

Overseas Students' Orientation Programme and Arrival Form



University of
Hertfordshire





Overseas Students' Orientation Programme

Monday 22nd September 2008 - Sunday 28th September 2008

If this is going to be your first time in Britain you may find that many of the British customs and procedures are different from those you are used to. This free 7 day programme has been designed to familiarise you with all aspects of living and studying in Britain and to provide you with the background information and practical skills you will need to get the most from your stay. The programme also provides you with information on immigration rules and regulations, health care, welfare support and a chance to meet other students and make new friends.

In addition to a full programme of events during the week of 22nd September we also lay on a number of events for those students arriving during the weekend of Saturday 20th September and Sunday 21st September including airport meet and greet service, shopping trips to the local supermarket, food nights and other social events.

Included in the orientation programme will be:

- Airport Meet and Greet**
- Enrolling onto your programme of study**
- English Language testing**
- Police registration (if applicable)**
- Registering with the Medical Centre**
- Workshops and talks**
- Opening a bank account**
- Collecting your identification card**
- Organised trips to London and St Albans**
- Evening Social Events eg. film and food nights, quiz night, BBQ, night clubs, sports tournaments etc**
- A chance to meet your lecturers and tutors**

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I got to meet a lot of great people, it's a good introduction to university life

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As well as University staff, specially trained student guides (who are current University students - both overseas and home students) will be available throughout the programme to answer any questions and queries you may have.

Please read the pre-arrival guide as it contains useful information about what to do before you get to the UK and what to expect once you are here. The pre-arrival guide is also available on line at <http://www.herts.ac.uk/uhinfo/assets/pdf/OverseasFinal.pdf>

Airport Meet and Greet Service

On **Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st September**, there will be a meet and greet service for all students arriving at Heathrow Airport (all terminals). If you wish to be met at London Heathrow airport and taken to your University Halls of Residence, please make sure you complete the appropriate section on the Arrival Form overleaf.

Once we have received your arrival form we shall confirm your pick up and send you details of where to meet and what to expect. Please make sure therefore that you apply by the deadline date and that you provide an email address to which we can send arrival details to.

Student guides will be on hand to help at the airport and keep you entertained until the coach arrives to take you to your accommodation. Please note that there maybe a wait between collecting your luggage and the coach arriving.



International Buddy Scheme

Do you have any questions about student life? Do you want to know what it's like to be a student here? Do you want to find out how UH students are expected to study? If so, then join our International Buddy Scheme. As part of the scheme you will be given an email address of a current student from your country or your faculty who you can contact and answer any questions you may have about student life. You can ask them questions about the surrounding area, what clubs and societies there are to join at University and what life is like as a student of UH.

You will then get to meet them face to face during Orientation Week. They'll even take you around campus, take you to social events and who knows even become friends for life!

If you are interested in joining the scheme please tick the relevant box on the form overleaf and we will email you back with your Buddy's email address so you can contact him/her prior to your arrival.

International Student Support Team

Any Questions?

If you have any queries regarding the orientation programme, airport pick ups, our social programme or the International Buddy Scheme please contact :-

Laura Mudge Overseas Student Support Officer

Telephone: + 00 44 (0) 1707 281022

Fax: + 00 44 (0) 1707 284738

Email: l.mudge@herts.ac.uk

There is also a Facebook group you can join called Orientation Programme/International Student Support trips.
<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2233002829>

Feel free to join the group, look at some of the photos from previous Orientation programmes and talk to some of the students who may also be attending the programme.

We wish you a safe and pleasant journey and look forward to welcoming you to the University of Hertfordshire very soon!

“ I learned a lot - it helped me understand the system and the culture within UK ”



Arrival Form

All students must complete and return this form. Please complete all sections in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

Personal Details

Applicant No.:

Surname:

First name(s):

Date of Birth:

Nationality:

Email Address: (please provide your email address NOT an agents/representative)

Course Details

Name of course:

Are you a pre-sessional student? Yes No

Are you an exchange student? Yes No

Orientation Programme

Will you be attending the Overseas Students' Orientation programme? Yes No

Accommodation

Have you applied for University accommodation? Yes No

If YES, please state your room allocation if known:

Arrival/Flight Details

This section needs to be completed by ALL students.

Do you require a pick up as part of our free Heathrow airport collection service on **Saturday 20th or Sunday 21st September** only? Yes No

Whilst the University will make every effort to collect students arriving to attend the Overseas Students' Orientation Programme, the University can only guarantee to arrange a free collection for those students arriving at Heathrow Airport on Saturday 20th September and Sunday 21st September.

Once this form has been received a confirmation email will be sent confirming whether a free pick up can be provided.

Date of Arrival:

Airport (eg. Heathrow/Stanstead):

Flight Number:

Flight Arrival Terminal (1,2,3,4 or 5):

Time of arrival (24 hours e.g. 18.30):

If you are already in the UK, please confirm when you will be arriving at the University:

Date of Arrival: Time of Arrival (24 hours e.g. 18.30):

International Buddy Scheme

Would you like to join the International Buddy Scheme? Yes No

If you are applying to take part in the Overseas Student's Orientation programme and/or requesting collection from Heathrow airport, you must complete this form and send it to the International Support Team before **Monday 8th September 2008**.

Once you have completed this form, please send/fax it to:

The International Support Team, University of Hertfordshire, College Lane, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 9AB, UK or by Fax: **00 44 (0)1707 284738**. Alternatively you can apply online at http://www.herts.ac.uk/uhinfo/international_new/predeparture

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