

International Students Chat with UM SPH OAA Staff
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<Daryl_OAA> Hello Conni!

<Daryl_OAA> Hello Rushyal and Jianing!

<Jianing> Hi

<Rushyal> Hi, I'm an international student from India.. Have been trying to find the status of my I-20 for the past week with no success. Could you help me out.. UM number is *****.

<Rushyal> Hi Daryl

<Daryl_OAA> Rushyal - your I-20 is being processed and will be sent to UM's International Center this week.

<Daryl_OAA> Hello Monica!

<Rushyal> Thats great

<Rushyal> thanks

<Daryl_OAA> Hello Shuli!

<Monica_OAA> Good Morning Everyone!

<Shuli> Good Morning!

<Rushyal> Good evening!

<Daryl_OAA> Good morning, Monica!

<Jianing> Hi,can anybody tell me what should I bring to the Institution with me once I am admitted?

<Daryl_OAA> True - good evening or morning depending on your location!

<Jianing> Should I bring my transcript with me or any other certificate?

<Daryl_OAA> Jianing - check out this link: <http://internationalcenter.umich.edu/>

<Jianing> Thanx

<Rushyal> Hey Daryl, wanted to know about vaccination requirements.. What additional shots do I need to take and will titre certificates from here do?

<Jianing> Hi Ms Harrigan, could you tell me how is my I-20 files going? I haven't heard from you for a while. Is everything ok?

<Conni_OAA> Hi Jianing, it's great to hear from you. We will begin sending I-20's to the International Center this week for processing

<Jianing> Thank you so much! I'm mostly appreciate your help!

<Conni_OAA> Once the forms are received back in our office, someone will send the form and offial matriculation letter to you via Fed Ex

<Daryl_OAA> Rushyal - University of Michigan does NOT require any immunizations or health check in order for you to come attend school. Also, the U.S. government does NOT require you to have immunizations or tests in order to obtain your F-1 or J-1 visa. However, University Health Service does recommend certain immunizations. As of Fall 2006, the University of Michigan does require certain entering international students to be screened for tuberculosis (TB) upon arrival to campus. University Health Service has detailed information on this requirement. Screening will be free, confidential and treatment will have minimal cost. For more information, please email tbscreen@umich.edu.

<Rushyal> thanks daryl

<Sooyoung> Hello

<Daryl_OAA> Hello, Sooyoung -
<ElenaChesney> Hello!
<Sooyoung> wow..It took me so long time to connect here
<Sooyoung> I had to download java or something..
<Sooyoung> any way..nice to meet you~!
<Daryl_OAA> Hello, Elena -
<Monica_OAA> Welcome Sooyoung
<Daryl_OAA> Thanks for logging in Sooyoung!
<Sooyoung> you're welcome
<Sooyoung> Do you deal with I-20 issue?
<Conni_OAA> Hi Sooyoung, great to hear from you. We will begin sending I-20's to the International Center for processing this week
<Sooyoung> actually, I have to transfer my I-20 from OSU to University of Michigan
<Sooyoung> I got transfer out form from OSU international center
<Conni_OAA> Wonderful, I will email you a transfer in form this afternoon
<Rushyal> One more thing about the I-20.. Will it be sent by normal post.. Can I call up and arrange for it to be couriered? Need it early cause it'll help me fix my travel plans
<Sooyoung> So do I need to write both transfer form from OSU and University of Michigan?
<Conni_OAA> I will send all I-20 forms via Fed Ex - usually 2 day mail and I will copy the recipient on the shipment so that you can track the form
<Rushyal> thats very nice thank u
<Sooyoung> hmm..connection speed is quite slow
<Sooyoung> I guess
<Rushyal> yup
<Rushyal> Was also looking for housing.. Pat had suggested the Island Drive apts.. Any other options close to the SPH?
<Daryl_OAA> There are a number of housing options. Here are a few helpful links:
www.housing.umich.edu
www.offcampus.housing.umich.edu/lt/index.cfm
www.rent.com
<ElenaChesney> University Towers are on South University, which is near SPH and also near cafe's,book stores,etc.
<Rushyal> thanks daryl n elena
<Jianing> Sorry to interrupt,can anybody tells me what documents do I need to provide in matriculating 'cause if I need to bring chinses transcript I have to apply it now
<Conni_OAA> Hi Jianing, we have your official transcript, you will not be required to provide another copy
<Rushyal> Are students allowed to drive in Michigan if they have an international driving license?
<Rushyal> How do you get about campus initially? Do we bike around or is the bus the only option? Not too much of a walker
<Daryl_OAA> So everyone knows - we will post the text of this chat on the Admitted Students page for your reference.
<Sooyoung> I am worried about driver's license too

<Daryl_OAA> You can certainly bike around campus and Ann Arbor has great public transportation

<Daryl_OAA> The University and the city of Ann Arbor have considerable public transportation options. You can find out more info here:
www.theride.org
www.parking.umich.edu/index.html

<ElenaChesney> Michigan Driver's License:
<http://www.internationalcenter.umich.edu/life/license.html>

<Sooyoung> There is a rumor that international student can't get driver's license

<Rushyal> yup I saw that page too

<ElenaChesney> As a University of Michigan Student you will have free access to all City Buses as well as Campus Buses

<Sooyoung> I see

<Conni_OAA> Information on a driver's license in Michigan:
<http://www.internationalcenter.umich.edu/life/license.html>

<Rushyal> thats kool Elena

<Rushyal> yup will check the page out

<Sooyoung> I just checked the website about driver's license

<Sooyoung> I have driver's license of Ohio State

<Sooyoung> Do I need to take Road test again?

<Conni_OAA> I would contact the Michigan Secretary of State to find out if you will be required to take another test

<Sooyoung> thank you

<Rushyal> one last thing.. If possible could you give me the email id of any Indian student currently studying in UM? Or a link to an Indian community? Think that will help me find a roommate and a suitable house .. atleast initially

<Daryl_OAA> Rushyal - Pat O'Kray in HMP (pokray@umich.edu) can provide you with info on other incoming and current HMP students.

<Rushyal> thanks

<Daryl_OAA> This may be more focused to undergrads, but here is a link to an Indian student group:
<http://www.umich.edu/~isa/index.html>

<Jianing> sorry to bother you again Mr. McDaniel. Something's wrong with the server I've been kicked out: (Back to the questions that I previously asked do I need to apply for chinses version of transcript?)

<Conni_OAA> Hi Jianing, are you asking if you will need to provide another transcript in addition to the one you submitted with your application?

<Jianing> Yes

<ElenaChesney> For those of you interested in searching for roommates: the Housing website has a roommate finder also there is an International University Housing web page:
<ElenaChesney> <http://www.housing.umich.edu/international/index.html>

<Conni_OAA> No, you will not need to provide another transcript, the one you submitted with your application package is all we'll need

<Jianing> Thank you

<Jianing> That's all I need to ask

<Daryl_OAA> We have five minutes left!

<Rushyal> thanks elena, daryl n conni. No more questions from me
<Sooyoung> I don't have any more question, either
<Sooyoung> Thank you
<Jianing> It is all very helpful, thank you for your help Ms Harrigan and Mr Mcdaniel.
Have a nice day
<ElenaChesney> Here's the Roomate Matching link
http://www.housing.umich.edu/northwood/roommate_board.html
<Daryl_OAA> Thank you all for participating - I hope you found this session helpful.
<Rushyal> yes.. very much.. thanks.
<ElenaChesney> I look foward to seeing you in the Fall! Take Care, Elena
<Rushyal> only wish the browser was a bit faster though!
<Rushyal> cya all.. take care
<Daryl_OAA> Thanks, Rushyal!
<Daryl_OAA> Hello DSK - we have two minutes remaining.
<Daryl_OAA> Thank you everyone - we look forward to seeing you this fall!