WELCOME & WHAT’S NEXT CHECKLIST

☐ **Activate your GSU Campus ID**
  Visit: [https://campusid.gsu.edu](https://campusid.gsu.edu) to activate your campus ID. Follow instructions to obtain a temporary password unless you have a U.S. SSN (Social Security Number).

☐ **Get your GSU Panther ID Card**
  This is your multi-purpose student ID card, which is available after course registration at Auxiliary & Support Services, located in the Student Center. Bring another valid photo ID card, such as your passport.

☐ **Memorize your GSU Panther ID#**
  It’s printed on your Panther ID Card and used everywhere (ex: entering library, paying fees, buying meal plans). Always include your Panther ID# and name in emails to ISSS.

☐ **Use your GSU Email**
  ISSS officially communicates with you via GSU email. Looks for “ISSS” in the subject line. If your inbox is full, then you are putting yourself at risk. Always include your Panther ID and name in emails to ISSS.

☐ **Submit Completed Immunizations Records**
  If not yet submitted or incomplete, take your records to the GSU Health Clinic, 141 Piedmont Ave, Ste D, Atlanta, GA 30303, Phone: (404) 413-1930 on the street level of “The Commons” residence complex. You cannot register for courses next term until completed. You can also get required immunizations at the clinic if needed for a small fee, which is covered by your student health insurance.

☐ **Attend International Student Orientation and Immigration Check-in**
  All international students must attend Orientation and Check-in. New students (first time in the US) must attend Regular Orientation and Check-in from August 17-20. Transfer students (transferring from a US school to GSU) must attend Transfer Orientation on August 14. Failure to attend orientation and check-in will result in holds on your student account and prevent immigration registration. More information is at [iss.gsu.edu/future-students/arrival-and-orientation/](http://iss.gsu.edu/future-students/arrival-and-orientation/)

☐ **Get Academic Advising**
  Undergraduate Students can find their academic advisor at: [http://advisement.gsu.edu/](http://advisement.gsu.edu/) Click on the “Self-Service” tab and then “Find Your Advisor.” Graduate Students should contact their academic school or program. AFTER academic advising, register for courses through PAWS (Panther Access to Web Services)

☐ **Pay Tuition and Fees**
  Tuition and Fees are due at 5:00 pm on August 17th. No exceptions. If you owe a balance after this date, your courses will automatically be dropped due to State of Georgia laws, which affects your immigration status. For methods of payment, see the “Student Financial Services” website.
**Course Registration (Drop/Add)**
The Final Day to Drop/Add a course is **5:00 pm on August 28th**. No exceptions. If you owe a balance, you will not be allowed to register for class, which affects your immigration status.

→ **International Enrollment Requirement:** Failure to maintain full-time enrollment throughout both Fall and Spring semesters without prior approval will lead to the termination of your immigration status. Undergraduates = minimum 12 credit hours; Graduates = minimum 9 credit hours

**Review the International Student Handbook**
A wealth of questions about a range of topics are answered in this comprehensive online guide. To access the handbook, look on the ISSS website > Future Students Tab > Step 2, Pre-Arrival.

**Set up a US Bank Account**
For ease of financial transactions, payment for employment, wire transfers and free ATM (Automatic Teller Machine) cash withdrawals, a US bank account is advised. Please see the International Handbook.

**Purchase or Rent Text Books**
But only AFTER academic advisement. The GSU Bookstore will have the textbooks you need, or you can order them on-line if you have enough time before the 1st day of classes.

**Georgia State Test of English Proficiency (GSTEP)**
Some Graduate Students may be required by their academic department to take the GSTEP. ISSS has no control over this policy, or test outcomes. You may speak with your academic department if you feel you should be except from GSTEP. For more info, see the ISSS website > Future Students tab > Step 3

**Social Security Number (SSN)**
Graduate Students with a GRA can apply for a SSN **AFTER**: SEVIS registration is completed by ISSS, and you have been present in the U.S. at least 10 days. Even without a SSN, you can complete your I-9 paperwork with Human Resources, and begin working. Update your information as soon as you receive the SSN in order to be taxed properly. You will need a SSN support letter from ISSS to apply for a SSN.

**Driver’s License (DL)**
You can apply for a Georgia Driver License **AFTER**: SEVIS registration is completed by ISSS, and after you have been present in the U.S. at least 10 days. Please review the International Student Handbook for more information about this topic.

**Review Online Videos**
ISSS has created several online videos that you may not have seen yet. You can review these at any time to help you adjust to life on campus and in the US. To view or review them, visit the ISSS website > Future Students Tab > Step 2 > Orientation Videos.