Welcome to UIS!

We welcome new and returning students for the start of another exciting semester. Have a great Welcome Week meeting friends, new and old! We look forward to serving you over the course of your studies, and hope you make great use of the ISS and campus-wide student resources.

New Student Reminders:

- New international student Check-In takes place on Monday, August 21, 2017 in HSB (Health Sciences Building) Room 109 from 9:00am-4:00pm.

- New International Student Orientation will take place on Tuesday, August 22, 2017.

Please review your emails from our office or visit our website for more details on check-in and orientation.

Orientation Guidebook for New International Students. You may want to review this prior to orientation, but we will provide you with a printed copy at Orientation.
Zhen Wang

Where are you from?
I come from Shanghai, China.

Tell us about yourself – hobbies, interests. . .
I like to play computer games (League of Legend, Overwatch) and listen to music. I usually listen to absolute music.

What is your major?
My major is computer science.

What is your favorite movie?
“Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire” is my favorite movie.

What #hashtag best describes you?
funny and skillful

What is your dream car?
SUV

What language(s) do you speak?
Italian, English, Chinese

Describe your home country and what you like best about it?
My home country is China. The part I like most is food. Spicy rice noodles are my favorite food in my country.

Zhen is a new International Ambassador for the Office of International Student Services. The ISS Ambassadors are a great resource for the International community on campus.
Known as *Eid al-Adha*, Eid ul Adha, Id-ul-Azha, Id-ul-Zuha, Hari Raya Haji, Greater Eid or Bakr-id; the *Feast of Sacrifice* is the most important feast of the Muslim calendar. Eid al-Adha falls on the 10th day of Dhu al-Hijjah, the twelfth and final month in the Islamic calendar.

During the feast of Eid Al Adha, Muslims re-enact Ibrahim’s obedience by sacrificing a cow or ram. The family will eat about a third of the meal, a third goes to friends and relatives, and the remaining third is donated.

The giving of charity in the form of money, food, or clothes is another key tradition of Eid al Adha.

As the exact day is based on lunar sightings, the date may vary between countries. The date shown above is based on the date of Eid al-Adha in Saudi Arabia.

**Eid al-Adha around the world**

In **Pakistan**, the holiday is known as Eid ul-Azha and will be celebrated over several days. The date is set by the Central Ruet-e-Hilal Committee who meet to decide the sighting of the Zul Hajjah moon.

In the **Philippines**, Eid ul Adha has been a public holiday since 2002. The date is set by a proclamation each year, usually issued a week or so before the date.

In **Turkey**, the feast is known as Kurban Bayramı and is the most important religious festival of the year and is a four day holiday.

In **India**, the festival is known as Bakrid, as ‘Goat’ is ‘Bakr’ in Urdu.
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from the Office of Student Life

Sunday, August 27th

- Women’s Soccer game | 2pm
- Jello Olympics | 2pm-4pm Quad | Sponsored by Christian Student Fellowship | (pictured right)

Monday, Aug 28th

- Resume Mania | 1pm-4pm SAB 50 | Sponsored by Career Development Center | Students can have their resume/cover letter critiqued by our career staff. Also, get help starting with CareerConnect and various tools.
- Lemonade with ASA | 12pm-4pm Quad | Sponsored by African Student Association |
- 10th Anniversary LGBTQ+ Resource Office Celebration | 3pm-5pm
- Make Your Own Root Beer Float | 4pm-6pm UHB Lobby | Sponsored by Christian Student Fellowship
- Students Fight Back | 8pm-9:30pm PAC C/D | Sponsored by Student Life | Sexual Assault awareness and prevention program including some basic self defense information and bystander intervention tactics.

Tuesday Aug 29th

- Resume Mania | 1pm-4pm SAB 50 | Sponsored by Career Development Center |
- Chancellor’s Picnic | 4:30pm-6pm PAC Plaza and Colonnade | Sponsored by Student Life | A campus tradition, the Chancellor welcomes the students, faculty and staff to another academic year with a picnic sponsored by Welcome Week. All are welcome to come and socialize with each other and celebrate the start to a great year.
- Hypnotist Frederick Winters | 9pm-11pm TRAC Arena | Sponsored by Student Activities Committee and Student Life
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Wednesday, August 30th

- Involvement Expo | 4pm-6pm Quad | Sponsored by Student Life | Meet campus departments, student organizations, community partners & businesses and more!

- Dance Dance Karaoke | 6pm-7pm PAC C/D | Sponsored by Japanime | Japanime & QSA host a Karaoke/Lip-Sync Event that everyone is welcome to attend! Refreshments and small prizes provided.

- Campus Rec-Group Fitness Demo Day | 8pm-10pm TRAC |

Thursday, August 31st

- Make Your Own Bookend | 11am-1pm Brookens Library |

- Foot in the Door Career Fair | 3pm-6pm UIS Campus | The Foot in the Door Fair is intended to bring students and employers/organizations together at an informal fair to discuss a variety of career opportunities with a focus on part-time jobs, internships, and volunteer opportunities.

- CSF Ultimate Nacho Night | 8pm-10pm PAC G |

Friday, September 1st

- Service-A-Thon | All Day |

- Kickback Club Welcome BBQ | 12pm-5:30pm Quad |

- CSF Sports Day | 3pm Rec Park |

- Greek Life Stroll Off | 4pm-6pm Res. Hall Quad |

- ISS Welcome Party | 5pm-8pm SLB Gym |

- Paint Balloon Fight | 7pm TRAC Lawn |

Saturday, September 2nd

- SAC Party, Headphone Disco | 9:30pm-1am SLB Gym |

Monday, September 4th

- Splash with SAC | 12pm-4pm TRAC Lawn |
The **Illinois State Fair** runs from August 10-20. Enjoy food, entertainment, midway, exhibits and more. The Illinois State Fairgrounds are located at 801 Sangamon Ave.

If you need to speak directly with an immigration specialist, you can come during walk-in hours, or email iss@uis.edu to make an appointment.

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