Welcome to William & Mary!

AUGUST 2015
Topics

- Reves Center
- Immigration Responsibilities
- Cell Phones
- Campus Safety
- Health & Wellness
- Driving
- Transportation
Reves Center: International Students

Reves Walk in hours
11:00am – 5:00pm, Monday – Friday

VIMS Office Hours
1:00-3:30pm, Thursday, Sowers House 102
Trips & Activities
Upcoming Events

- Virginia Beach trip (September 13) and DC trip (October 3)
- DMV To Go (Department of Motor Vehicles) - Saturday, September 12
- Monthly E-Mart trips
Programs

FLAG: Foreign Lands Ambassador Group

International Student Success Series

International Family Network

Global Friends
Immigration Registration

- Online check-in & Immigration responsibilities (sent via email)
- Check in:
  - Emergency contact
  - Your address
  - I-94 record
  - Passport identity page
- Confirm your immigration responsibilities
- Need help? Contact Reves Center
Immigration Responsibilities

Keep immigration documents valid

Secure work authorization before working

Enrolled full-time for Fall & Spring semesters

Have valid travel signature to reenter the US

Inform Reves Center of changes to program

See detailed immigration responsibilities:
F-1 student: http://tinyurl.com/F-1responsibilities
J-1 student: http://tinyurl.com/J-1responsibilities
Changes in Academic Status

• Violation of Honor Code & University Policies
• May lead to suspension
• Leave the US
  • Impact future immigration status
  • Eligibility to work in US
On-campus employment: What if I want to work?

F-1 Students
No special work authorization needed

J-1 Students
Notify the Reves Center

See detailed employment information:
F-1 students: http://tinyurl.com/employmentF-1
J-1 students: http://tinyurl.com/employmentJ-1
On-campus employment = Working with a W&M office/department or W&M Auxiliary Services

**Fall & Spring**

Max 20 hours a week  
Hours are cumulative = 10 hrs. at library + 10 hrs. at Rec Cen

**Official School Breaks**

Unlimited hours
Off-campus employment: What if I want to work?

In your MAJOR
Pre-graduation internships
Post-graduation jobs

PAID employment
Secure work authorization first!

Reves Center
Immigration
Off-campus employment: What if I want to work?

- Unauthorized off-campus work:
  - Termination of SEVIS record
  - Leave the US
  - Lose eligibility to work in US

Questions? Contact Reves Center
Cell phones (mobile phones)

- Most US plans require a 1-2 year contract and large deposit (if no SSN)
- Short time: prepaid or no contract phone
- Most US phones do not use SIM cards (except AT&T, T-Mobile, or Straight Talk)
- Cell phone stores: AT&T, Verizon, Straight Talk (in Walmart)
  - Verizon: Best coverage but often most expensive
  - Other options online
Campus Safety

► Personal
  ► Be aware of your surroundings
  ► Walk with a friend at night

► Property
  ► Lock your dorm room or apartment when you leave
  ► Don’t leave belongings unattended in public spaces
Emergency Numbers and Apps

▶ **Blue phones**
  ▶ Pick up the phone and it connects to W&M Police

▶ **911**
  ▶ If you call this on campus, it connects to W&M Police

▶ **Apps for smartphones:**
  ▶ RAVE Guardian
  ▶ In Case of Crisis
Fire Alarms

- If you are in a campus building or residence hall and the fire alarm sounds, you must leave the building.
Alcohol and Drugs

- Legal age to buy and drink alcohol is 21

- Open Container Laws:
  - Do not drink alcohol in a public space (e.g. park, beach).

- Public Intoxication:
  - You can be arrested for walking outside while intoxicated (drunk).

- Controlled Substances (drugs)
  - Having, selling, or buying drugs (including marijuana) is illegal
  - In some states, marijuana is legal but **not in Virginia**!
Arrests and Legal Issues

▶ If you get arrested…
  ▶ Please let us know.
  ▶ We cannot represent you in court but we will refer you to an immigration attorney.

▶ Student Legal Services
  ▶ On-campus service. They are not attorneys but can provide some basic guidance.
W&M Student Health Insurance

- Coverage began Aug 1
- Valid worldwide
- Basic vision coverage – optometrist (vision exam and glasses) up to $500
- Nurse Hotline (160 languages!): 1 (877) 499-3568

- Print and carry your insurance ID card [https://www.uhcsr.com/wm](https://www.uhcsr.com/wm)
  - Go Green: Create My Account
Questions about insurance?

- Contact Trista Sikes, Insurance Coordinator
  - Student.insurance@wm.edu
  - 757 221 2978
  - Note: She cannot assist with non-W&M insurance (such as ISO Med, PGH). For those insurance policies, you need to contact the company directly.
Don’t always assume you should go to the hospital emergency room first. They will treat you but it can be expensive.

If life threatening emergency – Call 911.

Not an emergency?
- W&M Student Health Center
- Sentara UrgentCare (in Newtown)
- Other clinics – see your Arrival Guide
Student Health Center

- Full service clinic on campus!
- Located next to Sadler Center
- *Real* Physicians, Nurses, Pharmacists
- Monday - Friday

- Info: 757-221-4386
- Appointments: 757-221-2998
Driving

1. Yes, you can drive with your foreign driver’s license!
2. Do not speed!
3. Wear seat belts.
4. Drinking and driving (DUI) is expensive – about $5000!
5. Do not text (SMS) and drive.
Local Transportation Options

- Bus and Trolley are free with your student ID
- Bus routes are color coded: [www.gowata.org](http://www.gowata.org)
- All buses leave from the Transportation Center (by train station on Boundary Street) every hour on the hour: 7am, 8am, etc.
- Buses go 6am – 8pm, Monday – Friday. Check schedule!
- Limited service on weekends
- Buses are often not on time!
- Taxis are an option (with cell phone)