CHECKING IN TO THE HILTON HOTEL ON AUGUST 15
1. Check-in begins at 3 pm. Hotel will hold luggage for guests arriving before 3 pm.
2. Payment will be required at check-in for students for the duration of their stay.
   i. Credit card or cash will be accepted ($139 + tax / day - single room; $69.50 + tax / day - double room)
   ii. ID (passport) is also required at check-in
3. There is an on-site ATM and a Chase Bank within walking distance.
4. An I-PREP Welcome Packet including a detailed 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...
1. Open a bank account at Chase Bank (6560 Fannin St, Houston, TX 77030).
   You will need your college address (in hotel packet) and immigration documents.
2. Get any last immunizations (you may ask the hotel for a ride to the nearest drugstore).
   a. Walgreens Pharmacy (6560 Fannin St, Suite #260, 713-797-1410)
   b. CVS Pharmacy inside Target (8500 Main St, 713-661-8213)
   c. CVS Pharmacy in Rice Village (6011 Kirby Dr, 713-522-3983)
3. Go shopping or grab a bite to eat! (See hotel packet for suggestions)

YOUR CARRY-ON (NOT CHECKED) LUGGAGE SHOULD INCLUDE
1. Original passport
2. Original I-20 or DS-2019
3. Electronics
4. Cash to spend during I-PREP / for shopping and meals
5. Basic toiletries (e.g. toothbrush, toothpaste)
6. Summer clothes; temperatures will be around 36°C
7. Light jacket / sweater for indoors/air-conditioning
8. An umbrella; it rains in Houston
TIMELINE

*Detailed schedule provided at the Hilton Hotel.

Thursday, August 15:
- Check-in at the Hilton Hotel
- 6 - 9pm: New Student Mixer at the Hilton Pool Deck (where you will print out your record of arrival called the Form I-94.)

Friday, August 16:
- Take bus from the Hilton Hotel to Rice University for immigration check-in and I-PREP orientation. Check-in starts at 8:30 am by last name.
- Bring the following original documents to immigration check-in: passport, visa stamp, I-20 or DS-2019, I-94 printout.
- Lunch and dinner are provided.

Saturday, August 17:
- Activities include:
  - Time to open a student bank account. Chase Bank is within walking distance of the hotel. Campus ATMs are Chase. Open from 9am - 3pm.
  - Shopping and lunch shuttles Round-trip shuttles from Hotel to Target for general supplies, Rice Village for restaurants, and cell phone stores for cell phones.
  - Texas BBQ dinner at Rice. Prepare to eat well and learn to dance like a Texan!

Sunday, August 18:
- Buses from hotel to your college for O-Week

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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

A MESSAGE FROM SOFIA

Hello new students! The I PREP team, OISS staff, and I can’t wait to meet you. My last piece of advice before we meet each other is to enjoy I PREP. Two years ago I was in your position and during these days I had the chance not only to walk around campus and learn more about living in the United States but I also met some of my best friends. Regardless of residential college, major, or nationality, every student (and advisor) in this program has a lot in common with you and during these days you’ll get the opportunity to meet all of them. Keep enjoying your summer and don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions you might have. See you all in August!

Sofia Ruiz, Class of 2021, I PREP 2019 Student Director