Greetings and Welcome to Washington University in St. Louis!

WELCOME, NEW STUDENTS!
The staff at the Office for International Students & Scholars (OISS) would like to welcome all our new international students to Washington University and to St. Louis. OISS, based in the Stix International House, is open from 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

OISS Student Walk-In Hours
A student advisor is always available during walk-in hours. No appointment is necessary! Check our website for summer, winter break, and holiday hours. Academic year advising hours are:

Danforth campus (walk-in times):
Monday – Thursday, 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Medical School campus (by appointment only):
Tuesday, 2-4:30 PM & Thursday, 9-11 AM

Your Support Staff Beyond OISS
You will find your list of support staff growing almost as fast as the variety of events held on campus!

- You will find advice and personal attention at the Habif Health and Wellness Center http://shs.wustl.edu/Pages/default.aspx
- Career Center advice from year one: takes you from resume writing and internship opportunities to job fairs, interviews, alumni networking and more…. http://careercenter.wustl.edu.
- The Writing Center offers workshops, one-on-one tutorials, and public speaking assistance http://writingcenter.wustl.edu/writing/
- Other—Academics and Campus Resources & Services at http://www.wustl.edu/community/faculty-staff/

OISS is Here to Help
One of the main roles for the advisors at OISS (Office for International Students & Scholars) is to help international students and scholars with visa and work permit issues; however, we provide a variety of other services as well.

Watch your email for OISS information regarding:
- Tax information
- OPT (work authorization) workshops
- Resources to help with personal issues
- Cultural adjustment to St. Louis and to Washington University campus life
- Social, cultural, and practical programs, events and field trips to help you learn about the United States and experience the St. Louis area.
- Other topics that may be helpful for internationals living and working at Washington University

You have a support network here at OISS. Know that you can always expect to find friendly faces when you come in, and you can count on advisors’ confidentiality when helping you with pressing personal issues.

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- Campus Resources for Health and Safety
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GETTING SETTLED AT WASH U.

**已成为华盛顿大学社区的一员 — 加入一个小组！**

作为华盛顿大学圣路易斯分校的学生，你在这里的主要原因可能是因为要专攻一个特定的专业。然而，为了充分利用你的大学体验，我们鼓励你考虑加入一个或多个学生小组。加入一个学生小组……

- …提供有趣的，校内和校外的活动。
- …让你接触不同文化背景和国籍的人。
- …可以让你在雇主面前更有吸引力，许多雇主寻求表现出兴趣超越其正式学习的人。
- …帮助你认识有相同兴趣的人，从而拓宽你的支持和交流网络。

将目光放低至小样本，看看成百上千的民族和兴趣小组。无论你是想放松并使用你的母语，练习你的英语，还是只是享受运动，音乐或其他你最喜欢的兴趣领域，你都可以控制自己的幸福/充实。

**本科生小组** — 非洲学生协会，Ashoka，亚洲多文化理事会，亚洲音乐协会，拉丁美洲学生协会，WU中国连接，中国学生协会，香港学生协会，韩国学生协会，农历新年节，Cuiacalli Mariachi，俄罗斯俱乐部，新加坡学生协会，台湾学生协会，泰国学生协会，越南学生协会，各种体育小组，以及其他。

**研究生学生小组** — 国际研究生学生协会为职业发展和网络（I-CAN），中国学生和学者协会（CSSA），研究生专业委员会（GPC），印度研究生学生协会（UMANG），韩国研究生学生协会（KGSA），韩国奥林研究生学生协会（KOSA），拉丁裔研究生学生联盟，奥林印度俱乐部，奥林大中国俱乐部（GCC），台湾研究生学生（TGSA），以及其他。完整列表参见http://gradcenter.wustl.edu/groups

**家居用品**

为了装饰你的公寓，Target，Walmart，以及其他的大型连锁店都能提供好的学校的商品，床上用品，厨房用品，家具，电视，和其他与娱乐相关的物品。

你也可以通过Facebook上的“Wash U “Free & For Sale”小组”找到便宜的物品（包括许多家居用品和供应品）。

页面类似于Craigslist，但它提供了一个更安全的途径进行交易，因为它是对华盛顿大学社区的成员开放的。目前，该页面有近5000名成员，每天都有许多物品发布。要成为其成员，你首先需要加入“Wash U”小组（并提供你的wustl.edu电子邮件来证明你是该社区的成员）。在Wash U小组内，你可以加入“Free & For Sale”页面并开始寻找物超所值的交易！

**保持你的收据！**

在大多数商店里，如果买的商品不满意——只要您有收据（询问商店员工或查看收据以了解特定的退货政策）。店员习惯于因问题而退货。

作为教科书，校园书店可能也提供二手课程教科书的出租或购买。一定要查看版号。保存下来的收据将允许你在决定退学或改变课程时退还未使用过的教科书。

**国际之声**
International Student Advisor Guide

If you need assistance from your international student advisor, feel free to visit them during walk-in hours or contact them directly for questions or to schedule an appointment.

**Students with the family name beginning with:**

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**Academic Year Hours***

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- 1:30-3:30 pm

**Medical School Campus**
- (by appointment only)
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  - Thursday, 9:00 – 11:00 am

*For summer and holiday hours, check the OISS website.*
Office for International Students & Scholars Staff

The entire staff of the OISS welcomes you and looks forward to making your studies here a positive experience. Come in and see us!

KATHY STEINER-LANG
Assistant Vice Chancellor
Director of the OISS

KAREN SCHWELLE
Director, ELP
Directs the ELP, teaches ELP courses; provides instruction in pronunciation and writing on an individual basis to students with specific needs.

CATHY RAYMOND
Assistant Director, ELP
Oversees selected ELP services; provides instruction in pronunciation and writing on an individual basis to students with specific needs.

TIFFANY BRAMMER
Department Coordinator
Maintains and updates international student financial aid database, supervises front desk staff.

DEBORAH CALDWELL-MILLER
Payroll Administrator
Processes international payroll for students and scholars on both campuses.

PAM DZUNU
ELP Instructor
Teaches ELP courses full-time at the Danforth and Medical School campuses.

MATT MARCANTANO
Administrative Assistant
Processes new international student documentation and assists student advisors.

JESSICA OLSON
Systems Coordinator
Supervises office administrative staff and operational functions.

JEANNE PIZARRO
Department Secretary
Assists and directs visitors, calls & e-mail; matches students and volunteers in the Speak English With Us program.
Studying Late and Keeping Yourself Safe

If you need to make your way home or across campus late at night, you need not do so alone. The following services provide late night escorts to ensure that you make it home safely:

**The Campus Bear Patrol Escort Service**

The Bear Patrol consists of volunteers who escort students all over campus from 8 p.m. – 2 a.m. Give them a call at 935-5555. They wear distinctive vests, so you will see them around campus. For more information about Bear Patrol, link to [http://police.wustl.edu/about/Pages/Bear-Patrol.aspx](http://police.wustl.edu/about/Pages/Bear-Patrol.aspx) or contact Bob Wayne, (314) 935-5084 or via e-mail [robert.wayne@wustl.edu](mailto:robert.wayne@wustl.edu). Safety tips also offered at site.

**The Campus2Home Shuttle**

The Campus2Home shuttle will provide a safe ride home for those living in four designated areas off campus — Skinker-DeBaliviere, Loop South, North of The Loop and just South of the Campus — from 6:00 p.m. - 4:00 a.m. seven days a week. Link to [http://parking.wustl.edu/campus2home.htm](http://parking.wustl.edu/campus2home.htm) for additional information and routes.

**Crime Prevention & Safety Tips**

Our Washington University Police Department is dedicated to providing a safe university experience. The site, [http://police.wustl.edu/](http://police.wustl.edu/), will provide you with valuable information, from Crime Prevention Services (Computer Theft Stop Tags, bike locks) and Living Off-Campus (Apartment Security Check, Safety) to Lost and Found, Safety Videos, and more!

**IMPORTANT**: Required Health History & immunization Information

All new students are required to submit a Health History Form. This form helps Student Health Service (SHS) staff to ensure that certain health and immunization requirements are met and to provide optimal care should an illness occur. If you have not already filled out the form, you must do so before the start of the semester. Students whose medical records are not complete may only receive limited care from SHS, and their registration for classes may be held.

You can find details of specific vaccine requirements and access the Health History Form on the SHS website at [http://shs.wustl.edu/](http://shs.wustl.edu/) (Click on “Information for INCOMING STUDENTS,” then click on “Health History and Immunization Compliance Information.”) You will need your WUSTL Key Login ID and Password before you can access the form.

If you are still missing any immunizations and would like to schedule a nursing visit, or would like additional information, please call (314) 935-6666 immediately on arrival to expedite completion of this information for your medical records.

In the event of a campus emergency, the WUSTLAalerts system automatically sends notifications and instructions to wustl.edu email accounts. To receive alerts via text message, add your cell phone number as an emergency contact number in WebSTAC. For further information about emergency preparedness and about the WUSTLAalerts system, visit [https://emergency.wustl.edu/](https://emergency.wustl.edu/)
English Language Programs (ELP)

The English Language Programs (ELP) provides courses, workshops, and other forms of English language support to meet the complex language needs of WUSTL students and scholars. Courses focus on skills essential to successful communication in academic and professional settings such as academic and research writing, presentation skills, networking, and class/group discussion skills.

ELP courses are listed in WebSTAC under University College (U15 English Language Programs). The courses are free in the fall and spring semesters for all undergraduates and for graduate students in Arts & Sciences taking nine units of graduate coursework. Other graduate/professional students should contact their departments for their policies on University College course tuition. ELP courses are also free for anyone eligible for the WUSTL postdoctoral appointee tuition benefit or employee tuition benefit.

Placement Tests

Placement tests are offered before each semester to determine whether a student would benefit from English language support. If any of these tests have been required for you, you will have been notified of this requirement by OISS. Students are strongly encouraged to enroll in any recommended ELP course(s) as early as possible in their program of study. Some departments/schools may require that students follow ELP course recommendations.

Other English Language Support

- **Appointment-based help:** Meet with an ELP instructor for help on projects such as proofreading a paper or preparing for a presentation.
- **Credit-bearing tutorials:** Register for a tutorial to get weekly one-on-one writing help or pronunciation help from an ELP instructor.
- **English Corner:** Participate in informal group conversations led by ELP instructors, OISS staff, and community volunteers.
- **Book Club:** Meet twice per month for a discussion of a reading chosen by participants. Discussions are facilitated by OISS staff and an ELP instructor.
- **Speak English With Us Program:** Meet one hour per week with a community volunteer for casual conversation and mutually rewarding cultural exchange.

Connect With the ELP to Learn More

website: [oiss.wustl.edu/english-language-programs](http://oiss.wustl.edu/english-language-programs) – email: [elp@wustl.edu](mailto:elp@wustl.edu) – Twitter: [@WUSTLelp](http://twitter.com/@WUSTLelp)