WHAT TO EXPECT UPON ARRIVAL?

Checking in to the Hilton Hotel:
1. Check-in begins at 3:00 pm. Hotel will hold luggage for guests arriving before 3:00 pm.
2. Payment will be required at check-in for students for the duration of their stay.
   - Credit card or cash will be accepted.
   - ID (passport) is also required at check-in.
3. There is an ATM on-site and a Chase Bank within walking distance.
4. An I-PREP Welcome Packet including an I-PREP schedule will be given to students at check-in.
5. If you are sharing a room, please be considerate of your roommate, who may be resting when you arrive.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARRIVE EARLY (BEFORE 3PM)?

In the case that you arrive early to the hotel, you can use this time to...
- Open a bank account at Chase Bank.
- Get any last immunizations (you may ask the hotel for a ride to the nearest drugstore).
- Go shopping or grab a bite to eat!

We can’t wait to see you!

REGISTER FOR UNIV. 180 THIS FALL

UNIV 180: INTRODUCTION TO RICE FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Description: Geared for new undergraduate international students to the USA and Rice. Adjustment and acculturation topics include Rice culture, US culture and academic success.

Instructor: Jenny Brydon  Credits: 1 credit  Time: Mondays at 4pm

Important carry-on packing list:
- Original Passport
- I-20 or DS-2019
- Laptop
- Cash to spend during I-PREP/ for shopping and meals
- Basic toiletries (e.g. toothbrush/toothpaste)
- SUMMER clothes for outside (outdoor temperatures will be around 36ºC)
- Light jacket/sweater for indoors.

Note: Houston weather is unpredictable, bring an umbrella!

NEW STUDENT MIXER/DINNER/PRINTING YOUR I-94 (US Entry Record)

Join the I-PREP Staff at the Hilton Pool and Terrance for dinner (served at 6pm), games, music, and good times. You will have the opportunity to meet and hang out with other new international students. The pool will be open if you feel like a bit of a swim. There are plenty of other activities as well!

The I-94 is your electronic entry record into the US. Please come and see one of the I-PREP team members at the New Student Mixer to get yours printed out.

Location: Hilton Hotel’s 9th floor Pool and Terrace
Time: Thursday, August 9th, 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
TIMELINE:

*Detailed schedule provided at the Hilton Hotel.

THURSDAY:
- Check-in at the Hilton Hotel
- 6:00 pm: Print out your I-94 at the New Student Mixer/Dinner is served
- 6:00pm - 9:00pm: New Student Mixer at the Hilton.

FRIDAY: (Students will be in I-PREP from 9am - 6:30pm)
- Take bus from the Hilton Hotel to Rice University for check-in and I-PREP. Check in starts at 9am by last name: see schedule here.
- Bring to check-in: passport, visa stamp, I-20 or DS-2019, I-94 printout, $15 - 20 or credit card for dinner.
- 5:00pm - 6:30pm: Food trucks at the RMC’s Grand Hall. Pay on your own.

SATURDAY:
- Open a student bank account. Chase Bank is within walking distance of the hotel. Open from 9 am to 3 pm.
- Round-trip shuttles from Hotel to Target for general supplies, Rice Village for restaurants, and cell phone stores for cell phones. :)
- Buses will leave the Hotel at 5pm for the Texas BBQ dinner at Rice. Prepare to eat well and learn to dance like a Texan!

SUNDAY:
- Hotel check-out and shuttles to Rice for the start of O-Week.

A MESSAGE FROM ANDY:

"Hello new students! I hope you are all having a great summer, wherever you might be in the world. It isn't long until you all arrive at Rice and I just wanted to give you some “last minute” advice. Only pack the bare essentials. Do not carry things across the globe that you can easily purchase upon your arrival. Your American roommate may already plan on bringing those items campus. I can't wait to meet you all and show you why choosing Rice is the best decision you could have made. See you all soon!"

- Andrew Keat, Class of 2019, I-PREP 2018 Student Director

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- If you experience travel delays due to weather or canceled flights, please email jenny@rice.edu.
- Be reminded that upon arrival, anyone (including US citizens) is subject to having their electronic devices searched and social media accounts viewed by CBP.
- Ensure the Officer at Customs & Border Protection (CBP) stamps your passport as F-1 (or J-1) “D/S” when you arrive.

HOUSTON AWAITS!