

WELCOME

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
PRE-ORIENTATION (ISP)
SCHEDULE**

AUGUST 24 – 28, 2025

ISP 2025



**SMITH
COLLEGE**

NAME: _____

Sunday, August 24, 2025
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 6pm. 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 (*).

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| 12:00 – 8:00pm | *Registration and Check-In <i>Ziskind House lobby</i>
Shuttles from Bradley International Airport, Hartford, CT and Boston Logan International Airport, Boston, MA to Smith College
<i>Use 1 Henshaw Ave, Northampton MA for GPS navigation to the building and to parking.</i> |
| 12:15 – 1:30pm | Student Lunch <i>Various locations</i>
Throughout the week, students can choose a dining facility for breakfast, lunch, and dinner that will suit their needs and desires. Menus are available on the Dining website: https://www.smith.edu/dining . Family members are encouraged to explore some of the local cuisine downtown. |
| 1:00 – 4:00pm | SmithCycle Thrift Open Hours <i>Scales House basement (see insert in welcome packet)</i>
SmithCycle Thrift is a pop-up thrift shop on campus sponsored in collaboration with CEEDS (Center for the Environment and Ecological Design). Gently used items – lamps, bed risers, room decorations, and more – are available! Donations for these items are encouraged but not required. Stop by if you’re in need of items, or just to see what’s available. |
| 2:00 – 6:00pm | Various Activities led by ISP Leaders
Sign-up sheets and more information will be available at Registration. |
| 4:30 – 5:30pm | Group Discussion: Shopping, Logistics, & Questions <i>Ziskind House lobby</i>
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. |
| 5:30 – 7:00pm | Student Dinner <i>Various locations</i>
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6:45 – 7:45pm

Introductions & Group Games *Ziskind House lobby and courtyard*

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.

8:00 – 8:45pm

***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.

Monday, August 25, 2025

STUDENT SCHEDULE

7:30 – 8:45am	Breakfast <i>Various locations</i> Throughout the week, students can choose a dining facility for breakfast, lunch, and dinner that will suit their needs and desires. Menus are available on the Dining website: https://www.smith.edu/dining .
9:00 – 9:45am	*Program Overview & Welcome Session with Dean of the College <i>Helen Hills Hills Chapel</i> A joint session for families and students. Welcome remarks by Interim Dean of the College & Vice President for Campus Life Alexandra Keller.
9:45 – 11:00am	*Orientation Group Introductions <i>Various locations</i> Get a chance to meet your orientation group, which represents a cross- section of ISP!
11:00am – 12:30pm	*Scavenger Hunt! <i>Start on Chapin Lawn</i> Explore Smith’s campus with your Orientation Group. Your group could even win a prize!
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1:30 – 5:30pm	Shopping trip to Holyoke Mall <i>Holyoke Mall at Ingleside, Holyoke, MA</i> Find all your housing needs at the local mall! <u>Bring your shopping list</u> . Bus sign-ups are located in Wright Hall lobby. Getting to the mall: 1:30pm Bus 1 departs from Smith, <i>John M. Green Hall</i> 2:30pm Bus 2 departs from Smith, <i>John M. Green Hall</i> Getting back from the mall: 4:00pm Bus 1 departs from Holyoke Mall 5:00pm Bus 2 departs from Holyoke Mall
5:30 – 7:00pm	Dinner <i>Various locations</i> Throughout the week, students can choose a dining facility for breakfast, lunch, and dinner that will suit their needs and desires. Menus are available on the Dining website: https://www.smith.edu/dining .
7:15 – 9:00pm	*Cultural Transitions – Part I: Culture & Self <i>Paradise Room, Conference Center</i> Work with ISSO staff to think through what “culture” is, and reflect on how you personally fit into different definitions or models.

Monday, August 25, 2025
Family/Friends SCHEDULE

8:30 – 9:00am	Family & Friends Registration <i>Helen Hills Hills Chapel</i>
9:00 – 9:45am	Welcome to Smith! <i>Helen Hills Hills Chapel</i> A joint session for families and students featuring: • Alexandra Keller, Dean of the College and VP for Campus Life • Caitlin Szymkowicz, Interim Director, Lewis Global Studies Center
10:00 – 10:30am	Refreshment Break <i>Alumnae House Gallery</i> Enjoy refreshments with other families after a short walk from the Chapel
10:30am – 12:00pm	Academic, Global Experiences & Career Resources Panel <i>Alumnae House Conference Hall</i> A panel discussion about the Smith student experience featuring: • Julianne Ohotnický – Associate Vice President for Campus Life/Dean of Students • Jennifer Joyce - Dean of the First-Year Class • Caitlin Szymkowicz – Interim Director, Lewis Global Studies Center • Angelo Pisano – Associate Director for Education Abroad • Jason Bauer-Clapp – Director of Career Education
12:00 – 2:00pm	Lunch on your own – refer to the Northampton Restaurants list.
2:00 – 3:00pm	Private Campus Tour <i>with Admissions guide</i> <i>meet at the Goldstein Lounge in the Campus Center (main floor)</i>
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
4:00pm	International Students' Families and Friends Reception with President Sarah Willie-LeBreton <i>Alumnae House</i> An opportunity to meet Smith's president, get to know other international families, and meet staff and faculty from around campus.

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

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!)

9:00am – 12:20pm ***GROUPS 1 - 3: Registration Rotations**

9:00 – 10:00am Group 1 – Smith is Global
Group 2 – Required Forms
Group 3 – Health Services

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***Smith is Global** *Lewis Center, Wright Hall*

Register your documents with ISSO, and learn about Smith's global community.

Bring your passport, visa, and I-20!

***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!

9:00am – 12:20pm ***GROUPS 4 - 6: Choice Sessions**

9:00 – 10:00am Open a US Bank Account
Campus Tour

10:10 -11:10am Open a US Bank Account
Tour of Nielson Library
Museum of Art Tour

11:20a -12:20pm Open a US Bank Account
Fitness Center Tour

Open a US Bank Account *Meet at Wright Hall lobby*
Bring your passport, visa, and I-20, plus at least \$25 USD cash for deposit.

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Before/after you have opened an account, the remainder of the time can be used to visit cell phone stores or do other shopping downtown.

Tour of Nielson Library *Meet on Burton Lawn behind the library*

Take a tour of the beautiful Nielson library with library staff, and learn how to use the many library resources available to Smith students.

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.

Fitness Center Tour *Ainsworth Gym*

Get to know your athletic facilities. Athletics staff will give a tour of the Olin Fitness Center and Dalton Pool, and introduce you to ways that you can utilize these resources.

12:15 – 1:30pm	Lunch <i>Various locations</i>
12:15 – 1:30pm	Interdisciplinary Studies Diploma Students: Overview Lunch Meeting <i>Lewis Center Conference Room, Wright Hall</i> Lane Hall-Witt, Director of AMS Diploma Program Participants in the Interdisciplinary Studies Diploma Program (ISDP) will gather to eat and discuss the program.
1:00 – 4:00pm	SmithCycle Thrift Open Hours <i>Scales House basement</i> SmithCycle Thrift is a pop-up thrift shop on campus sponsored in collaboration with CEEDS (Center for the Environment and Ecological Design). Gently used items – lamps, bed risers, room decorations, and more – are available! Donations for these items are encouraged but not required. Stop by if you're in need of items, or just to see what's available.
1:45 – 2:45pm	*Immigration Workshop I: Documents & Maintaining Status <i>Stoddard Auditorium</i> <u>*Required</u> for all students in F-1 visa status* Please bring your <u>passport, visa, and I-20</u> .
2:45 – 3:30pm	Money & Budgeting with the Conway Center <i>Stoddard Auditorium</i> With the help of Smith Money Mentors, learn about resources at Smith to help with managing your finances in college.

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- 3:45 – 4:45pm ***Health and Wellness with the Schacht Center** *Stoddard Auditorium*
Kaitlin Rooks, RN, Director of Medical Operations & Jacquelyn Kraps, PhD,
Director of Counseling Services, Schacht Center for Health & Wellness
This session will introduce you to the health, counseling, wellness, and other
services provided by Schacht Center for Health & Wellness at Smith. In addition,
we will talk about how to navigate the U.S. healthcare and insurance system.
- 4:45 – 5:30pm ***Student Financial Services (required if receiving Financial Aid)**
Stoddard Auditorium
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 **ISP Leader 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 – 9:30pm **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.

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

GROUPS 4-6: TODAY YOU WILL NEED (Bring to breakfast):

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

9:00am – 12:20pm ***GROUPS 4 - 6: Registration Rotations**

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9:00am – 12:20pm ***GROUPS 4 - 6: Choice Sessions**

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Going Green with the Botanic Garden

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| 1:45 – 3:15pm | *Race & Ethnicity in the US <i>Graham Hall Auditorium in Hillyer Hall</i>
Sara A. Newland, Associate Professor of Government
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. |
| 3:30 – 5:00pm | *Cultural Transitions – Part II: Connections & Resilience <i>Graham Hall Auditorium in Hillyer Hall</i>
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 – 7:00pm | Dinner <i>Various locations</i> |
| 6:45 – 7:30pm | Introduction to Smith Student Orgs <i>Weinstein Auditorium, Wright Hall</i>
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 – 9:00pm

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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Thursday, August 28, 2025
Final ISP Day!

7:30 – 8:45am	Breakfast <i>Various locations</i>
9:00 – 10:30am	*Gender & Sexuality at Smith <i>Stoddard Auditorium</i> Tobias Davis, Inclusion Education Trainer/Facilitator, Office for Equity & Inclusion Annie Cohen, Co-Curricular Leadership Development Manager and LEAD Program Co-Director, Wurtele Center for Leadership Engage in a rich discussion to understand the role and dynamics around gender identity and sexual orientation at Smith College and beyond.
10:45 – 11:30am	*Writing at Smith <i>Stoddard Auditorium</i> Miranda McCarvel, Multilingual Writing Specialist & Lecturer in Writing & Public Discourse, Education & Child Study, and Anthropology Learn about Smith's system for academic advising, as well as about Smith's Honor Code, cultural approaches to writing, and how to access resources for writing across languages. This information is relevant as a native or non-native English speaker.
11:30am – 12:15pm	*Cultural Transitions – Step III: Reflection Writing <i>Stoddard Auditorium</i> In the busy days to come, it's easy to jump right into the next program, but it's important to stop & reflect on all that you've experienced this week.
12:15 – 1:30 pm	Lunch <i>Various locations</i>
1:45 – 2:45pm	*Immigration Workshop II: Employment in the US <i>Stoddard Auditorium</i> <u>*Required</u> for all students in F-1 visa status*
2:45 – 3:15pm	Know Your Rights & Campus Safety <i>Stoddard Auditorium</i> Sgt. Irma I. Lopez-Gottlieb, Smith College Campus Safety Regardless of your immigration status, all Smith students have certain rights while here in the US. Learn about your rights, how to stay safe both on and off-campus, and learn about Campus Safety's role in protecting Smith students.
3:30 – 4:30 pm	*Meet & Greet Reception with International Faculty & Staff <i>Seelye Lawn</i> 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!
5:00pm	*ISP Group Photograph <i>Steps of John M. Green Hall</i> We encourage you to wear traditional festive clothing, or your ISP t-shirt! **Please arrive promptly (or a few minutes early!).**

- 6:00 – 7:00pm **Final Dinner** *Various locations*
- 7:00 – 7:45pm **ISP Closing Ceremony** *Weinstein Auditorium*
We'll close out the program with a few thank yous and prizes, and celebrate a great program. There will be cake!
- 7:45 – 10:00pm **Talent Showcase!** *Weinstein Auditorium*
After the closing ceremony, we'll turn it over to you – strut your stuff! Dance, sing, read a poem, show us something about home. Let's celebrate your experience at ISP! Sign up at Wright Hall, or join in at the last minute

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Friday, August 29, 2025
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.*
- 8:00am – 1:00pm ***ISP Online Evaluation** *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!
- 8:30am – 2:30pm **Social Security Administration Appointment Shuttles** *Meet at Lewis Global Studies Center in 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 shuttle students to the Social Security Administration office in Holyoke so that you can apply for your SSN.

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!**

Form I-9: Representatives from the Payroll Office will be available at Central Check-In to process your I-9 Work Authorization Form. If you are unable to process your I-9 during Central Check-In, you'll need to make an individual appointment with a staff member of the Controller's Office.

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

♦ **Sign-ups will close at 3:00pm on Thursday. 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/isso/current/ssn-id) to interstu@smith.edu by Thursday at 12pm.**

- 10:00am – 4:00pm **SmithCycle Thrift Open Hours** *Scales House basement*
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- 11:30am - 12:30pm **Lunch for All New Students and Their Families** *Various locations*
- 12:30 – 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 – 2:20pm **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.
- 2:30 – 3:15pm ***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":

<https://www.smith.edu/student-life/orientation>

MY NOTES

Emergency Contact List



Global Studies Center:

Lewis Global Studies Center

global@smith.edu (413)585-7598

International Students & Scholars Office

interstu@smith.edu (413)585-4905

Caitlin Szymkowicz, *Associate Dean for International Students & Scholars*

cszymkowicz@smith.edu (413)585-4944

Claire Seely, *International Students & Scholars Advisor*

cseely@smith.edu (413)585-4905

Others:

Campus Safety:

campussafety@smith.edu (413)585-2490

*If you need immediate medical assistance, call 911 for an ambulance.

In the case of an emergency, dial "5555" from a campus phone or (413)585-5555.

Health Services:

Office Hours: Mon – Fri: 9:00am – 4:30pm

Medical Services:

To make an appointment & general information:

healthservices@smith.edu (413)585-2250

Nurses' station: (413)585-2813

Nurses' status after hours: (413)585-1260

Counseling Services:

To make an appointment or to talk to a counselor after hours:

counselingservices@smith.edu (413)585-2840

Questions specific to COVID:

testingandtracing@smith.edu

Residence Life:

reslife@smith.edu (413)585-4940

Office Hours: Mon – Fri: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Session locations on Google Maps

Smith Campus Full Map (Smith Website) 	Wright Hall: Lewis Center 	Helen Hills Hills Chapel 
Schacht Center 	Bass Hall 	Stoddard Auditorium 
Conference Center 	Chapin Lawn 	John M. Greene Hall(JMG) 
Cutter/Ziskind House 	Indoor Track & Tennis (ITT) 	Campus Center 
Seelye Lawn 	Lamont House 	SCMA 
Lyman Plant House 	Tyler House 	College Bookstore 

Wi-Fi Information

Network: Connect2Smith
Password: sophiasmith

Instructions to set up EduRoam:
<https://its.smith.edu/wifi>
or visit the IT Center in Seelye Hall B8 for help.

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