

New International Student Orientation

NISO25

August 17-22, 2025

Key: **Required of all students**

Optional, but strongly recommended

Group Specific

Grad Students

Sunday, August 17

Arrival at BJU

Our team looks forward to meeting you and helping you move into your room. **Please be sure to complete the registration form, so we can anticipate your arrival. You will receive an email once you complete the sign-up.**

1:00-6:30 pm	International New Student Orientation – Campus Check-In Come by the Center for Global Opportunities in the Alumni Building to pick up your welcome bag. An orientation leader will show you to your residence hall and help you move into your room.
7:30 pm	Dinner (The Den, Student Center) Welcome! Come enjoy a meal with other international students as well as some of the BJU team.

Monday, August 18

10:00-11:30 am	Welcome Brunch (Rodeheaver Auditorium Lobby) Welcome to Bob Jones University! We're excited you are now a part of BJU. Join other international students for a time of food and fellowship, meeting some of the support team that is here to help you.
11:30-12:30 pm	TB Testing (Mack Building 103 and Mack Building 104)
11:30 am-1:00 pm	Advising Follow-Up (Academic Resource Center, Alumni 213) Your First-year Advisor will let you know if there are any remaining tasks to complete for your class schedule.
11:30 am-1:00 pm	Student ID Cards (The Hub, Student Center, 2 nd Floor) For any students without an ID card, we will help you locate The Hub. The Hub offers many services including ID Cards, Financial Services, Registrar's Office and Human Resource offices.
11:30 am-12:30 pm	Parent Meeting and Q&A (Alumni 103) The transition to college is not just one students make, but one parents make as well. Mr. Mark Vowels and Mr. Bryan Boudreau will host this session just for parents as we discuss the transition your student will face and answer questions you have about how we will support your student.
1:00-1:45 pm	Break (Center for Global Opportunities CGO, Alumni Building)
2:00-4:30 pm	Shopping Trip (Leave from the front of Rodeheaver Auditorium) Our orientation leaders will help you shop for any items you need to purchase.
5:00 pm	Dinner (Kalmbach Room Dining Common)
6:30-7:30 pm	BJU Tour (Meet at the Welcome Center) This is not your normal campus tour! Learn the ins and outs of campus, shortcuts to get from class to class, in and out of chapel, and the fastest way to lunch!

7:30 pm	Group Worship (Center for Global Opportunities CGO, Alumni Building) Please join the Orientation Leaders for a time of songs and testimonies.
8:30-10:30 pm	Free Time Feel free to relax in your residence halls or join the leaders for games in the Den.
Tuesday, August 19	
7:30-8:30 am	Optional Breakfast (Kalmbach Room Dining Common)
9:30-10:00 am	Breakfast (Center for Global Opportunities CGO, Alumni Building) To allow you some additional rest in your rooms, you may sleep late and come to the CGO for a light breakfast before we begin Tuesday's sessions.
10:00 am	Morning Kick-Off (Center for Global Opportunities CGO, Alumni Building) We will spend a few minutes in prayer and give you a preview of the day.
10:10-10:45 am	Session 1: Thriving in College (Mr. Kevin Schmidt Alumni 210) This session is designed to share tips on how to not only survive your first year, but to thrive during your college years.
10:45-11:00 am	Session 2: Academic and ESL Accommodations (Mrs. Amy Streeter Alumni 210) Come learn how academic accommodations work in college and whether you qualify for ESL Extended Test Time and how to request them.
11-11:10 am	Break (Center for Global Opportunities CGO, Alumni Building)
11:15-11:45 am	Session 3: BJU Technology & Apps (Mr. Ed Flower Alumni 210) Learn all about the technology you will use every day as a student at BJU--from printing to Canvas. This session will help prepare you for your first day of classes! Bring your iPad or laptops with you to this session.
12:00 pm	Lunch (Kalmbach Room Dining Common)
1:15-1:30 pm	Group Photo (Mack Building Stairwell)
1:30-2:30 pm	Session 4: Academic and Student Support (Meet at Alumni 116) BJU is committed to helping you succeed. Meet in Alumni 116 to divide into groups. This will be a walking tour where we connect you with academic and student support - how they can help, where they are located, and meet some of the people who are here to help you. <i>The Hub - Financial Aid – Financial Services (Cindy Clements), HR (Tina Mackey and Sarah Turcios), Student Care (Jeff Kelly and Rachel Dahlhausen), Academic Resource Center – (Amy Streeter)</i>
2:30 pm	Seminary Meet and Greet (Seminary Lobby)
2:30-4:00 pm	Cell Phone Appointments (Center for Global Opportunities CGO, Alumni Building) Please schedule with the ISO team leaders for off-campus cell phone appointments. <i>Passport and credit card are needed for these visits.</i>
2:30-4:00 pm	Rest Time (Please feel free to rest or finish anything you may need to prepare for classes.)
4:30-8:30 pm	Picnic & Praise Service (Location: Lake Robinson) – Leave from Rodeheaver Auditorium
Wednesday, August 20	
7:00 am	Breakfast (Kalmbach Room Dining Common)
8:30 am	Morning Kick-Off (Center for Global Opportunities CGO, Alumni Building) We will spend a few minutes in prayer and give you a preview of the day.
9-10:30 am	Session 5: TCK (Missionary Kid) Workshop (Dr. Jeremy Patterson Alumni 103) Learn from a veteran missionary kid who has a heart for TCKs about thriving where God has placed you and the challenges of living “between cultures”.

9-11:00 am	Session 6: Immigration Compliance (Mr. Bryan Boudreau Alumni 110) As a visa student with an I-20, you are under a special set of regulations enforced by the United States Department of Homeland Security; these begin upon entry to the U.S. and continue until final departure. Mr. Boudreau will review limitations and benefits of the student visa and campus work authorization.
11:30 am-12:30 pm	Lunch (Kalmbach Room Dining Common)
12:45-2:00 pm	Medical Immunizations & TB Testing Recheck (Mack Building 103 and Mack Building 104)
2:15-3:15 pm	Banking - TD Bank (Alumni 210) Representatives from the TD Bank beside BJU will be here to discuss opening an account. Please bring any identification to this session.
2:30-4:00 pm	SEVIS Registration (The Hub Student Center, 2 nd Floor) <i>For this afternoon, by appointment only.</i> All F-1 international students must register with SEVIS for their initial enrollment of the academic year. IT Support Center (Alumni 207) Come by the IT Support Center location to connect your devices to the campus network as well as ask about the free student software package.
3:00-4:30 pm	Cell Phone Appointments (Center for Global Opportunities CGO, Alumni Building) Please schedule with the ISO team leaders for off-campus cell phone appointments. <i>Passport and credit card are needed for these visits.</i>
5:00 pm	Dinner (Kalmbach Room Dining Common)
7:30-8:30 pm	Group Worship (Den) Please join the Orientation Leaders for a time of songs, prayer and testimonies.
8:30-10:30 pm	Game Night (Den) Meet in the Den for game time.
Thursday, August 21	
7:00 am	Breakfast (Kalmbach Room Dining Common)
8:30 am	Morning Kick-Off (Center for Global Opportunities CGO, Alumni Building) We will spend a few minutes in prayer and give you a preview of the day.
9:00-10:30 am	Session 7: Cultural Transition & Student Panels (Mr. Mark Vowels Alumni, Lecture B) Crossing between cultures brings many new challenges and opportunities. Understanding some basic aspects of American culture can help you make an easier transition into life as a student in the United States and at BJU.
10:30 am	Break (Center for Global Opportunities CGO, Alumni Building)
11-11:30 am	Session 8: Student Employment (Alumni 115) Mrs. Tina Mackey with Human Resources discuss the on-campus work opportunities as well as the process to get a social security card and apply for available positions.
12:00 pm	Lunch (Kalmbach Room Dining Common)
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6:30-9:30 pm	Downtown Greenville Trip (Meet at the Welcome Center) Downtown Greenville is a beautiful part of the upstate. The pride and joy of downtown is the Liberty Bridge at Falls Park, which is a 345 foot long, 12-foot-wide bridge with a concrete reinforced deck supported by a single suspension cable. Bring some money if you would like to purchase ice cream, coffee, or other treats.
Friday, August 22	
8:30-9:30 am	Breakfast (Kalmbach Room Dining Common)
8:30 am-4:00 pm	SEVIS Registration (The Hub Student Center, 2 nd Floor) All F-1 international students must register with SEVIS for their initial enrollment of the academic year.
11:00 am	Check-In for New Students (Meet at the CGO – Alumni Building) Meet some of your orientation leaders at the CGO. They will assist you with academic check-in and answer any of your final questions.
The remainder of the Welcome Week activities are listed in the booklet you receive at Check-In today.	

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Wednesday, Aug 20 | 2:30–4:00 pm (*by appointment only*)

Thursday, Aug 21 | 2:15 – 4:00 pm

Friday, Aug 22 | 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Monday, Aug 25 | 12 – 5:00 pm

Tuesday, Aug 26 | 8:00 am – 5:00 pm