CHINA 1+2+1 CHECKLIST

Important Steps

Step 1
Take English placement test (TOEFL, IELTS) in China by June 15 and have official scores sent to George Mason University. Scores must be received by July 15.

Step 2
Send your housing preference to china121@gmu.edu by June 30.

Step 3
Download the app Blackboard App for Students on your smartphone
Blackboard App for Students is a free mobile and tablet-optimized app for iOS, Android, and Microsoft. This app gives Mason students access to their Blackboard course content on a variety of mobile devices. The first release of Blackboard App includes the ability to access courses, view course content, take tests, participate in discussions, and join Collaborate sessions.
Link: http://coursessupport.gmu.edu/coursetools.cfm?categoryname=Bb%20Mobile

Step 4
Submit your Mason ID Photo at: https://orientation.gmu.edu/submit-your-mason-id-photo/

Step 5
Pay full-year cost via Flywire: https://flywire.com/school/gmu by July 31, 2020 (Please make sure to include your G#:).

Step 6
Have your health provider in China complete the Immunization Form and upload the form to online portal: https://gmu.medicatconnect.com
To learn about immunization requirements and translation resources, go to Student Health Services website or send an email to immunize@gmu.edu.

Step 7
Visit the OIPS Welcome Desk and Attend Orientation

OIPS Welcome Desk
Once you have arrived in the US, you will need to complete several tasks before your classes begin. If you are not sure how or where to start, please visit the OIPS Welcome Desk on the fourth floor of SUB I between Monday, August 10 and Friday, August 21, 11 am - 4 pm (the OIPS Welcome Desk is closed on Saturdays and Sundays). Our OIPS Welcome Desk Assistant, will help you to find the right resources and answer any questions you may have.

Info Sessions
In August, the OIPS team will host a number of info sessions to help you with your transition. More information can be found here: https://oips.gmu.edu/welcome/

Orientation
Date: orientation days are held the week before classes begin. Exact dates will be announced during the Spring 2020 semester for Fall 2020.
Click here to view the schedule. Exchange students are automatically registered for orientation. If you are unable to attend the orientation due to late arrival, please contact Jonathan Carmona at jcarmon2@gmu.edu.

The same as exchange students

Step 8
Complete International Student Check-In

All new international students are required to check in with the Office of International Programs and Services (OIPS). This is the key step to let Mason know you have arrived. Not doing so could cause problems with a variety of administrative requirements. Bring your DS-2019, Passport, Visa and International Student Check-In Sheet to your Check-In appointment. More information about your Check-In appointment will be sent Summer 2020.

Step 9
Pay Fees

1. Pay health insurance, housing charges and meal plan (if you were assigned housing without a kitchen) by Monday, August 24, 2020, 4:30 pm. GMU's Cashier's Office is located in SUB I, room 1501.

George Mason has partnered with Flywire to streamline the tuition payment process for our international students. Flywire allows students to pay from any country and any bank. They also offer excellent foreign exchange rates, allowing you to pay in your home currency (in most cases) and save a significant amount of money, compared to traditional banks. You will be able to track the progress of your payment throughout the transfer process via a student dashboard and you will also be notified via email when your payment is received by Mason. If you need to make an international payment, please visit Flywire. Payment installment plans: http://studentaccounts.gmu.edu.

Step 10
Complete the Module Rules, Rules, Rules!

The Blackboard organization “International Student Launchpad” is a virtual one-stop shop for F-1 and J-1 students. The Blackboard organization is structured like an online course and consists of several instructional modules. Note that the word “module” does not refer to computer programming but rather to an educational component or section of a course. The section “Know the Rules” features the instructional module “Rules, Rules, Rules!” This module will educate incoming international students about important rules and regulations, including Immigration Compliance, The Honor Code and Student Conduct.

Incoming international students will be enrolled in this module and will receive an email on how to access it after classes start. The quizzes will open in mid-September. All students are required to complete the module “Rules, Rules, Rules!” within two weeks. A hold will be put on the account of students who fail to complete the module by the deadline. Students who have a hold on their account will be unable to register for classes for the next semester and/or request a transcript from the University Registrar.