



OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENT &
SCHOLAR SERVICES

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL NEW AND TRANSFER
FOREIGN NATIONAL STUDENTS ARRIVING January 2012**

WELCOME TO AUBURN UNIVERSITY!!!!

In order to make your arrival at Auburn University as smooth as possible, we would like to be sure you are aware of certain key dates and information.

Classes begin on January 9 for Spring 2012. However, new and transfer foreign national students are required to arrive on campus no later than January 3, 2012 so that you have time to apply for social security cards (if you qualify), attend a mandatory orientation, register for classes, obtain bank accounts, and have ID cards made. This Spring's orientation will be held on January 6, 2012 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in 217 Foy Hall. **Participation in this program is MANDATORY.**

In addition to this orientation for new and transfer international students, Schools and Colleges may be providing GRADUATE STUDENTS their own separate orientation program. Check with your academic department for date and time.

You may have noted that your I-20 (for students on F-1 visas) or your DS-2019 (for students on J-1 visas) have an academic start date of January 3, 2012. By law, you may enter the U.S. no earlier than 30 days prior to this start date, or in this case, December 4, 2011. This time prior to your academic start date may be used to make local living arrangements.

Should you have any difficulties with arriving in the USA and Auburn by January 3, 2012, you **MUST** email Sue Ann Balch balchsa@auburn.edu and let her know of your revised travel plans and arrival date. **Please be aware that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security requires that you report to Auburn University on or before January 3, 2012 unless you notify us in advance.**

We are all looking forward to meeting you and adding you to the Auburn Family!

And our official greeting...Warrrr Eagle!

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