

Tuesday, June 30th

Packing Up Pre-Arrival Session

Traveling to the US and What to Expect at the Port of Entry



Session Logistics



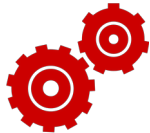
Please introduce yourself in the chat! This has helped past groups make connections with other new students.



You can submit your questions through the Q&A (Question and Answer) feature and we will answer as many as we can during the Q&A portion of today's session.



You can use the thumbs up feature to upvote questions your peers have asked. This will make it easier for panelists to see and more likely that you will hear a response.



A recording of this session will be posted on our Packing Up webpage.

Our Panelists

Office of International Services

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Courtenay Klauber, Senior Advisor

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Travel to the United States



**How early can I arrive to the United States before
the start of the Fall 2026 semester?**

My I-20 (F-1) or DS-2019 (J-1) was provided to me electronically. Do I need to print it out for travel?

What documents should I carry with me (not in my checked bags) for entry into the United States?

**What is the Port of Entry? Does my Port of Entry
have to be Raleigh?**

What happens at the Port of Entry?

What is secondary inspection and what should I do if it happens to me?

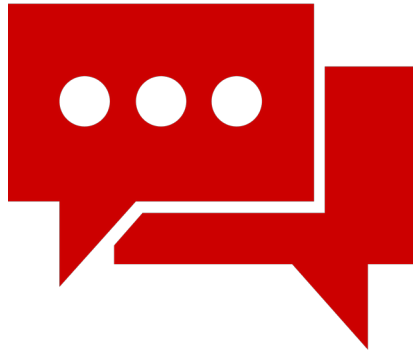
**Who should I contact if I experience issues at the
Port of Entry?**

Does NC State provide transportation from the airport? What airport transportation is available from RDU International Airport?

What is an I-94? When and how do I get my I-94?

**Am I allowed to arrive after the start of the Fall
2026 semester? What is the last day I can
arrive?**

Question and Answer



Important Sites

OIS Pre-Arrival Webpage

go.ncsu.edu/ois-prearrival

U.S. CBP International Visitor Webpage

cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors

Packing Up Webpage

go.ncsu.edu/packingup

Upcoming Important Dates



On-Campus Housing Move-in for Fall 2026

August 11, 2026

Fall 2026 International Student Orientation

August 12, 2026

First Day of Classes Fall 2026

August 17, 2026

Tuition and Fee Payment Deadline

August 21, 2026

Student Blue Waive/Enrollment Deadline

September 10, 2026

OIS Instagram



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Packing Up Pre-Arrival Series

Our next session will be Tuesday, July 7th from 8:30am to 9:30am Eastern Time. We will host a session on setting up your Raleigh apartment and cover things like setting up utilities, finding furniture, and stores to know.

Registration will be live in 1 hour.
go.ncsu.edu/packing-up-registration

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