



University
of Idaho



CONGRATULATIONS!

We are excited to welcome you to the University of Idaho Global Student Success Program.

The University of Idaho has more than 750 international students from 80 countries in 85 undergraduate programs and 93 master's, doctoral and specialist programs.

We are a safe, welcoming and friendly university community that values a global learning environment.

The helpful University of Idaho GSSP staff are excited for you as you begin your journey, but we recognize the challenges of leaving your home country and culture. Our staff will provide communication prior to departure to the U.S. and we will help you make a comfortable transition.

We are pleased you are joining us at the University of Idaho Global Student Success Program, and we look forward to seeing you on campus very soon!

Sincerely,

Andrew Brewick
Executive Director
University of Idaho
Global Student Success Program

Applying for your F-1 student visa

To attend the U of I Global Student Success Program, you will need to apply for an F-1 visa at your nearest U.S. embassy or consulate. You must bring the following documents along to your appointment:

- a valid passport
- required photographs
- proof of prior education and test scores (transcript, diploma, etc.)
- I-20 (for F-1 visa) or DS-2019 (for J-1 visa) issued by the University of Idaho
- Acceptance Letter from the University of Idaho
- Bank statements and Certificate of Financial Responsibility

For more information on the requirements needed to apply for your F-1 visa, visit: travel.state.gov.

You should be prepared to demonstrate that you have close ties to your home country and that you have full intention of returning home after you complete

Wondering what to bring from home?



View your packing list:
uidahoglobal.com



U of I GSSP staff are available to help you prepare for your visa interview. Please contact info@uidahoglobal.com to request a practice visa interview session.

Traveling to the United States

You may be asked to present the following documents when you enter the U.S., so have them with you in your carry-on luggage along with your airline tickets and itinerary:

- passport
- visa document (Form I-20). If the U.S. Embassy returned your visa document in a sealed envelope only to be opened by a U.S. Official at the U.S. Port of Entry, please honor this.
- University of Idaho Admissions Letter
- the original financial documentation that you provided to U.S. embassy/consulate



Checklist: what to do before you leave home

Pay SEVIS fee and make appointment with the U.S. embassy/consulate

Make an appointment with the U.S. embassy or consulate to obtain your F-1 visa. Please notify U of I GSSP staff as soon as you've received your visa: info@uidahoglobal.com

Full payment of initial invoice

Payment of your initial invoice is due within 21 days of receiving your F-1 visa, or two weeks before the start of classes, whichever is earlier. Please note that you will not be enrolled in classes until your invoice has been paid in full. Visit uidahoglobal.com/online-payment to pay your fees online.

Set up your NetID and U of I email accounts

Visit ivandal.uidaho.edu and login. Complete all items under the 'GSSP Pre-Arrival Checklist' tab.

Secure your accommodation

On-campus residence is required for undergraduate students. Apply for housing after Visa approval: iwanthousing.uidaho.edu. Graduate students are recommended to live on campus, though it is not required. Graduate students wishing to live off-campus are responsible for finding their own accommodation.

Submit a photo for your Vandal Card

Follow these simple steps to upload a photo to get your Vandal Card on the first day of orientation:

- Log into vandalweb.uidaho.edu
- Personal information
- Vandal Card
- Vandal Card photo upload process (follow picture guidelines)
- Choose file
- Upload photo

Make an appointment with your doctor

Idaho state law recommends all students to receive immunizations (uidaho.edu/current-students/student-health-services/clinic/immunization) before moving into student housing and attending classes. We strongly recommend TB testing and to contact the US Consular office to see if there are any required or recommended immunizations before traveling. Make an appointment with your doctor for your health exam and to receive all immunizations. Bring copies of your medical records (translated into English), prescriptions and a certified birth certificate. If students are bringing children of school-age with them, immunizations and birth certificates or passports are required.

Send all final transcripts and graduation certificates

All new students are required to send final official transcripts and graduate certificates to the University of Idaho Admissions Office. They must be received in their original, closed, signed envelopes. They must be translated into English. Please see the below addresses to send official documents:

Undergraduate:

Karee Head
University of Idaho
875 Perimeter Drive MS 4264
Moscow, ID 83844-4264

Graduate:

Graduate Admissions
875 Perimeter Dr MS 3019
Moscow ID 83844-3019

Arrival forms/airport pickup request

Make travel arrangements to arrive at Pullman-Moscow Regional Airport (PUW) or Spokane International Airport (GEG) at least one day prior to your orientation date. There is an airport shuttle from Spokane to Moscow at a cost of \$38 (wheatlandexpress.com/airportexpress). If you arrive at the Pullman-Moscow airport up to 10 days prior to first day of classes, the GSSP will arrange an airport pickup for free. You need to sign up for the airport pickup through ivandal.uidaho.edu on the Pre-Arrival Checklist.



Upon arrival

Accommodation

Living in the University of Idaho residence halls is a convenient and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. It will be an important and exciting component of your college experience.

Undergraduate housing

All undergraduate students are required to live on campus for the first year. On-campus housing fills up quickly so it's important that you complete your online housing application as soon as possible: iwanhousing.uidaho.edu.

All bedrooms are fully furnished with a bed, dresser, desk, chair and wardrobe, microwave and refrigerator. All residence halls are equipped with lounge spaces and kitchens, encouraging a social atmosphere.

To explore residence hall options, visit uidahoglobal.com.

Graduate housing

Graduate students may live on or off campus. Please visit uidahoglobal.com to view on-campus accommodation options.



Located on the first floor of the Wallace Residence Center, the dining hall is convenient and full of dietary options. It features six dining formats, 360 Mongolian Grill, Vegan & Vegetarian entrees, pizza/pasta, hot grill featuring daily specials and deli. Einstein Bros. Bagels and Chick-Fil-A also take meal plan dollars and there are a variety of meal plans to suit all students' needs.

"Reserve Temporary Housing" form in ivandal.uidaho.edu in the Pre-Arrival Checklist. Other hotels in the Moscow area include: Idaho Inn, Monarch Motel, Best Western University Inn, Motel 6, LaQuinta Inn and Super 8 Motel - Moscow.

Orientation

All new GSSP students of any status are required to attend orientation on August 15, 2018. During orientation, you will receive information on your housing, meal plans, health insurance, banking options, cell phones, campus services, and also take a campus tour and meet our helpful staff. Please bring your passport, Form I-20, visa documentation and completed health forms with you during orientation.



Dining and meal plans

Students are able to eat three delicious, freshly prepared meals throughout the day. A wide variety of menu items are available each and every day on rotation for all dietary needs. Halal options are also available upon request.

Short-term housing

To accommodate students who are not able to move into the dorms or apartments before orientation there are several hotels available in the Moscow area. If you would like to stay at a hotel before moving into on-campus housing then please fill out the



Moscow, Idaho: Your new home

Just minutes away from the beautiful forests, rivers and lakes of northern Idaho, Moscow is a safe and friendly community and home to more than 24,000 residents.

Moscow's historic downtown features many dining, shopping and entertainment options all within an easy 10-minute walk from campus, as well as a renowned farmers' market from May through October. There are also movie theaters, malls and numerous parks. Art galleries, specialty stores, coffee shops, Northwest-style pubs and locally owned Italian, Mexican and Chinese restaurants line the streets.

A natural environment like no other

When you live and learn in Moscow, you are within driving distance to world-class destinations for skiing, snowboarding, whitewater rafting, biking, climbing, camping and more. The University of Idaho is surrounded by hills, forests and mountains; it's an area so beautiful it was featured in *National Geographic* magazine in 2014.

Close to big opportunities

For a taste of the city, Spokane, Washington, and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, are just an hour and a half drive from Moscow. Seattle, Washington — home to many Fortune 500 company headquarters, such as Amazon, Microsoft, Boeing and Starbucks — is a five-hour drive or a one-hour flight from Moscow.



"I chose U of I because it has a great study environment, Moscow is a college town, and basically you can do all the things you want and meet all the friends you want to make. I've joined as many activities as I can to meet new friends and have a lot of fun!"

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