

Fill in and submit the Health Insurance form, and the Medical Evacuation & Repatriation Insurance Form that is included in this packet, so that an administrative hold will not be placed on your registration. You should have received the Health Insurance form as part of a mail package from the Davison Health Center. The deadline for both forms is August 15, 2003.

#### Travel information

Preferably, fill in the Arrival Information and ISO Registration Form online ([www.wesleyan.edu/isp/or\\_forms.html](http://www.wesleyan.edu/isp/or_forms.html)) by August 1. Otherwise, fill in the attached form and fax it to us at (860) 685-3940. From this form, we will know when to expect you on campus. If you fly into Bradley International Airport on August 19, we will meet you at the airport and provide transportation to campus.

#### Other forms

Preferably, fill in the Wesleyan SIBS Registration Form online ([www.wesleyan.edu/isp/or\\_forms.html](http://www.wesleyan.edu/isp/or_forms.html)) by August 1. Otherwise, fill in the attached form and fax it to us at (860) 685-3940. Wes-SIBS are upperclassmen who will act as your siblings during your freshman year. This form helps PANGEA, the international student organization, to select a suitable upperclassman for you.

#### Photocopies

Photocopy the following documents:

- Identification page of your passport
- Entry visa page in your passport
- I-20 or IAP-66
- Credit cards
- Financial certification or scholarship award letters

You should keep one copy at home, and take at least another with you in case you lose the originals while traveling.

### **What you need to do as a new student**

As a freshman, you need to choose housing and meal plan, and fill in many forms. We encourage you to visit the New Student Orientation website at <http://www.wesleyan.edu/deans/orientation/index.html> and check the summer mailings from the Dean's Office for more information. If you need to contact one of the New Student Orientation interns, call 860-685-6667 or email [orientation@wesleyan.edu](mailto:orientation@wesleyan.edu).

### **What you might want to do as an international student**

#### Mail personal belongings

If you want to mail personal items, you should arrange for the package to reach Wesleyan after **August 11, 2003**. Mark on the package, "International Student," because American students can only send packages after August 18, 2003. Otherwise, the Wesleyan mail center, Wes Station, will not accept your package. Before you know your mailbox number, you can send packages to:

WES Station  
Wesleyan University  
Middletown, CT 06459  
USA

#### Shopping: Clothes and Bedding

You will find your own cable jack, high-speed data jack, and phone lines in your room. You will also have your own bed, dresser, desk, chair, and bookshelf. For more information, go to [http://www.wesleyan.edu/reslife/Hall\\_Descriptions.htm](http://www.wesleyan.edu/reslife/Hall_Descriptions.htm). You need not buy any of these listed items.

We will also provide a set of sheets, pillow, towel, telephone and a calling/phone card to participants in International Student Orientation. You can choose to bring these items from home, or buy them in Middletown.

As for clothes, it is likely to be warm (up to 35°C) in the day and cool (down to 15°C) in the evenings when you first arrive on campus. To be safe, you should have a light jacket for the evenings. But in the winter, the temperature ranges from -12°C to 3°C and snow can pile up to several feet. You will need sweaters, heavy jackets, snow boots, gloves, scarves and hats, among other accessories for the winter. Since you have about two to three months before winter begins, you can choose to buy winter wear only after you arrive on campus. The International Student Programs office will arrange a shopping trip for you to buy winter wear. But if winter wear is cheap in your home country or if you

already have them, you can also choose to bring them with you or send them to Wesley Station.

Note that there is no dress code for classes at Wesleyan. Most students dress casually, wearing jeans, T-shirts, shorts and blouses.

#### Bringing Electrical Appliances

Electrical appliances in this country work on AC 110V. You will be able to find rice cookers, boilers, lamps and other electrical appliances in or near Middletown. By buying appliances after you arrive on campus, you avoid the hassle of using a voltage converter or an appliance, such as a halogen lamp, that is prohibited in student housing. For more information on prohibited items, look at Section IV, Item 9 of the *Student Handbook* and the housing contract. But ultimately, you have to decide whether or not you want to bring an appliance from home.

#### Get Computers

Wesleyan has at least five computer labs with printers and Mac or Windows computers. Many students, however, own their own computers. If you want to bring your own computer, you will find it more convenient to bring a laptop and will have to ensure that it works on AC 110V. Otherwise, you can always buy a computer at retail stores, online, or the Wesleyan store. You can get Microsoft Office for \$10, as well as other software at low prices, at the Wesleyan store. Go to [www.wesleyan.edu/its/store](http://www.wesleyan.edu/its/store) or call 860-685-3907 for more information. You might also want to insure your computer against theft, loss or damage; Wesleyan is not responsible for your personal belongings.

#### Get Cell or Hand Phones

Some parents worry that you will not be able to be contacted except by cell phones (or handphones in other countries). Reassure them that you have access to a personal line with voice messaging, and can call abroad using Wesleyan's calling plan or cheaper, non-Wesleyan calling cards that you can purchase. In fact, part of your International Student Orientation welcome package is a telephone and a calling card. It is not necessary to bring a cell phone from home, since you may incur roaming charges for a phone that you rarely use, but that is your choice.

#### Bring Memories of Home

Bring a traditional costume and photographs of your home and family so that you can introduce your home culture to your new friends at Wesleyan.

### **Billing Information**

Wesleyan will automatically set up a "student account" for you. You keep track of and pay for expenses related to your Wesleyan education and life using the student account. You can access it at your e-Portfolio ([www.wesleyan.edu/portfolio](http://www.wesleyan.edu/portfolio)). The charges for the 2003-04 academic year will be the first item on your account.