Thursday, August 22, 2024
Welcome to Smith College!
Arrival Day

**NOTE:** We purposely have a light schedule today, since travel plans vary greatly from student to student. If you arrive earlier in the day, feel free to settle in and unpack your belongings.

Our first “official” event will happen after dinner, at 7pm. Until then, we’ll have a few informal activities happening in and around our Registration and Check-In location.

**Attendance is required at all sessions marked with an asterisk (*).**

12:00 – 8:00pm  
*Registration and Check-In*  
**Wright Hall lobby**
Shuttles from Bradley International Airport, Hartford, CT and Boston Logan International Airport, Boston, MA to Smith College  
*Enter building from Chapin Lawn (use 3 Nielson Drive, Northampton, MA for GPS navigation to parking).*

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2:00 – 6:00pm  
**Various Activities led by ISP Leaders**
Sign-up sheets and more information will be available at Registration.

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7:00 – 8:00pm  
**Introductions & Group Games**  
**Wright Hall lobby & Lewis Center**
Venture out of your new room and join your international classmates in a few introductions and get-to-know-you games, for those who have arrived on-campus.

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8:00 – 9:30pm  **Group Discussion: Shopping, Logistics, & Questions**  *Wright Hall lobby & Lewis Center*

Get prepared for the week! Talk through resources on-campus and off-campus, and think about what your shopping list might include (or not include!) for tomorrow’s trip to the local mall.
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**STUDENT SCHEDULE**

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| 9:00 – 9:45am | **Program Overview & Welcome Session with Dean of the College** Helen Hills Hills Chapel  
A joint session for families and students. Welcome remarks by Interim Dean of the College & Vice President for Campus Life Alexandra Keller. |
| 9:45 – 10:45am| **Orientation Group Introductions** Various locations  
Get a chance to meet your orientation group, which represents a cross-section of ISP! |
| 10:45am – 12:15pm | **Scavenger Hunt! Start on Chapin Lawn**  
Explore Smith’s campus with your Orientation Group. Your group could even win a prize! |
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12:20 – 2:20pm **Jummah Prayer** Hampshire Mosque, Hadley, MA. Meet behind Helen Hills Hills Chapel  
Join staff from the Center for Religious & Spiritual Life (CRSL) to attend local Jummah prayer services. Transportation and Halal boxed lunch will be provided for first 11 students. |
| 1:30 – 5:30pm | **Shopping trip to Holyoke Mall** Holyoke Mall at Ingleside, Holyoke, MA  
Find all your housing needs at the local mall! Bring your shopping list. Bus sign-ups are located in Wright Hall lobby.  
**Getting to the mall:**  
1:30pm: Buses 1 & 2 departs from Smith, John M. Green Hall  
2:30pm: Bus 3 departs from Smith, John M. Green Hall  
**Getting back from the mall:**  
4:00pm: Bus 1 departs from Holyoke Mall  
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7:15 – 9:15pm *Cultural Transitions – Part I: Culture & Self Paradise Room, Conference Center
Work with ISSO staff to think through what “culture” is, and reflect on how you personally fit into different definitions or models.
Friday, August 23, 2024

Family/Friends SCHEDULE

8:30 – 9:00am  Parent & Family Registration Helen Hills Hills Chapel
At registration, families/friends will receive name tags and a welcome bag.

9:00 – 9:45am  Welcome to Smith! Helen Hills Hills Chapel
A joint session for families and students featuring:
• Alexandra Keller, Dean of the College and VP for Campus Life
• Caitlin Szymkowicz, Associate Dean for International Students and Scholars

10:00 – 10:45am Refreshment Break Alumnae House Gallery
Enjoy refreshments with other families after a short walk from the Chapel

10:45am – 12:15pm Academic & Global Experiences Panel Alumnae House Conference Hall
A panel discussion about the Smith student experience featuring:
• Julianne Ohotnicky – Associate Vice President for Campus Life/Dean of Students
• Jennifer Joyce - Dean of the First Year Class
• Caitlin Szymkowicz - Associate Dean for International Students & Scholars
• Kevin Morrison – Director, Lewis Global Studies Center
• Deborah Wijnhoven – Assistant Dean of Employer Partnerships and Career Communities

12:15 – 2:00pm Lunch on your own – refer to the Northampton Restaurants list below

2:00 – 3:00pm Private Campus Tour with Admissions guide
meet at Campus Center Information Desk (main floor)

3:00 – 3:45pm Choose ONE of these optional activities for family and friends:
• Smith Botanic Garden Private Guided Tour: meet at Lyman Plant House reception area
• Neilson Library Private Guided Tour: meet at Information Desk, first floor
• Smith Museum of Art Private Tour: meet at Museum Lobby

4:00pm International Students’ Families and Friends Reception with President Sarah Willie-LeBreton Alumnae House
An opportunity to Smith’s twelfth president, get to know other international families, and meet staff and faculty from around campus.
Saturday, August 24, 2024

7:30 – 8:45am  **Breakfast** Various locations (Cutter/Ziskind, Lamont, Tyler houses)
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9:00am – 12:15pm  **Choice Sessions – You choose what you’d like to do!**

- **9:00, 10:00, 11:00 am:** *Open a US Bank Account: Bank of America, Chase Bank, or TD Bank* **Meet at Wright Hall lobby**
  *Bring your passport, visa, and I-20/DS-2019 if applicable, your Smith OneCard, and the Proof of Address letter that was in your Welcome Packet.*
  **Please note:** Bank of America also requires at least $25 USD cash for an initial deposit (Chase and TD bank do not have minimums to open an account). See the bank comparison sheet in your welcome packet to make your banking decisions.

  ISP leaders will walk downtown to help you locate a few of our local banks. Use this time to open an account with a little ISP support! Make sure to sign up at Registration (Please note: there are limited spaces at each bank rotation, per each bank’s request. If a sign-up is booked, you’ll need to find another time.)

- **9:00am:** *Campus Tour by an ISP Leader* **Meet at Wright Hall lobby**
  Get acquainted with campus on a tour with an ISP leader who’s also a Gold Key tour guide.

- **10:00am:** *Self-tour of the Smith Botanic Garden Lyman Plant Conservatory*
  A botanic garden is a living museum of plants. And you live in one! Over 6,500 species of plants are represented in our indoor and outdoor collections. Take a self-guided tour of the Lyman Plant House (where it will be 85 degrees Fahrenheit – 29 Celsius – and sunny even in the depths of winter!)

  In the reception area of the Conservatory, there are maps of the greenhouses to facilitate your exploration, as well as additional brochures and publications that provide information about the outdoor gardens.

- **11:15am:** *Museum of Art Tour Smith College Museum of Art, 20 Elm Street*
  Begin your exploration of your campus art museum! Look around a few galleries and get to know your museum staff.

12:15 – 1:30pm  **Lunch** Various locations (Cutter/Ziskind, Lamont, Tyler houses)
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1:45 – 3:00pm **Where are International Smithies now? Stoddard Auditorium**

Hear from recent Smith alumni about what their experiences at Smith, as well as what they are doing now that they’ve graduated. Bring your questions and concerns about life post-Smith!

3:15 – 3:45pm **Money & Budgeting at Smith Stoddard Auditorium**

Learn about resources at Smith and at the ISSO to help with managing your finances in college.

4:00 – 5:15pm **Immigration Workshop I: Documents & Maintaining Status Stoddard Auditorium**  
*Required for all students in F-1 visa status* Please bring your passport, visa, and I-20.

5:30 – 7:00pm **Dinner Various locations (Cutter/Ziskind, Lamont, Tyler houses)**

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7:15 – 9:15pm **A Taste of Local Culture: Bomba de Aquí Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall**

Bomba de Aquí is a local dance and music company that performs and teaches Afro-Puerto Rican traditions in western Massachusetts and central Connecticut. They provide workshops at schools and other community venues. They educate the community about the history of Afro-Puerto Rican music, foster understanding of the richness of Puerto Rican arts, and encourage active participation in that heritage. Come celebrate ISP with some music and fun!

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Sunday, August 25, 2024

7:30 – 8:45am  **Breakfast** Various locations (Cutter/Ziskind, King, Tyler, Lamont houses)

8:45am – 12:15pm  **Optional Activities with ISP Leaders** Various locations
Check sign-up sheets at Wright Hall for a fun Sunday morning activity!

10:00am – 4:00pm  **SmithCycle Thrift Open Hours** Scales House basement (see insert in welcome packet)
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11:00am – 12:00pm  **Reclaiming and Redefining Self-Care** Stoddard Auditorium
Over the past few years, self-care has become a buzzword in U.S. Society. However, what does it mean to practice genuine, radical self-care? Join the Community Health Organizers (Smithies who are dedicated to peer health education) to learn about some of the barriers to accessing self-care and how to break them down. This workshop will also build a community definition of self-care, help you create a customized self-care plan, and discuss self-care resources available to you at Smith.

12:15 – 1:30 pm  **Lunch with your Orientation Group!** Various locations (Cutter/Ziskind, King, Tyler, Lamont houses)
Make a plan with your Orientation Leaders to meet up for lunch. Use this chance to catch up, ask questions, and talk about your ISP experiences so far.

1:45 – 2:45pm  **Immigration Workshop II: Employment in the US** Stoddard Auditorium
*Required* for all students in F-1 visa status*

2:45 – 3:30pm  **Accessing Healthcare & the Student Health Insurance Plan** Stoddard Auditorium
Kaitlin Rooks, Director of Medical Operations
Private health insurance in the US is confusing, even to those who have grown up here! This session will talk about how to navigate US healthcare systems, and how to better understand your Smith insurance.

3:45 – 5:15pm  **Cultural Transitions – Part II: Connections & Resilience** Stoddard Auditorium
We’ll take the next step in navigating your arrival to Smith: making connections with your fellow ISP-ers and developing strategies for resilience.

5:30 – 7:00 pm  **Dinner** Various locations

6:45 – 7:45pm  **Academic Panel** Stoddard Auditorium
Learn more about academics at Smith from a panel discussion with your ISP leaders! Bring and ask any questions you have!

8:00 – 9:00pm  

*Welcome to Your House! House Living Rooms*

You’re not alone! Meet your Residence Life staff, Heads of New Students (HONS), as well as other students who have returned to campus early. Ask any questions you have regarding housing and living in Smith’s diverse community! Report to your house’s living room to gather with others in your house.

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GROUPS 1-3: TODAY YOU WILL NEED (Bring to breakfast):
Passport, Visa, Form I-20, and/or other documents relevant to US status, if applicable

7:30 – 8:45am  Breakfast  Various locations
(Bring your passport, visa, and I-20!)

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*Required Forms  Bass Hall 102
Locate your I-94 Arrival Record, and complete other required paperwork in your Smith Workday account. Bring your original passport, visa (no copies), and I-20! And know your Workday login info!

*Health Services  Schacht Health & Wellness Center, 21 Belmont Avenue
Visit the Health & Wellness Center; Blood test and/or vaccinations required for some students. Make sure to drink lots of water and eat breakfast!

9:00 – 9:45am  *GROUPS 4 - 6: Writing at Smith  Stoddard Auditorium
Miranda McCarvel, Multilingual Writing Specialist, Jacobson Center
Learn about Smith’s Honor Code, cultural approaches to writing, and how to access resources for writing across languages, as a native or non-native English speaker.

10:00 – 11:30am  *GROUPS 4 – 6: Cultural Transitions – Part III: Reflection Writing  Stoddard Auditorium
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12:15 – 1:30pm  “But I Already Know the US…” Lunch Meeting  Cutter House C108
For anyone attending ISP who has experience living in the US already – in high school, in another university, US citizenship, whatever the case may be! Let’s gather together to discuss your experiences and how the ISSO can help you build strategies for your time at Smith.

12:15 – 1:30pm  Interdisciplinary Studies Diploma Students: Overview Lunch Meeting
*Lewis Center Conference Room, Wright Hall*
Participants in the Interdisciplinary Studies Diploma Program (ISDP) will gather to eat and discuss the program with Lane Hall-Witt, Director of AMS Diploma Program.

12:15 – 1:30pm  Lunch  Various locations

1:45 – 3:15pm  *Race & Ethnicity in the US  Stoddard Auditorium*
Javier Puente, Associate Professor of Latin American and Latino/a Studies & Lewis Center Faculty Liaison
Learn more about race constructions in the US, and how racial and ethnic diversity play a role in campus conversations and the national environment.

3:25 – 4:15pm  *Schacht Center for Health and Wellness, Counseling Services  Stoddard Auditorium*
Meet staff from Counseling Services, and hear about resources for students.

4:30 – 5:30pm  *Student Financial Services (required if receiving Financial Aid)  Stoddard Auditorium*
David Belanger, Director of Student Financial Services (SFS)
Michael Ireland, Senior Associate Director of Outreach, Student Financial Services
An overview of Financial Aid policies at Smith. Bring any questions you have regarding your aid package.

5:30 – 7:00 pm  Dinner  Various locations

6:45 – 7:45pm  Introduction to Smith Student Orgs  Stoddard Auditorium
Come hear from returning international students about student organizations in which they take part! Learn about ways to get involved throughout the year.

8:00 – 10:00pm  Karaoke Night & Ice Cream Social!  Cutter-Ziskind dining room
Come enjoy an ice cream sundae (with all the toppings!) and join in a long-loved ISP tradition – KARAOKE! No singing ability required, but enthusiasm appreciated.

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<td>Engage in a rich discussion to understand the role and dynamics around gender identity and sexual orientation at Smith College and beyond.</td>
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<td>Want to know more people who have been “in your shoes”? This will be a chance to meet and talk with international faculty and staff members at Smith, who have connections to other countries around the world. And there will be ice cream and cold drinks!</td>
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Wednesday, August 28, 2024
Rest Day!

7:30 – 8:45am  **Breakfast**  Various locations

8:00am – 1:00pm  **Final Check-In with your Orientation Group**  TBD by your leader
Make plans as a group to find 15 minutes to meet up. Tell us what we’ve done well and how to make ISP even better next year. Maybe you can walk to Central Check-In or one of the other day’s activities together!

9:00 – 11:00am  **Bank of America – Second Chance!**  144 Main Street, Northampton
If you weren’t able to get a slot for opening a bank account on Saturday, here’s another ISP opportunity! Bank of America will be ready to welcome ISP participants to open your US bank account. Please remember to bring: your passport, visa, and I-20, if applicable, your Smith OneCard, the Proof of Address letter in your Welcome Packet, and at least $25USD cash to open your account.

12:30 – 1:25pm  **Lunch & Learn with the Accessibility Resource Center**  Cutter C108 (glass classroom outside dining hall)
You are invited to an informal discussion with ej seibert, Smith Class of ’08 / Director of Accessibility, to learn more about: accessibility, what the ARC does, the kinds of supports available, and participation in broader conversations related to disability justice in our community. Bring any questions you have and any perspectives you would like to share. The information you receive may be useful to you or to a friend.

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5:30 – 7:00 pm  **Dinner**  Various locations
Thursday, August 29, 2024
All-student orientation begins

7:30 – 8:45am  Breakfast  Various locations

8:00 – 11:00am  *Central Check-in  Indoor Track and Tennis Facility (ITT)
All new undergraduate students are welcome at Central Check-In. You’ve already completed your necessary steps during ISP, but here you will receive vital information about course registration and have the opportunity to connect with various campus departments and services. Transfer Students and Ada Comstock Scholars are highly encouraged to stop by their applicable table at Central Check-In for specific information about their entry into Smith.

Form I-9: Representatives from the Payroll Office will be available at Central Check-In to process your I-9 Work Authorization Form.

8:30am – 12:30pm  Social Security Administration appointments  Lewis Center conference room, Wright Hall
If you have a campus job, you will need to apply as soon as possible for a Social Security Number in the US. ISSO will host staff from the Social Security Administration here on campus to make the process easier.

Please complete the online application for your social security number at: www.ssa.gov/ssnumber and select option for “Request number for the first time.” Then bring your original passport, entry visa, and I-20/DS-2019.

**You must have a job in order to apply for a Social Security Number. Signing up for a dining job satisfies this requirement!

Sign up in Wright Hall lobby for an appointment slot, and please be punctual!

♦ Sign-ups will close at 12:00pm on Wednesday. Last minute signups will be accommodated as possible.

♦ If you have a job on campus outside of dining services, please drop off or email your Employment Evidence Form (www.smith.edu/about-smith/isson/current/ssn-id) to interstu@smith.edu by Wednesday at 12pm.

11:45am - 12:45pm  Lunch for All New Students and Their Families  Various locations

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12:45 – 1:30pm  **President’s Assembly John M. Greene Hall (JMG)**
All entering students and their families are invited to a community address by President Sarah Willie-LeBreton. (Attendance at this event is required for all new students.)

1:30 – 2:00pm  **Refreshments Chapin Lawn (Rain Location: Campus Center Carroll Room)**
Following the President’s Assembly, light refreshments will be served until 2pm, when parents and students will head to their respective sessions.

2:00 – 3:00pm  **Playfair Chapin Lawn (Rain Location: Scott Gym)**
After refreshments, stay out on the lawn for Playfair, where you will jump-start friendships, boost your team spirit, and build confidence in a series of fun games. *This experience is for students only. Parents and families are asked to begin the Family Orientation sessions at this time.*

**AFTERNOON EVENTS TO FOLLOW!**
Please refer to All-Student Orientation schedule on the Smith College app for First-Year Experience or on the Student Life web site under “For New Students”: