

Pre-Arrival Checklist

Congratulations, you have gotten your visa, we are excited to see you on-campus shortly. Below are your next steps:

Make Travel Arrangements

- Free airport pickup is offered at the Moline/Quad Cities airport only.
- We do not pick up from any other airport
- Dates for Quad Cities airport and Macomb Amtrak Train pick-up are January 6th, 2025 through January 17th, 2025.
- If you arrive before January 6th or after January 17th, you will be responsible for finding your own transportation.
- Students must have [housing arrangements](#) made prior to arrival
- Fill out the Fall [Pick-up Request form](#)

Secure Housing

- On campus housing information: http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/housing/
- Off campus housing information: http://www.wiu.edu/global_studies/housing.php

Reminders

- Ensure you have completed the [Self-Guided Presentation](#) **This will be available from January 1st** and verified completion on the last slide by **January 15th, 2026**
- Fill out the [student confirmation form](#)
- Prepare all your documents to bring to the event: Passport, Visa, I-20, Official Transcripts (if admitted conditionally), and a copy of Immunization Record

Plan and book your travels

- Book international flight to the USA based on free pick-up dates provided by Global Studies- January 6th - 17th, 2026
- Arrange your own transportation to Macomb if arrival is before or after pick-up dates
- Fall [Pick-up Request Form](#)
- **Exchange currency at large airports in the U.S.** – There is no place to exchange currency in Macomb.

Activate WIU Email and STARS Account

- Activating Your ECom Account:
http://www.wiu.edu/university_technology/accounts_and_access/account-activation.php
- Activating your STARS Account: http://www.wiu.edu/university_technology/stars/

Take care of health-related issues

- Complete immunizations and obtain a copy of the records
- Submit **IMMUNIZATION RECORD** form to beuhealthcenter@wiu.edu
- Bring a 3-month supply of needed prescriptions
- Check up on vision/dental/health related issues
- Additional information on immunizations:
 - http://www.wiu.edu/student_services/beu_health_center/services/immunization.

- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CUqjAXKMnGvOZ6AHjjq5oeIFxOsBdmie/view?usp=sharing>

Ensure you have all important documents

- Make sure you have your Passport, Visa, I-20, English immunization record
- Make at least two copies of all your documents – leave one at home and bring a copy with you

Pack your luggage

- Include a luggage tag with relevant contact information
- Note that Illinois has four seasons: spring, summer, fall, winter.
- It gets very cold in the winter and hot in the summer;