

Preparing International Students for their New Life: *An Innovative Virtual Pre-Arrival Orientation*



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Office of International Affairs

Mission

The mission of the Office of International Affairs is to **develop, facilitate, and oversee** high quality **innovative international programs, initiatives and partnerships** by providing **leadership, coordination, and service** to students and faculty both on and off campus.





NSU International Student Enrollment

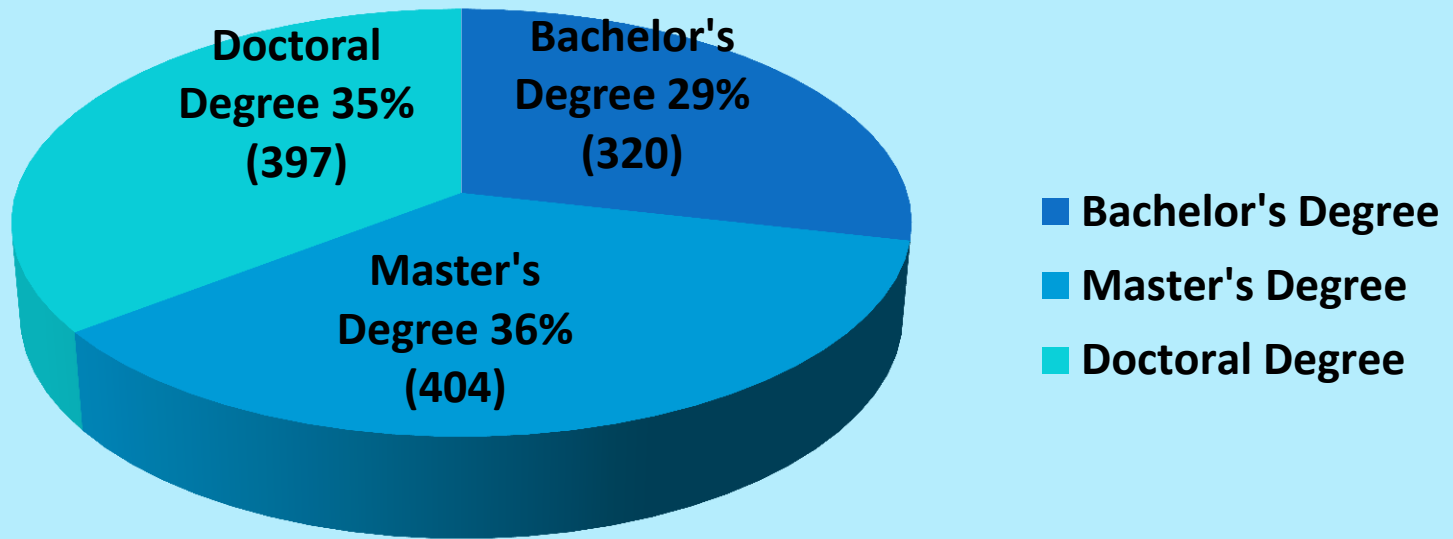
International Enrollment on campus:
over **1,200 students** (student visa)

116 countries represented on
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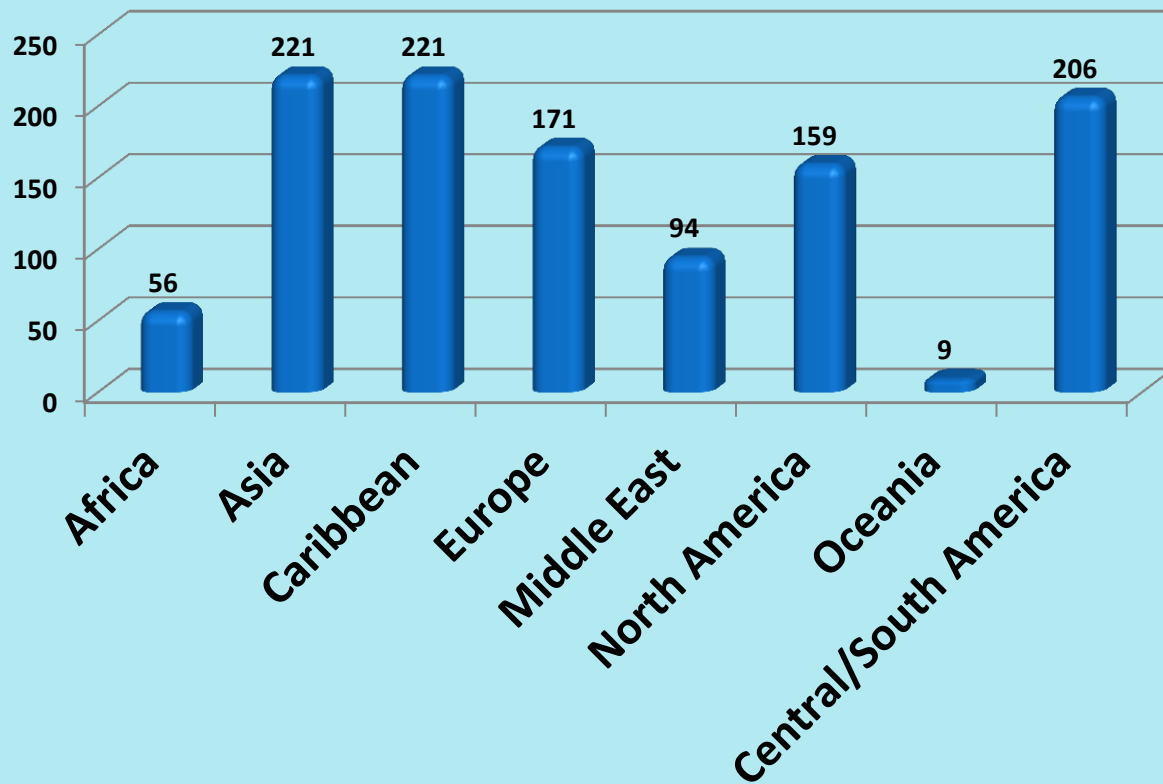
Interesting Facts about International Students at NSU...





Interesting Facts about International Students at NSU...

Where are our international students from?





Preparing International Students **Before** They Arrive in the US



Prior to arrival in the USA

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with individual
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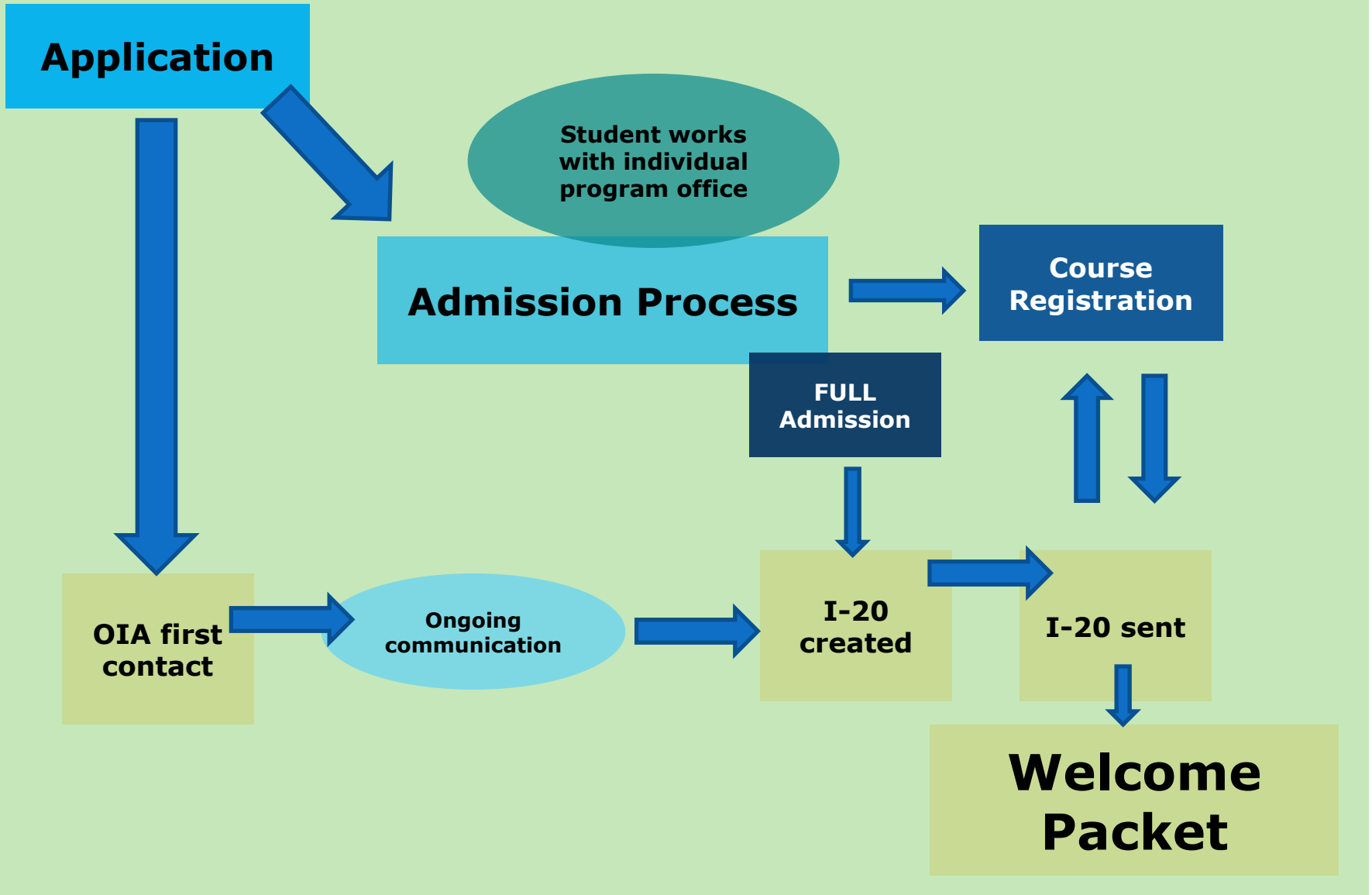
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communication

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I-20 sent

**Welcome
Packet**





How do we guide our NEW international student?

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**First
message
upon
application**

From: Office of International Students and Scholars <intl@nova.edu>
To: 'Rahaf Meer' <rahaf.meer@gmail.com>
Cc: Alejandra Parra; Deborah Pabon <paboncre@nova.edu>; James Vatrál <vatral@nova.edu>
Sent: Thu Oct 11 11:32:19 2012
Subject: RE: Thank you for applying to NSU! A message from the Office of International Students

THIS IS NOT AN ADMISSION LETTER
THIS IS A MESSAGE WITH IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATED
TO YOUR IMMIGRATION PROCESS.

Dear International Student,

Greetings from Nova Southeastern University and from the Office of International Students and Scholars!
We are writing to you to thank you for submitting your application for one of our programs.

You have just applied for admission into one of our programs and have indicated that you are a **“foreign student who will study in the United States”**.

Generally, this means that you are in need of a **student visa** to study with us in the United States. **However, if you do NOT need a student visa because you hold another type of visa (or you are an American citizen or resident), please let us know so that we can update our files. PLEASE respond ONLY to intl@nova.edu**

IF YOU NEED A STUDENT VISA PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

Once you have been **fully admitted** to your academic program, our office will be in charge of processing your I-20 Form, the document with which you will obtain your F1 student visa in your country.

So, while you work on your admission process with your academic program, you can start gathering the following documents and information that are required to issue your I-20:

1. Completed I-20 Process Form

Please download, print and complete the form you will find on this link http://www.nova.edu/massmail/oia/i20_information.pdf



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Appendix # 2

U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service

Page 1
Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student
Status - For Academic and Language Students (OMB NO. 1653-0038)

Please read Instructions on Page 2
This page must be completed and signed in the U.S. by a designated school official.

1. Family Name (surname):		For Immigration Official User		SEVIS Student's Copy
First (given) Name:	Middle Name:		Visa issuing post	Date Visa Issued
Country of birth:	Date of birth (month/day/year):			
Country of citizenship:	Admission number:			
2. School (School district) name:		Reinstated, extension granted to:		
Nova Southeastern University Nova Southeastern University				
School Official to be notified of student's arrival in U.S. (Name and Title): Deborah Pabon International Student and Scholar Advisor				
School address (include zip code): 3351 College Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314				
School code (including 3-digit suffix, if any) and approval date: MIA214F00378000 approved on 08/15/2002				
3. This certificate is issued to the student named above for: Continued attendance at this school.		8. This school has information showing the following as the student's means of support, estimated for an academic term of 12 months (Use the same number of months given in item 7).		
4. Level of education the student is pursuing or will pursue in the United States: BACHELOR'S		a. Student's personal funds \$ 0.00		
5. The student named above has been accepted for a full course of study at this school, majoring in Art. The student is expected to report to the school no later than 08/22/2011 and complete studies not later than 08/22/2015. The normal length of study is 48 months.		b. Funds from this school \$ 0.00		
6. English proficiency: This school requires English proficiency. The student has the required English proficiency.		c. Funds from another source \$ 56,908.00		
7. This school estimates the student's average costs for an academic term of 12 (up to 12) months to be:		Specify type: Family Funds		
a. Tuition and fees \$ 24,200.00		d. On-campus employment \$ 0.00		
b. Living expenses \$ 26,708.00		Total \$ 56,908.00		
c. Expenses of dependents (1) \$ 6,000.00		9. Remarks:		
d. Other (specify): \$ 0.00				
Total \$ 56,908.00				
10. School Certification: I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above in items 1 through 9 was completed before I signed this form and is true and correct; I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form; the school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school; the student will be required to pursue a full course of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6); I am a designated official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.		International Student and Scholar Advisor		
Name of School Official: Deborah Pabon		Date Issued: 01/13/2012 Place Issued (city and state): Fort Lauderdale, FL		
Signature of Designated School Official: <i>Deborah Pabon</i>		Signature of Student: <i>Chenover</i> Date: 1/13/12		
11. Student Certification: I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay as specified on page 2. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full course of study at the school named on page 1 of this form. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records which is needed by the INS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status.				
Name of Student: _____		Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____		
Name of parent or guardian: _____		Signature of parent or guardian: _____ Address (city): _____ (State or Province) (Country): _____ (Date): _____		
If student under 18				
Form I-20 A-B (Rev. 04-27-89)N		For Official Use Only Microfilm Index Number		

Welcome Letter



Dear International Student:

Congratulations and welcome to Nova Southeastern University (NSU).

This packet of information contains important documentation that will assist you in your preparations for your entry into the United States. We have enclosed your **I-20 A-B Form**, which you will use to obtain your **F1 student visa**.

New Student

Please follow these instructions very carefully to start the process of obtaining your F1 visa:

- 1) Access <https://www.fmifee.com/index.html> and pay the SEVIS I-901 fee. After payment is complete, print the confirmation page to bring with you to your local American Embassy.
- 2) Make an appointment to go to the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate in your home country to apply for either an F-1 VISA (with I-20) or J-1 VISA (with a DS2019)*.

When you go to the US embassy, take the following items with you:

- NSU I-20, or the NSU or agency sponsor's DS2019
- Valid passport
- Original financial document(s)
- SEVIS I-901 payment receipt

Once you have received the F-1 Visa, you may enter the United States as early as 30 days prior to the start of your program of study. When entering the U.S. show your passport, visa, I-20 or DS2019, and original financial document(s) to the U.S. Immigration inspector. You will be issued an **I-94 card** at the point of entry. This card keeps track of your arrivals and departures from the U.S. and must be surrendered each time you depart from the U.S.

*Students from Canada and Bermuda are exempt from visa requirements, but must show a valid passport, I-20, original financial document(s), and SEVIS I-901 payment receipt at the port of entry.

OISS Checkin Procedure: Before Registration (MANDATORY)

Upon arrival in the United States and at NSU, you must complete the check-in procedure **IN PERSON** at the Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS). Failure to do so will result in an administrative "hold" on your account preventing registration and class attendance. When checking in with OISS, please bring the following items with you:

- NSU I-20 or DS2019
- Valid passport & visa
- I-94 (white card) with F-1 or J-1 and D/S (Duration of Status) written in by U.S. Immigration Inspector
- Local residential address and telephone number.

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When you are on "WebCT", click on the LOGIN area.



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Enter the VPAO Username and Password provided for you below.



Please use this WebCT ID and Password
to access the Virtual Pre-Arrival Orientation

Your WebCT ID is: oiss.farag1211
Your Password is: orientation

VERY IMPORTANT: This WebCT ID and Password are **ONLY** intended for use with this virtual module. Once you go through the Orientation, you will be able to process your **permanent** access passwords, PIN and username.

**Virtual Pre-arrival Orientation
Access Instructions**



Some Questions....

- What are the needs of International Students BEFORE they arrive in the United States?
- What do they need to know?
- How do they feel?
- What questions do they have?
- What do they know/don't they know?





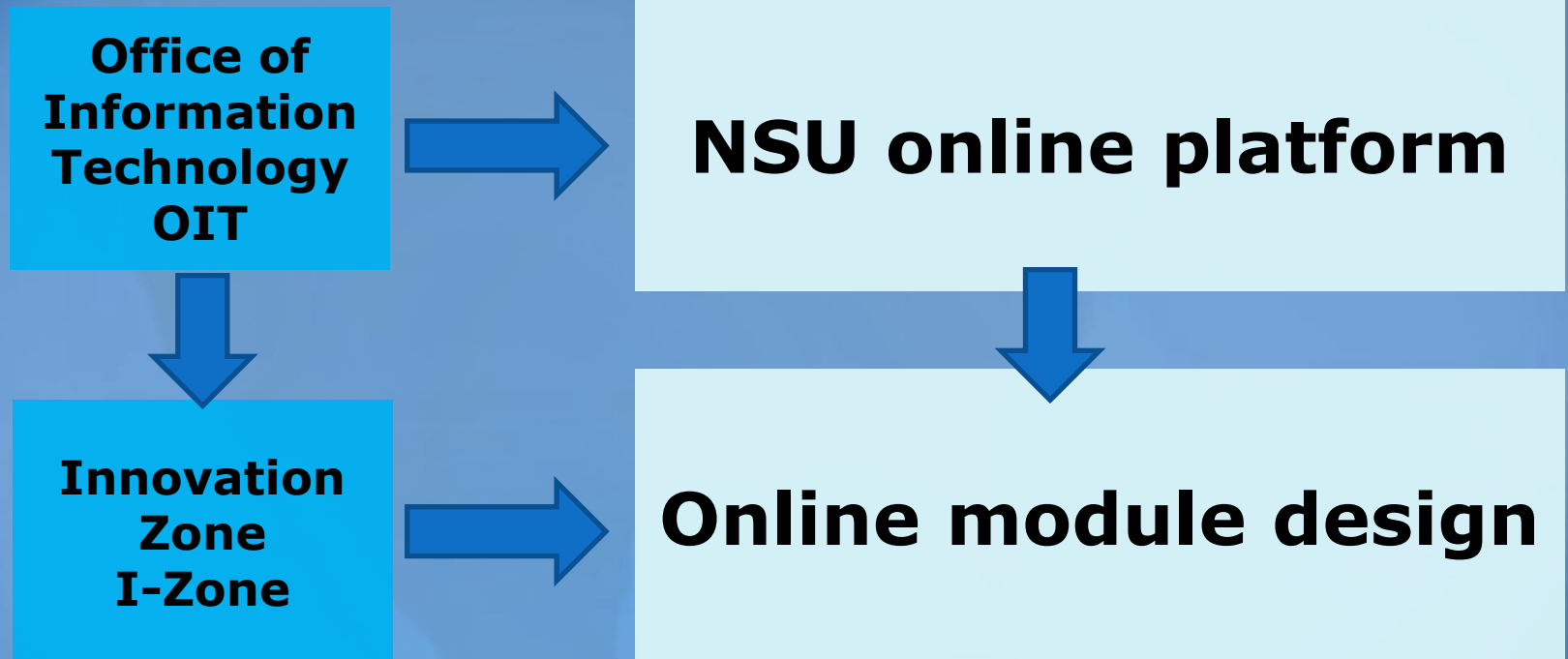
Our response

A Virtual Pre-Arrival Orientation (VPAO)

- **Easy to follow**
- **Designed using simple technology tools**
- **With basic information to prepare students for their experience**
- **ONLY containing details that students need BEFORE they travel**



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The purpose of the Office of Innovation and Information Technology (OIIT) is to provide the University community with the technological resources to support and complement teaching, learning, and research regardless of geographic location; to maintain a leadership role in instructional technology by providing quality services that facilitate, enhance, and support the goals and objectives of a diverse university community; to provide and support a strong student centered administrative system.

Information Technology

Vice President/CIO, Tom West

Operating under the direction of the Vice President/CIO the Office of Innovation and Information Technology is comprised of five major units with multiple technology departments within each unit; as follows:

Educational Technologies & Digital Media Production

Executive Director, Diane Lippe
[Digital Media Production](#), [Innovation Zone \(IZone\)](#), [Technology Training](#)

Information Technology Systems and Services

Executive Director, Greg Horne
[Computing Facilities and Field Engineering](#), [Network Operations and Services](#), [OIT Receiving](#), [Systems Administration](#), [Systems \(Clinic Imaging, Campus Card\)](#), [Technical Support Services](#)



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Training:

(954) 262-4797

Welcome to Nova Southeastern University's Innovation Zone (IZone), a department of the Office of Innovation and Information Technology (OIIT).

What is the IZone?

The IZone is a faculty-focused resource department designed to provide support for online course development, instructional interactive media development, and to offer technology training for NSU faculty and staff.

[Online Course Development](#)

Creating, updating and maintaining online courses using the WebCT course-delivery platform.

[Digital Media Resources](#)

Incorporating video, animation, graphics and other multimedia elements into course materials, CD-ROMs, DVDs, and PowerPoint presentations.

[Technology Training](#)

Providing faculty and staff with training opportunities and professional development.

[Copyright Resources](#)

Serving as a copyright clearance center and resource on copyright policies and procedures.



Blackboard

Learn More



NSU Virtual Pre-arrival Orientation

7 Modules

- **Intro to NSU**
- **Office of International Students**
- **Health Insurance**
- **Technology**
- **Housing/Packing**
- **Academic Pre-Arrival Information**
- **Transportation and Check in**





Welcome to the NSU Pre-Arrival Orientation for International Students



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[Click here to Start](#)



[Quiz](#)



[Certificate of Completion](#)

(Conditional)

Welcome!

There are 7 modules in this Orientation. They have been created for you to have a clear idea of what you need to know, and how to prepare for your experience in the United States and at NSU.

Please click on each module on the right, go through the contents and then do the module quiz.

Enjoy!

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Intro to NSU

NOVA SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

PAST AND TODAY!



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Welcome to NSU! This module will provide general information about the university.



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A Tour of NSU Today

Are you ready to take an NSU tour?



[Click here to take a tour](#)

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BLUE SKIES AND PALM TREES

Take a look at NSU's modern
campus.

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NSU Overall Facts and Figures

Did you know that there are over 1100 international students and 124 countries represented on campus?



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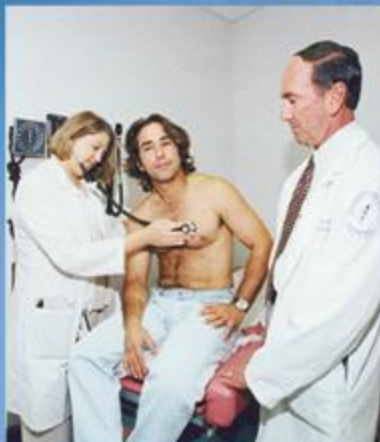
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Health Insurance

Health Insurance



It is very important that when you arrive in the United States you have made arrangements for your health insurance coverage.



■ TIP: Click on the arrows to move forward and backwards

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Please Note

Undergraduate International Students

Undergraduate International Students are required to provide proof of current health insurance coverage.

If you already have international coverage under your parents' insurance, please submit an insurance waiver found at the following site <https://www.nova.edu/sbin/insurance/waiver>

otherwise you will be issued coverage through the school.

The cost will be added to your account.

■ **TIP:** Click on the buttons to see their content

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Health Insurance

Proof of health insurance coverage is **mandatory** for all Nova Southeastern University (NSU) full-time international Health Professions Division students, full-time international Undergraduate PAL (Day) students, and Residential Housing students. The **ONLY** way to provide proof of current health insurance coverage is to complete the online [Proof of Health Insurance Waiver](#).

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Intl. Students and Scholars
Nova Southeastern University
Horvitz Admin. Bldg, 1st
Floor
3301 College Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311
(954) 262-7240



Technology

NSU Technology



When you become one of our students, NSU provides you with an **e-mail account, a username and a password** for you to access all the portals and systems available to you as an active student.

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Retrieve Your Sharklink Identity

Select one of the retrieval options below:

☐ Option 1: Social Security Number (SSN) and Date of Birth (MM/DD)

☒ Option 2: NSU ID and Date of Birth (MM/DD)

Choose Option 2 and enter the information

NSU ID:

Date of Birth: (Month and Day)

--Month--

--Day--

☐

Click here

I have read the above rules for using NSU's Academic Computing Systems and agree to abide by them.

Submit

Submit



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Housing



By this time you should have made arrangements for your housing. Undergraduate students are required to live on campus, unless other arrangements have been made with your program office.

To get you started, click on the following links:



[Click here to view the housing video](#)



[Click here for general housing information](#)

Remember, it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that you make housing arrangements **PRIOR** to your arrival.

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If you are an **Undergraduate** Student [click here](#)



If you are a **Graduate** Student [click here](#)



For **OFF-CAMPUS** Housing information [click here](#)

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Off Campus Housing



Off-Campus Housing Services have been established by Nova Southeastern University to provide incoming students, current students, and faculty/staff with an informational resource to assist in identifying options for rental housing near your desired NSU site location.

We provide rental listings including apartments, condos, townhouses, homes, rooms in private homes, and short term stay facilities. Other resources include a roommate finder service, moving tips, frequently asked questions, and location area resource links to help make your move easier.



[Click here to visit the website](#)

[Click here for area information](#)

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Packing Your Bags

Pack Light:

Remember that when you arrive on campus, you will be the one carrying everything yourself, so never pack more than you can carry yourself. Remember that you can always buy whatever you need when you arrive. One very useful website to check when you start packing is www.onebag.com. If you are flying to the United States, we recommend you check with the [U.S. Transportation Security Administration](http://www.tsa.gov) for policies and regulations regarding carry-on baggage and restricted items.



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The Art and Science of Travelling Light

"the go-light guru" — *Time Magazine*"Carry-On Maven" — *The Wall Street Journal*"incredibly useful site" — *Yahoo! Internet Life*"one of the best
[sites] on the Internet"

Expedia.com™

"the definitive guide
to traveling light"

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Learning to Lighten your Load

Looking
for abetter
option?There's no question: **overpacking** tops the list of biggest travel mistakes.Thus this Web site, which offers exhaustive (*some might say exhausting!*) detail on the art and science of **travelling light**, going pretty much anywhere, for business or leisure, for an indefinite length of time,

Looking for a better option? an a single carry-on-sized bag.

Remain current: click on these Facebook, Twitter, and RSS feed icons to receive prompt notification of all significant content changes to this site."a top Web site ...
one you just have
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& neighbors about"



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Here to Listen, Here to Help.

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News and Noteworthy

■ TSA Pre✓™ Begins at Pittsburgh International Airport

Watch to learn how to find and
enter your PASS ID

Academic Info

American Higher Education System

We are very happy you decided to come to the United States and to NSU to pursue your degree. The American educational system often differs from the system in your home country, and it is important that you understand how it functions.



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Course Registration

Once you are fully admitted into your program and you have obtained your F1 visa at your local embassy/consulate you will be ready to register for your courses.

In order to register for your courses you have to follow these steps:



1

Contact the Office of International Students and Scholars and let us know you are ready to register

E-mail: intl@nova.edu

Or by phone: +954-262-7240

2

Contact your program academic officer. He/she will walk you through the process.



[Click here for a list of schools, centers and programs](#)

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Important Information About Course Registration

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Master's Degree Student

If you are an Undergraduate Student: you are required to be registered for a minimum of 12 (twelve) credits per term
(Only 3 credits can be online)

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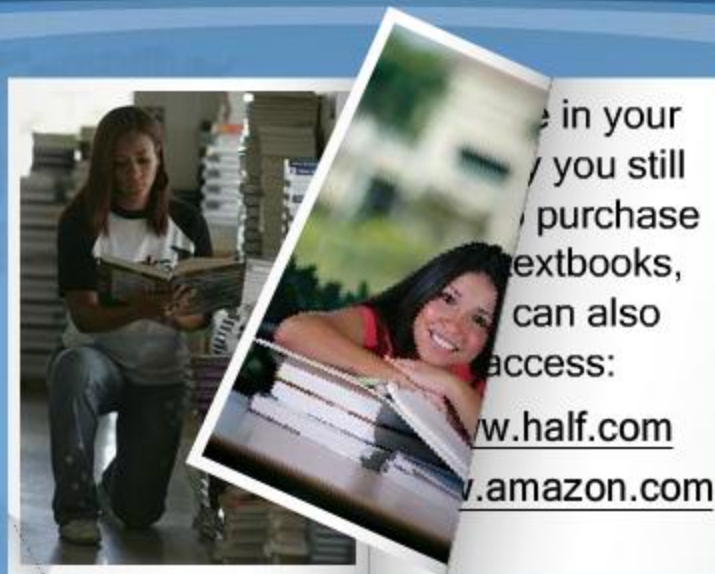
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NSU Student Orientation



Upon arrival in the United States and at NSU, you are required to attend a comprehensive Student Orientation.



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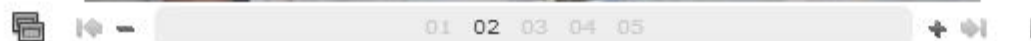
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International Students

Congratulations on your acceptance to Nova Southeastern University, and welcome to the shark community! By coming to orientation, you will have fun, meet other students, and be introduced to faculty and program administration. You will learn about the many available services and resources here at Nova Southeastern University, and receive a campus tour to ensure your preparedness for your first day of classes. Please make certain that you will be

[Click here to](#)

[REGISTER FOR ORIENTATION](#)

International Services

For more information about International Services for International Students, visit the [Office of International Students and Scholars](#).

[Nova International Student Orientation \(NISA\)](#)

Get involved on campus with the dynamic student



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When entering the US, show your passport, visa, I-20, and original financial documents (s) to the US immigration officer at the port of entry.



You will be issued a card called I-94. Please keep it in a safe place since this is the card that will keep track of your entries and departures from the US.

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After you have completed the modules, please go back to the **Homepage** and proceed with the **Quiz**


[Click here for more information](#)

■ TIP: Roll over the images

Additional Resources

We would like to provide you with all the resources for you to get ready for your trip to the United States, so please visit this useful website:



Visit the [GET READY TO GO](#) area and find out about pre-departure workshops or orientations that you can attend in your own country before you leave.

See you soon!

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Contact an adviser near you for guidance on finding and applying to an accredited U.S. college or university. [Get Started!](#)



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When you plan your journey to our Main Campus, make sure you have looked into the different ways to get there.



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If you are flying to Florida, it is also very important that you make arrangements to get to the university campus safely. There are a variety of means of transportation you can take to get to our Main Campus from the two airports you will fly into.

If you are flying into
Miami International Airport

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Taxicabs and American Shuttle **D E F H** lower arrival level

Taxicabs and American Shuttle (305-871-1000) vans are available only on the arrival (ground) level of the airport, outside of the baggage claim areas - (view transportation options to [Port of Miami](#) and [Ft Lauderdale Airport](#)).

Hotel Shuttles: **D E H J** upper departure level

Hotel shuttles [pick up and drop-off areas](#) are located on the upper (departure) level of the airport ([view map](#)).

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MIA has [wheelchair-accessible taxicabs](#) and [American Shuttle](#) vans available upon request to any taxi starter, located on the ground level of the terminal, outside the baggage claim area. For further details and rates please see the chart below.

Destination Rates and Maps - Fuel Surcharge: add \$1.00 per passenger

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

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The Quiz contains 5 questions. When you submit your responses you will receive immediate feedback that displays the correct answers. Good luck!

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History

What was Nova Southeastern University originally called?

- ☐ A) Nova University
- ☐ B) University of Nova
- ☐ C) Nova School

Correct - Click
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Certificate of Completion Quiz - [CLICK HERE](#)

Name: [Izone Cont. Education \(Preview\)](#)

Start time: [January 26, 2012 8:30pm](#)

Number of questions: 6

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Question 1 (1 point)

Have you obtained your F1 visa at the American Embassy in your country and are ready to travel? Or, if you are Canadian or Mexican, do you have your

- ☐ a. YES
- ☐ b. NO

[Save answer](#)

Question 2 (1 point)

Have you made Health Insurance arrangements?

- ☐ a. YES
- ☐ b. NO

[Save answer](#)

Question 3 (1 point)

Have you made arrangements for on campus or off campus housing?

- ☐ a. YES
- ☐ b. NO

[Save answer](#)

Question 4 (1 point)

Do you have your e-mail address, username and password to be able to access university systems?

- ☐ a. YES
- ☐ b. NO

[Save answer](#)

Question 5 (1 point)

PRE-ARRIVAL ORIENTATION

for International Students

Office of International Affairs
Nova Southeastern University

Certificate of Completion

This certifies that

Name:

NSU ID:

has successfully completed the Pre-Arrival Orientation program
for international students on , 20.

If you are not able to submit the certificate via email, please bring it with you at check-in with the OISS upon your arrival at NSU.





Preparing International Students **When** They Arrive in the US





How do we guide our NEW international student?

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**First
message
upon
application**

2

**Welcome
Packet**

- I-20
- Welcome Letter
- Virtual Orientation instructions

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**Check-in
upon arrival**



Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) Orientation Checklist

Phone: 954-262-7240 Fax: 954-262-3846

Website: www.nova.edu/internationalstudents

☐ **Photocopy all important documents.**

Photocopy and safeguard your important immigration documents because it is much easier to replace lost or stolen items if there is a record.

☐ **OISS Check-in (OISS Hold):**

The Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS) is required by law to verify immigration documents of all new students. This procedure must be completed upon arrival to NSU.

You will need to submit photocopies of the following items to OISS:

- Passport
- Visa
- I-94
- SEVIS I-20 or DS-2019

Once check-in is complete, the OISS hold will be lifted and then you can register.

☐ **Academic Advising:**

To see an academic advisor, contact your academic department directly. An academic advisor will assist you in registering for courses.

☐ **Registration:**

You cannot register until you have checked in with OISS and your hold has been removed. Additionally you must register for a full course of study—as defined by your program—each term. In order to maintain your immigration status you must be registered for a minimum of the following credits.

- ☐ **Undergraduate 12 credits (only 3 credits can be online)**
Nursing students are allowed to carry 9 credits with only 3 credits online
- ☐ **Masters 6 credits (only 3 credits can be online)**
- ☐ **Doctoral 3 credits or One Class (this must be an on-campus class)**

- Poor academic performance or behavior have **direct implications** on your immigration status. Your I-20 is **IMMEDIATELY** terminated should you be **SUSPENDED** or **DISMISSED** from your program of studies for academic or other reasons.
- Should you be dismissed or suspended from your program, you must leave the country **immediately**.
- Your I-20's program's end date should not expire prior to completing your coursework or you will fall out of status. If you will not complete your studies before this date, please contact our office for instructions on how to extend this time.
- If you must return home due to an emergency, please contact the OISS as there may be options to keep your status active during your absence.
- If you complete your program and do not apply for OPT you have 60 days in which to
 - 1- Transfer to another university
 - 2- Begin a new program at NSU
 - 3- Depart the United States
- Please read the attached information about your civil rights as an international student. It contains very important information on situations you might encounter while in the United States.

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE THIS INFORMATION INTO ACCOUNT AT ALL TIMES. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS IN THIS COUNTRY. OUR OFFICE FACILITATES RELATED PROCESSES AND SENDS YOU REMINDERS AS APPROPRIATE.

OISS Signature:_____ **Date:**_____

My signature indicates that a representative in the Office of International Students and Scholars has reviewed this document with me and that I agree with and understand all of the above.

Student Signature:_____ **Date:**_____

Name_____	NSU ID_____
Local Address _____ _____	Telephone Number _____
____ I-20 stamped by USCIS	____ Orientation Checklist
____ F-1 Visa/ Passport	____ Hold Removed
____ I-94	____ Virtual Orientation Certificate

Preparing International Students When They Arrive at NSU



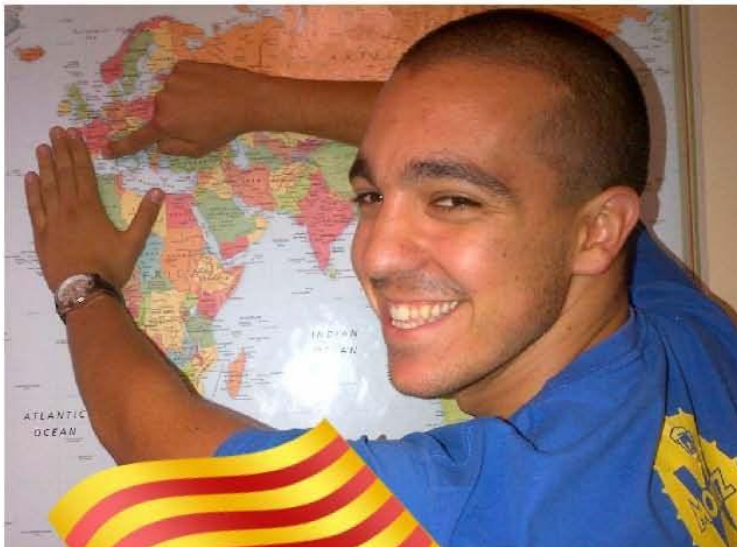
Document check-in upon arrival

Welcome Orientation at Check-in





Welcome to NSU!



Welcome Poster





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Some opinions on the VPAO

Was the online Virtual Orientation
useful to you?

*“Yes, it was very useful. It gave me an idea of
how to prepare for my arrival to the U.S.”*

A. A., Undergraduate student



Can you provide us with a comment on the Virtual Orientation?

"It was very nice! I got all the information I needed and prepared everything in the comfort of my own home and in my country. I suggest you continue with the Virtual Orientation so other students could take advantage of that information and prepare themselves from their homes, wherever they may be, before they arrive to the university."

A.A., Undergraduate Student



Can you provide us with a comment on the Virtual Orientation? (Cont'd)

“It was useful and interesting, very interactive. It worked fine for me.”

J. C. Undergraduate student

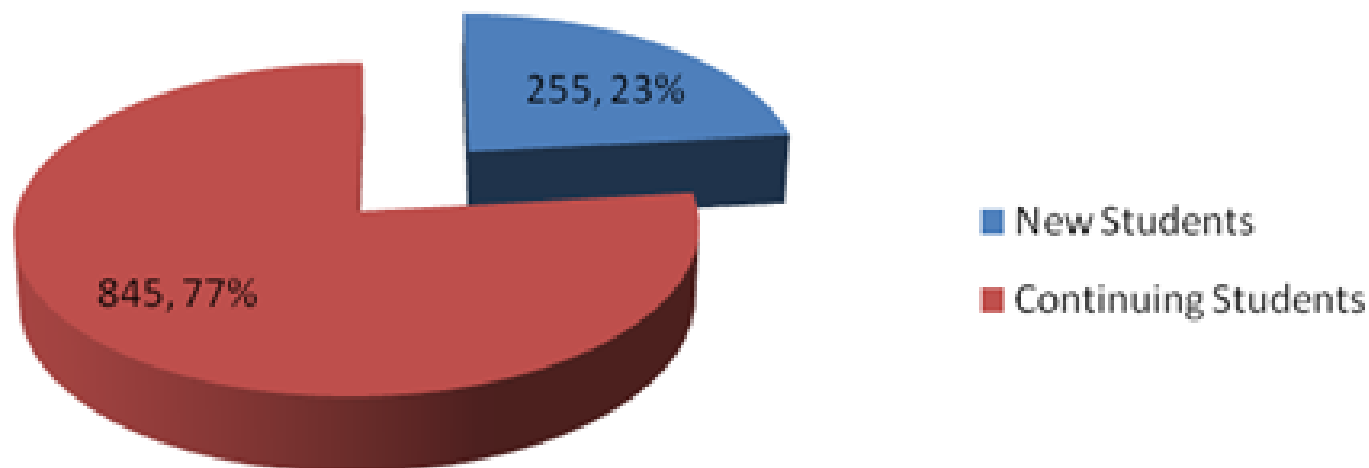
“I learnt how the school was started up etc. and the quiz also made sure that you had the required documents to enter into the us and into Nova.”

G. E. Graduate Student



Some Figures

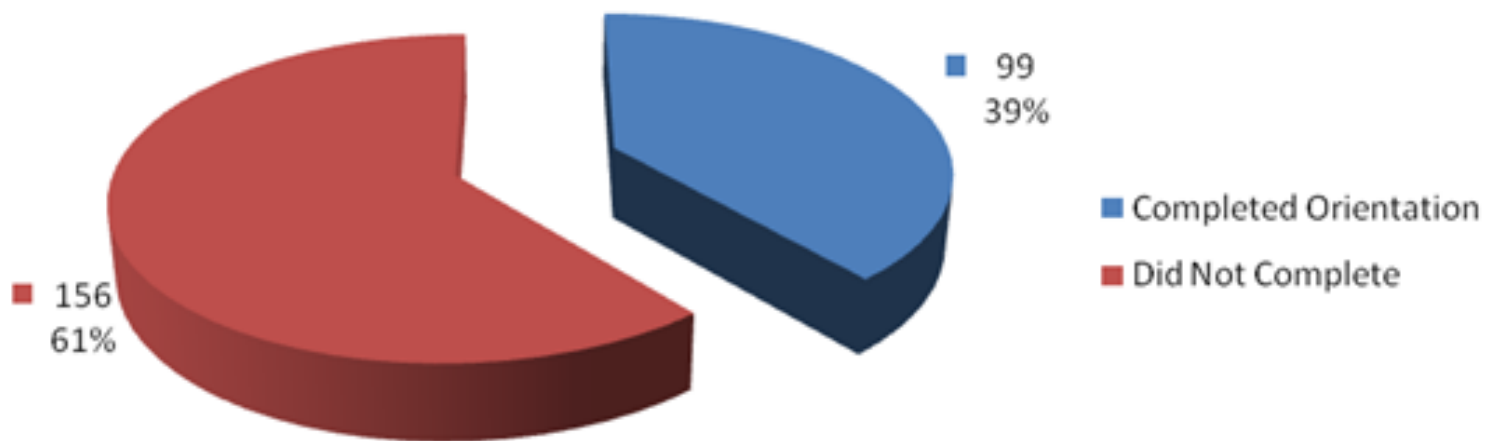
New vs. Continuing Students (Fall 2011)





Completion Information

Completion of Pre-Arrival Virtual Orientation



For First Term Int'l F1 Students



The Future

- Collaboration with M.S. in Student Affairs program to conduct research-in progress
- Find a better way of enforcing virtual orientation
- Design similar orientation for **online** international students
- Virtual Orientation version for J-1 and Fulbright scholars



OIA Contact information

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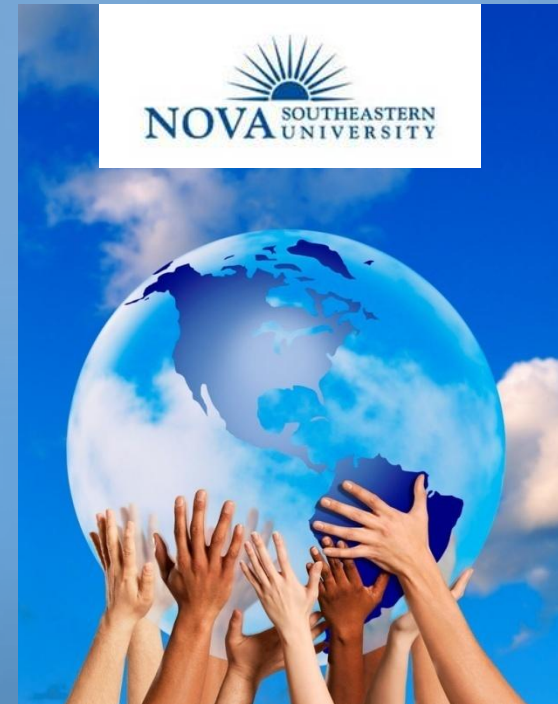
aleparra@nova.edu

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954-262-7240 (24/7-new!)

Skype:

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OF **IE SPECIALISTS** WITH THE ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

THE NAFSA ACADEMY FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION is an intensive year-long training program with extensive networking opportunities. The Academy fast forwards your learning process and prepares international education professionals to take on leadership roles.

THROUGH THE ACADEMY YOU WILL:

- **Receive coaching** from a seasoned international educator.
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- **Gain knowledge and skills** to prepare you to serve as an international education resource at your institution.
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The program covers all areas of international education. It is designed for both those who are new to the field and those who wish to broaden their perspective. As a trainee, you will receive ongoing guidance and training worth more than \$3,500 for just \$1,859. See back for details.

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IS THE ACADEMY RIGHT FOR YOU?

- Are you new to the field of international education?
- Are you interested in connecting with others in international education and creating strong professional ties?
- Are you interested in working with an experienced NAFSA coach to help you further your professional goals?

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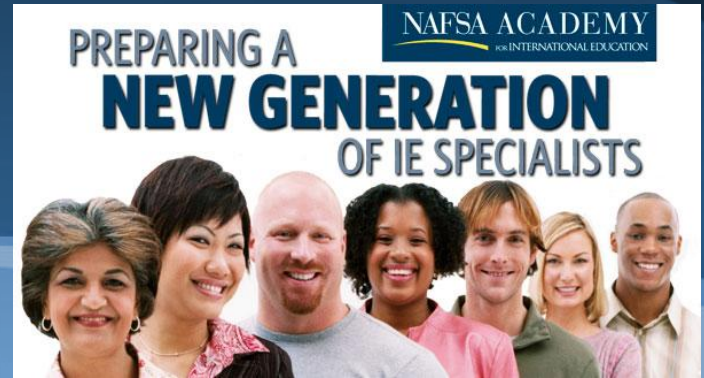
For more information, visit:
www.nafsa.org/academy

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- **2013 Academy spring training**
- **2013 preconference workshop at the annual conference**
- **2013 regional conference registration***
- **2013 preconference workshop at regional conferences***
- **Access to NAFSA network and networking opportunities**
- **Supported learning by an experienced coach**
- **Continued connection with a cohort of peers**

***Reduced/waived depending on decision by regional leadership.**

**Submit Your Application to Academy 10 Today!
Applications are due December 3, 2012.**

A \$3,500 value for \$1,859!

Thank you!

