The Global Education Office (GEO) team wishes to welcome you to Virginia Commonwealth University! Joining the VCU RAM-ily means joining a diverse student body of more than 28,000 students, representing over 100 countries. We are confident that you will find VCU to be an enriching environment in which to achieve your academic goals. To help you adjust to life as an international student at VCU, we have put together the following unique orientation programs.

**GEO International Student Orientation (F-1 students)**

**Wednesday, August 17**  
Time: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., U.S. EST  
Location: **Part 1: Required Virtual Session** (9 - 11 a.m.) Zoom access link: vcu.zoom.us/j/81117840226  
**Part 2: In-person Orientation** (11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.) West Grace North Residence Hall, 830 W Grace St.

This two-part, hybrid orientation will combine virtual and in-person sessions to introduce students to the rights and responsibilities associated with their F-1 visas, available programs and support services, and the various opportunities for engagement and leadership development through the Global Education Office and other VCU departments. Highlights will include:

- Overview of immigration regulations
- Breakout sessions highlighting various student programs & services across the University
- Resource Fair
- Free lunch following the Resource Fair

*All new F-1 students must RSVP and attend the virtual morning session (Part 1) on Zoom. All international students who have arrived in Richmond are also expected to attend the in-person portion of the orientation (Part 2) which will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.*

**Virtual ELP Orientation**

**Friday, August 19**  
Time: 9 - 10:30 a.m., U.S. EST  
Location: Virtual; Zoom access link: vcu.zoom.us/j/84457427169

F-1 students participating in the VCU English Language Program (ELP) must also attend the Virtual ELP Orientation.* ELP advisors will cover a number of important topics in this orientation, including:

- ELP course schedules
- Levels and placement
- Tips for accessing your myVCU account
- Other important resources and activities for ELP students

Students with questions about the Virtual ELP Orientation should contact Rachel Aziz, ELP, admissions coordinator and DSO, at rcwiltshire@vcu.edu.  
*ELP students must attend both the GEO F-1 Orientation and the Virtual ELP Orientation.*

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