



Living & Studying in the USA

A group program (for up to 200 students) that provides incoming international students with an orientation to the academic, professional, and social life in the USA, paying particular attention to how cultural differences can impact their academic experience and integration into a diverse student body.



Duration: 4-8 hours

Target Audience:

Incoming international students to the US academic system who do not already have significant work/life experiences in the US.

Scheduling Considerations:

This program is most effective when scheduled *after* students have been provided with logistical and administrative information for new international students (e.g., student visa information, social security cards, etc.)

Pre-Program Survey:

A unique aspect of the program is an analysis of cultural attitudes customized for your student group, based on responses to a pre-program online survey.

Objectives:

- Benchmark oneself against American and other international students regarding cultural attitudes and behaviors.
- Examine the differences in classroom behaviors in the US and in the students' home countries.
- Explore expectations around student ethics and professionalism.
- Practice networking and interviewing in an American context.
- Identify trends and norms specific to the American social environment.
- Build relationships with other international students in a constructive and engaging environment.
- Plan for adjustment issues commonly found in long-term international stays, especially when accompanied by rigorous academic requirements.



It's a multi-cultural world...
Are You Ready?™