



Greetings! This is the second of three newsletters you will receive from OISS this summer. We hope you are enjoying your time before arriving to campus! The following are some useful tips for preparing your arrival to Rice.



### Arriving to U.S. & Customs

Have your passport and original I-20 or DS-2019 ready to show the official at Customs and Border Protection. Ensure that the immigration officer stamps your passport with the following:

- Date and location of your arrival
- Your visa class (F-1 or J-1)
- D/S (which stands for Duration of Status)

### Houston Weather

There is a saying in Houston: "If you don't like the weather, wait 5 minutes." In fact, it is possible to experience all four seasons in one day! Since the weather can change very quickly, it is recommended to carry an umbrella for pop-up thunderstorms.

The temperatures in Houston during July and August can be hot and humid [a high of 90-98 F (32-37 C)], but classrooms can be cold because of air-conditioning. This is true for the rooms we will be in for orientation. It is recommended to dress comfortably for hot weather and bring a sweater for indoors in case the A/C makes the room too cold.

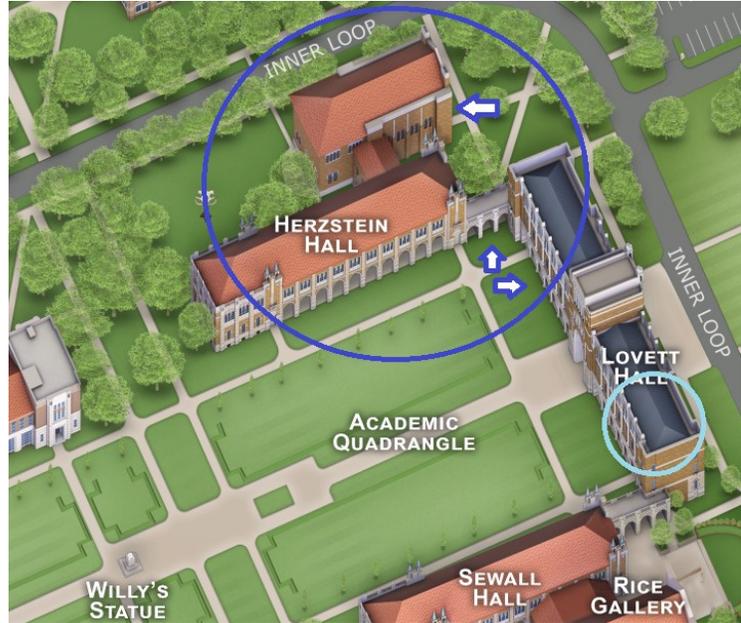


Also, it is recommended to bring or purchase an umbrella.

## Rice Campus Map

### OISS (lighter circle)

On one end of Lovett Hall (the iconic building shown on the first page of this Newsletter) is our office! The door will state "Entrance A" and you will go up the stairs to the second floor; our office is then located on the left-hand side. Students should report for here for check-in.



### Orientation area (darker circle)

On the other end of Lovett Hall, you will find our orientation area. If entering from the Quad (big grass area with Willy's Statue), you will walk up to the sally-port of Lovett Hall and take a left. We will have registration tables, t-shirts and breakfast in the cloister, or outdoor hallway, where Lovett and Herzstein connect.



## Health Insurance

**Enrollment is open!** Please ensure to enroll in one of the following insurance plans:

[Aetna—Rice's Student Health Insurance Plan](#)  
[SAS— Alternate Insurance Plan for Students](#)

For more useful information, please see our website:

<http://oiss.rice.edu/prearrivalinfo/> and <http://oiss.rice.edu/orientation>

If you have questions, please contact us at [oiss@rice.edu](mailto:oiss@rice.edu) or 713-348-6095

Kindest regards,  
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