



International Student Pre-Arrival Fact Sheet

Travel Tips:

- Keep yourself updated with the latest travel advisories and rules for flying into the U.S. by visiting the Department of Homeland Security and Travel Security Administration websites.
- Upon arrival into the United States, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will check your passport, visa, I-20 or DS-2019, proof of financial support, proof of payment of the I-901 SEVIS fee, and proof of admission to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Please keep the original documents ready for inspection at the point of entry.
- Please review your social media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.) profiles and content on your personal devices before flying. All personal devices are subject to inspection by immigration authorities and they can request your passwords if necessary.
- CBP officers can inspect you and your belongings without a warrant to enforce U.S. laws.
- Carry copies of all your important documents (passport, visa, I-20, etc.). Put copies in a different place such as your carry-on and checked luggage, separate from your originals.
- Use your best judgement while travelling. If something doesn't feel right, avoid it. Be aware of your surroundings at all times, and remain alert and focused.
- Review the '[Graduate Pre-Arrival Guide](#)' and '[Guide for International Students](#)' available at the International Services for Students & Scholars (ISSS) website (<http://doso.rpi.edu/update.do>).

Arrival at RPI:

- Consult the '[Guide for International Students](#)' for advice on Travel Arrangements, Housing and Accommodation, and Finance.
- Check-in with the ISSS Office upon arrival and get your Rensselaer ID.
- Meet your academic advisor at Lally.
- Attend Lally Connect 2018: August 22, 23 and 24. Details and registration coming soon.
- Attend the New Graduate Student Orientation on August 24.
- Attend Lally Orientation on August 27 and 28.
- Attend International Student Orientation – Date to be determined soon.

Important Links:

- U.S. Department of Homeland Security: <https://www.dhs.gov/>
- U.S. Transportation Security Administration (TSA): <https://www.tsa.gov/>
- Study in the States website for F1 students: <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students>
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement: <https://www.ice.gov/sevis/travel>
- International Services for Students and Scholars (ISSS): <http://doso.rpi.edu/update.do?catcenterkey=11>

Important Phone Numbers:

- International Services for Students and Scholars (ISSS): 518-276-6266
- Rensselaer Public Safety (24 hrs): 518-276-6611
- University Information: 518-276-6000
- Lally Admissions Office (lallyms@rpi.edu) 518-276-6565
- Dean of Students: 518-276-6266
- Graduate Education Office: 518-276-6488
- Student Health Centre (Campus Doctor): 518-276-6287
- Police (Troy Police Department): 518-270-4411
- Fire (Troy Fire Department): 518-272-5252
- On-campus Emergency: 518-276-6611; Off-campus Emergency: 911