

## International Student Pre Arrival Packet Spring 2012

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## Welcome to NC State!

*Welcome to NC State University!* This booklet will provide you with some important information to help you prepare for your stay at NC State. Please contact us if you have further questions after reading this material. We recommend that you print off a copy of this booklet and bring it with you to NC State as it contains helpful phone numbers and tips that will assist you along your way.

The Office of International Services (OIS) provides many services for the University's international students, scholars, and their families including advice on immigration related matters, orientation programs, and English and cross-cultural programs for students, scholars and spouses. Such programs include: International Friendship Program, Breaking Bread, Culture Corps, I-SSERV Volunteer Program, English Conversation Club and Spouse programs ([www.ncsu.edu/ois/programs](http://www.ncsu.edu/ois/programs))

We look forward to meeting you upon your arrival!

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## Preparing for Travel

### Obtaining a Visa

The following website provides information on when, how and what to provide when applying for the F-1 or J-1 visa at the U.S. Consulate or Embassy: <http://usembassy.state.gov>. It also provides links to all U.S. Embassies and Consulates worldwide. Please keep in mind that to be granted a nonimmigrant visa, it may be necessary to prove your intent to return to your home country after completing your studies in the U.S. This may be in the form of a letter of continued employment, potential employment, possession of property, or other strong ties to your home country. You can find additional information on the OIS website: <http://www.ncsu.edu/ois/immigration/visas.php>.

Once approved, the visa is stamped into your passport designating the school you will attend upon arrival in the U.S. Canadian citizens are not required to obtain an F-1 or J-1 visa; they will be required to pay the SEVIS fee before requesting admission to the U.S. Please note that this fee cannot be paid at the Port of Entry. At the Port of Entry, Canadian citizens must present their I-20 with the proof of SEVIS fee payment. More information on the SEVIS fee can be found at [www.FMJfee.com](http://www.FMJfee.com).

Be sure to:

- ◆ Pay the SEVIS fee
- ◆ Obtain a U.S. Student Visa from the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country to enter the United States in F-1 or J-1 student status (if you are currently outside the U.S). If you encounter any difficulties in obtaining your visa, please contact an OIS advisor.
- ◆ Bring certified copies of your medical history and immunization records from your home country with you. All records **must** be translated into English. New students must also submit records of required immunizations online at <https://healthweb.ncsu.edu>. Your paperwork (including translated medical and immunization records) must also be turned in to Student Health Services. More information on Student Health Insurance can be found on page 11 of this packet.
- ◆ Make sure you have adequate funds for immediate expenditures upon arrival in the US (It is also a good idea to have approximately \$300 US in hard currency for emergency use).
- ◆ Request airport pick-up or temporary housing through OIS if needed. Login to OIS Online using your unity id and password to access the request form beginning **November 14, 2011**. (<https://ois.ncsu.edu>)
- ◆ You will be assigned to a small group with two co-leaders who can answer many of your basic questions and who will assist you through Orientation. Stay in contact with your small group leaders throughout the months ahead.
- ◆ Upon arrival, physically report to OIS for check-in and SEVIS Registration.

### F-1 and J-1 Transfer Students

If you are currently in F-1 or J-1 status at another US institution, you must take the following actions upon arrival at NC State to complete the SEVIS I-20 transfer-in process: Report to OIS to check-in prior to **January 9, 2012**. Bring your current NC State I-20, your prior school's I-20, your passport with I-94 card notated with F-1 or J-1 status and your most recent visa. Please also update NC State's MyPack Portal with your local Raleigh address. (Link to the portal: <https://portal.acs.ncsu.edu/psp/EP91PRD/?cmd=login&languageCd=ENG&> Please log in with your Unity ID and password). Within 10 days of the start of the semester OIS will confirm your full-time enrollment and "register" your SEVIS record. You must be enrolled full-time in order for OIS to complete this process. Within 30 days of the start of the semester OIS will create a "transfer complete" I-20 and notify you by e-mail of its availability.

### Change of Status

If you are already in the U.S. in another nonimmigrant status and if you intend to apply for a change of status to F-1, please contact us as soon as possible at 919-515-2961 or [ois@ncsu.edu](mailto:ois@ncsu.edu). It can take four to six months for a change of visa status to be processed by USCIS and you will have no employment authorization while you are waiting and may or may not be eligible to enroll.

### Maintaining Lawful Status While in the United States

F-1 and J-1 students must maintain **continuous full-time enrollment** during the fall and spring semesters to maintain their lawful nonimmigrant status. The minimum requirement is 12 credit hours for undergraduate studies and 9 credit hours for graduate studies each semester. F-1 and J-1 students are allowed to work a

**maximum of 20 hours per week** on campus while school is in session. (Note: J-1 students must have on-campus employment authorization in writing from the organization which issued the SEVIS DS-2019 before they begin such employment). All off-campus employment for F-1 and J-1 students requires advance written employment authorization. The SEVIS I-20 (for F-1 students) and the SEVIS DS-2019 (for J-1 students) specify a date by which the program of study will be completed. An extension of program beyond the date mentioned on the I-20 or DS-2019 should be applied for prior to that expiration date. It is very important for nonimmigrant students to understand their legal rights and responsibilities as well as the requirements for maintaining their lawful status. Please consult an advisor in our office with any questions. Immigration information by any other source (friends, OIS volunteers, etc.) is not valid. More information and procedures are explained in detail on the second page of the I-20 or DS-2019 and during New International Student Orientation and Check In.

### Student's Responsibilities

- Immediately upon arrival, students must physically report to OIS for check-in to have their SEVIS records registered. More information can be found on page 7 of this packet.
- Enroll for and attend classes.
- Maintain full-time enrollment and make normal academic progress towards completion of program.
- Do not engage in unauthorized employment.
- Keep passport valid for at least six months into the future.
- Report any changes of address to OIS within 10 days of the change.
- File timely requests for extension of stay, change of status, transfer, Optional Practical Training, and other benefits.
- Obey all State and Federal laws including laws regulating domestic disputes, child endangerment, sexual assault, driving while under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances, etc.
- Read and obey the NC State University Student Code of Conduct

### Special Accommodations

If you have any special needs for accommodation in terms of physical access, or you have a learning disability, or other circumstance or issue that requires our special attention, please let us know. Students who are sight or mobility-impaired or require assistance in some area may benefit from some of the campus resources dedicated to helping all students succeed. For further information please contact an OIS staff member or the Student Disability Office at NC State: <http://www.ncsu.edu/dso/>

## Arrival

### Entering the US: What to Do at the Airport

Please carry with you – ***not in your checked baggage!*** – the following things when you travel to the US:

- 1.) your passport with the US visa stamp.
- 2.) your Certificate of Eligibility (SEVIS Form I-20 or Form DS-2019) and
- 3.) the supporting documentation you provided to obtain the visa.

You will be issued a **Form I-94** to process your entry into the US in the appropriate visa status\*. **Please keep this I-94**, which will be given to you at the port of entry at the airport, **with your passport and Certificate of Eligibility (SEVIS Form I-20 or Form DS-2019), and SEVIS fee receipt.** Do not leave the Customs area at the Port of Entry until your documents are in order.

\* You should have your I-94 Admission-Departure Record stamped F-1 (or J-1) and the letters "D/S" (for "Duration of Status") printed on it. Family members should have F-2 (or J-2) and "D/S" on their own I-94 cards. If you have a question or if there is a problem, it is much easier to take care of it there, **before you leave the Customs area.**

### Travel to Raleigh and NC State University

**Travel to Raleigh:** Raleigh is located in the state of North Carolina about 400 miles from Atlanta, Georgia; 500 miles from New York City; and 860 miles from Chicago, Illinois. Amtrak train and Greyhound bus services are available to Raleigh from various ports of entry into the US. The nearest airport is Raleigh-Durham (RDU) International Airport ([www.rdu.com](http://www.rdu.com)). It is about 15 miles away from the University. The nearest Amtrak train ([www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com)) and Greyhound bus ([www.greyhound.com](http://www.greyhound.com)) stations are in downtown Raleigh (about 5

minutes by taxi from the university). Please note that basic safety precautions need to be taken when at the Raleigh train and bus stations. Pay attention to your baggage, money and personal belongings.

**Travel to NC State University**

OIS provides an airport pick-up service in collaboration with international students organizations! More information on this service can be found on page 7 of the Pre-Arrival packet.

Besides taxis, there are shuttle services available from the airport to the university. Please inquire at the airport Information Center (near the baggage claim area) for assistance. A taxi ride to NC State from the airport is around \$30-35. You may want to contact someone from your country's student association for advice or assistance with transportation: <http://www.ncsu.edu/ois/orientation/countrycontacts.php>

**Taxi Companies/Contact Information:** <http://www.visitraleigh.com/pdf/VisitorandTravelResources.pdf>

RDU Airport Taxi Service  
(919) 840-7277

<http://www.rdu.com/groundtrans/taxis.htm>

Accurate Taxi Service  
(919) 781-1188

American Cab Co.  
(919) 850-9195

Cardinal Cab  
(919) 828-3228

Carolina Livery  
(919) 957-1111

Citizen Airport Taxi  
919-771-5282

Executive Express Taxi  
(919) 233-6798

G & J Transportation  
(919) 235-0997

R & G Airport Shuttle  
(919) 840-0262

Safety Taxi Co.  
(919) 807-1700

**Thomas Transportation**  
(919) 244-4746

**Tri City Taxi**  
(919) 821-0095

**Triangle Yellow Cab Co.**  
(919) 832-5811

**Yellow Cab**  
(919) 875-1821

**Directions to OIS**

Ask the Taxi to bring you to "NC State University" (not University of North Carolina – that's a different university in Chapel Hill! ☺).

OIS is located in 320 Daniels Hall, 111 Lampe Drive. Daniels Hall is off of Hillsborough St (north-east campus between the Library and the Bell tower). OIS is open 8:00-5:00pm, Monday-Friday only.

NC State Public Safety (Police): 515-3000  
<http://campuspolice.ehps.ncsu.edu/>

\*If you have an emergency, call OIS or Public Safety.

**Your First Few Days in the US**

Call home!

Be sure to bring enough toiletries with you to last several days upon arrival. You do not know how soon you may be able to go to a store to buy the basic necessities. However, do not bring too many items from home that can be easily bought in the United States (pots/pans, school supplies, food, etc.) Raleigh has many ethnic grocery stores (Grand Asian Market, Triangle Indian Market, African, Hispanic grocery stores, etc.), a Farmers Market

(where you can buy local, fresh vegetables/fruits) and large shopping centers. A comprehensive ethnic grocery store list can be found at <http://www.ncsu.edu/ois/orientation/specgroc.php>

*Maitri, the Graduate Indian Student Association, also has helpful information on their webpage for new students. Much of this information is for students coming to the U.S. from any other country, not just India:* <http://clubs.ncsu.edu/maitri/newstudents.php> ; <http://bluwiki.com/go/Ncstate>

CSSFA, the Chinese Student and Scholar Friendship Association, also maintains a brief Chinese language guide to help new students arriving from China. **This is intended to be a supplement to this Pre-Arrival packet and not a complete translated version.** <http://packet.www.ncsuchina.org/>

## Orientation & Orientation Services

### Airport Pick-up

OIS provides an airport pick-up service in collaboration with international students organizations! Please indicate if you need airport pick-up and include pertinent flight information on the Airport Pickup form located on the OIS Online system. OIS is providing coordinated airport pickup for students arriving **between December 26, 2011 and January 4, 2012**. If you plan to arrive outside of those dates, you may contact your International Student Organization to see if they are able to assist you. Requests for Airport Pick Up must be received before **December 22, 2011**. **For students who experience visa issues or other unforeseen delays in travel plans**, you may email requests or changes to [oistransport@gmail.com](mailto:oistransport@gmail.com) after the December 22nd deadline. Detailed information related to airport pick-up is available on the following site: <http://www.ncsu.edu/ois/orientation/airportpickup.php> Students will be able to register for Airport Pick-up beginning on **November 14, 2011**.

### Temporary Housing

OIS (in collaboration with international student organizations) will provide temporary housing on a first come first serve basis for students requiring assistance **between December 26, 2011 and January 4, 2012**. Requests must be made before **July 20th**. Requests may be made through OIS Online: <https://ois.ncsu.edu>. **For students experiencing documented visa difficulties or other delays**, requests can be emailed to [oistransport@gmail.com](mailto:oistransport@gmail.com) after the December 22nd deadline. Students will be able to register for Airport Pick-up beginning on **November 14, 2011**.

Contact information can be found on the following web pages:

International Student Organizations - <http://ncsu.orgsync.com/>

Country Contacts - <http://www.ncsu.edu/ois/orientation/countrycontacts.php>

Other temporary housing options include: University Guest Housing. You can find more information at <http://www.ncsu.edu/housing/guests.php> . Room rates vary.

Brownstone Hotel at 1707 Hillsborough St., Raleigh, NC 27605 (<http://www.brownstonehotel.com>). The estimated cost is between \$80 and \$100 per night. The hotel is in walking distance to the university.

### Check-in at OIS

After your arrival in Raleigh, you will need to check in, in person, with our office located in Daniels Hall Room 320. **This is required by law**. At the time of your Check-In, you will be provided with materials to help in your initial transition to Raleigh and NC State. Included among the available information is a Raleigh/campus map, free phone card and "To-Do" list., etc. **Please bring your passport, SEVIS I-20 or DS-2019, I-94 card and local US address (even if temporary)**. If you have a dependent, we encourage you to bring him/her and their documents to Check In too. Check-in takes about 1 hour and volunteers will be there to assist you. **Check-In times will be held beginning the week of December 19th until Friday, January 6, 2012. Scheduled Check Ins will occur once a day during this time.** Check In is done by appointment only, so students will need to register for their preferred time. **Check In appointment signup will begin December 1, 2011**. Please go to OIS Online to register for your Check In date and time after December 1. <https://ois.ncsu.edu>  
**ALL F-1 and J-1 STUDENTS MUST CHECK-IN WITH OIS.** While other non-immigrant visa holders should plan to

attend the Orientation and will be assigned to a Small Group (see “Small Group Assignment” below), they are NOT required to attend the OIS Check-in.

### **New International Student Orientation**

At the beginning of the fall and spring semesters there is a mandatory orientation program for new international students. **All new international students are required to attend.** The Spring 2012 Orientation will be held in Talley Student Center on **Thursday January 5, 2012 from 8:30am – 5:00pm**. On-campus and off-campus representatives will be available to answer questions in person. This Orientation is organized by OIS and the International Student Orientation Team. The Orientation will address important information that will assist you during this transition and help you to understand the rights, responsibilities and restrictions of your visa status. It will also cover academics, taxes, employment and other important topics.

### **Information Fair**

OIS will host the International Student Information Fair on **Wednesday, January 4th from 1 PM to 3 PM** in the Talley Student Center ballroom (2nd floor). New and returning students are invited to come by for an opportunity to meet with campus offices and community groups pertaining to life as an international student at NC State. This is a great way to discover all the resources available to you! Participating groups include: International student organizations, Campus Libraries, University Transportation, various banks, etc.

### **Updating your Local Address in the Student Information System**

As soon as you know your local address, even if it is temporary, please update the Student Information System. All students must update their local address information every semester in the NCSU Student Information System. Additionally, all **students in F-1 status are required** to update this information or will be considered legally out of status. For more information about this please look here: <http://www.ncsu.edu/ois/updateaddress.php>

### **Orientation Fee**

A **mandatory orientation fee of \$50** (you will be billed directly by the Cashier’s Office; please do not send payment beforehand) will be assessed to all new F and J international students. This fee covers materials, Orientation Day, Information Fair, airport pick-up, temporary housing, the Welcome Party and various events that OIS will hold throughout the semester and academic year (including OIS Programs and our annual End of the Year Party).

### **Small Group Assignment**

All new international students will be assigned to a Small Group upon admission to NC State University. The purpose of these small groups is to provide a more personalized orientation experience for you, to help you meet new friends and to provide a resource to assist you with your questions. Your small group consists of other new students whom you will be meeting at orientation. Please be sure to remember your group number and Small Group Leaders’ (SGL) names, as you will be divided into small groups at Orientation. Two SGL’s have been assigned to your group (one international and one American). If you do not receive an email from your SGL by the beginning of beginning of December, please email the Programs Coordinator at [Lauren\\_Ball@ncsu.edu](mailto:Lauren_Ball@ncsu.edu).

It is helpful to have a general Internet e-mail account (ex: Hotmail, Yahoo) as country-specific e-mails tend to return to the sender as undeliverable. If you change your e-mail address, please be sure to notify OIS at [ois@ncsu.edu](mailto:ois@ncsu.edu) and put “small group” in the subject line, so that we may notify your SGL. Please do not hesitate to email your SGL’s with questions you may have. They can answer most questions except ones pertaining to immigration or financial aid. For immigration or financial aid questions, please contact the OIS at [ois@ncsu.edu](mailto:ois@ncsu.edu) and put “Immigration” or “financial aid” in the subject line.

## **Housing**

### **Temporary Housing**

Information on Temporary Housing can be found on page 7 of the Pre-Arrival Packet.

### Permanent Housing

NC State has on campus housing available to students studying at the Graduate or Undergraduate level. The Raleigh area also has ample housing and many apartment complexes are located just outside of the NCSU campus. Thus, when considering housing options, you have two main choices: on-campus housing or off-campus housing.

### On-Campus Housing

On campus housing is owned by the university. Because of this, on campus housing is managed by NC State. The cost of on campus housing is usually comparable to off campus housing and comes with several benefits. University housing is located on major city and university bus routes making transportation to campus and beyond convenient for students. These areas are also serviced by campus police and the campus fire department. University housing also provides programming for their residents that helps people connect with their neighbors and encourages a more community feeling.

You have many choices on campus including apartment-style buildings on campus such as Wolf Village, ES King Village and Western Manor. (<http://www.ncsu.edu/housing/apartments>) There are also dormitories like Alexander Hall which is a diverse, on-campus residential community in which an American and an International student are paired as roommates. The majority of residents are undergraduates; however, graduate students are also encouraged to apply so they may experience the vibrant on-campus residential life at an American university. Applicants must apply directly to University Housing (<http://www.ncsu.edu/housing>) or [housing@ncsu.edu](mailto:housing@ncsu.edu), 919-515-2440.

If you have applied for on-campus housing and have been informed of your assignment, go to the appropriate service desk for your dormitory to pick up your key. Please contact University Housing at 919-515-2440 or [housing@ncsu.edu](mailto:housing@ncsu.edu) for more exact information about the dates and times you may check in to your dormitory. To apply for or confirm your on-campus housing, please contact the University Housing office at 1112 Pullen Hall, Box 7315, NC State University, Raleigh, NC 27695 (Tel: 919-515-2440; fax: 919-831-3542; email: [housing@ncsu.edu](mailto:housing@ncsu.edu), website: <http://www.ncsu.edu/housing>).

### Off-Campus Housing

To find an apartment before you arrive, it is recommended you consult websites, ask people in your department, consult with your Small Group Leaders and ask students from your home country for advice on apartments. Many apartment complexes are close together so you can spend a day comparing your housing options.

Off-campus housing options include: (a) rooms in private residences, (b) apartments which can be rented by oneself or shared by 2 to 4 students depending on the lease options of the apartment complex. It is reasonable to expect off-campus housing to cost between \$250 to \$800 per month, depending on the number of people sharing the expenses which include monthly rent and utilities (water, phone, electricity, gas). A security deposit (usually one month's rent) is also required for most off-campus housing. In addition, utility companies (phone, electricity, etc.) may require an advance deposit to activate the service.

You may wish to use a website such as [www.rentnet.com](http://www.rentnet.com), [www.apartmentguide.com](http://www.apartmentguide.com) or [www.apartments.com](http://www.apartments.com) to help you find an apartment.

**OIS will send you a comprehensive list of on and off-campus residences through your Small Group Leaders.**

### Signing a Lease

To rent an apartment off campus, you must sign a lease. A lease is a legally binding contract and is usually required for a period of 12 months. Leases obligate you to pay rent for each month of the term of the lease even if you move out of the apartment. Lawyers at Student Legal Services Center (919-515-7091 or fax 919-515-6052) are willing to review the lease before you sign it to make sure everything is in proper order. Student Legal Services ([http://www.ncsu.edu/student\\_affairs/legal\\_services/](http://www.ncsu.edu/student_affairs/legal_services/)) provides services **free** of charge to all enrolled students. **Please read and understand the lease before you sign it.**

## Financial Matters

### Financial Aid and Assistantships

NC State does not provide financial aid for international undergraduate students. International graduate students may receive aid in the form of teaching assistantships or research assistantships. Only individual departments may award assistantships. OIS is not involved in the process of awarding assistantships. For information on assistantships, contact the Director of Graduate Programs (DGP) for your department. A full listing of DGP's is available at (<http://www.ncsu.edu/grad/about-grad/dgp.php>).

### On-Campus Employment

There are many types of on-campus employment at NC State. Unfortunately, it is competitive, and you have to contact each department/unit individually **after you arrive** to learn about their employment opportunities. You cannot apply before your arrival. There is no central location on campus that lists all on-campus job opportunities. The library, University Dining, bookstores, Campus Rec, Carmichael Gym and Talley Student Center are common on campus employers (among others).

### Tuition and Fees

Students are billed for tuition and fees by the Cashier's Office (<http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/cashier/>). If you have a question about your account or payment, please contact the Cashier's Office at [Studentaccounts@ncsu.edu](mailto:Studentaccounts@ncsu.edu).

**\*\*Tuition for international students can be paid upon arrival, but pay promptly after your arrival. The new international student deadline for Spring 2012 semester is **January 19, 2012**.** Students who do not pay their tuition by this date may have their course registration cancelled. Please be sure to pay your tuition in a timely manner. **OIS does not handle student accounts.** Please read the Cashier's website about **payment methods**: <http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/cashier/payment/default.asp>

### How Much Money Should I Bring?

We recommend that you have immediate access to enough funds to cover initial expenses like a month's rent, tuition, food, books, etc. We also recommend that you arrive with at least \$300 USD in hard currency in case you need fast access to cash (i.e. for payphone calls, taxi fees, etc.).

You can change your money at a local bank (though you may need to wait a few days for the money to be sent to a larger banking branch to do the exchange). There is a minimal conversion charge. The conversion fee at Raleigh-Durham International Airport may be even more costly, so it is wiser to convert money in your home country or to bring traveler's checks. Be sure that you have a check/debit card that is compatible with U.S. Automatic Teller Machines (ATM). The Cirrus, Plus, MasterCard and Visa systems are generally the most widely accepted. ATM's are plentiful and can be found in most shopping malls and grocery stores. There are several ATM's on campus. There is usually a \$1.50 fee or more for using an ATM that is not affiliated with your bank.

### Banking

You are strongly encouraged to open a checking account upon arrival in Raleigh. With a checking account, you will receive a checkbook and usually an ATM card, which allows you to withdraw cash from your account 24-hours a day. Services and fees vary but most banks in the area offer special "Student Accounts" with minimal or very low monthly charges. Be sure to ask about student accounts when you visit the banks (there are several within walking distance of campus) and have your passport and SEVIS Form I-20 or SEVIS Form DS-2019 with you when you open the account. If you will be bringing a large amount of money with you at one time, you may also wish to open a **savings account**. Savings accounts earn interest. Banks also offer additional services such as loans, credit cards, and safe-deposit boxes at lower cost to students.

Below is a list of banks located in close proximity to NCSU:

Wachovia	2600 Hillsborough Street	<a href="http://www.wachovia.com">www.wachovia.com</a>
BB&T	1806 Hillsborough Street	<a href="http://www.bbandt.com">www.bbandt.com</a>
Bank of America	321 Oberlin Road	<a href="http://www.bankofamerica.com">www.bankofamerica.com</a>
SECU*(State Employees Credit Union)	801 Hillsborough Street	<a href="http://www.ncsecu.org">www.ncsecu.org</a>

*\*Only Research/Teaching Assistants have the benefit of banking at SECU*

## University Life

### Purchase Health Insurance

NC State University, along with all public colleges and universities in the State of North Carolina, is a participant in the system-wide hard waiver health insurance plan administered by Pearce and Pearce, Inc. All full-time degree-seeking students – domestic and international (F-1 and J-1)– are automatically included in this plan unless they otherwise prove eligibility for a waiver. For international students this new system-wide requirement has many benefits which include rates that are 38% lower than in previous years, better benefits, and easy overlap with NC State's Student Health Services. International students can read a plan overview and read up-to-date information as applicable to international students at the following OIS website: <http://www.ncsu.edu/ois/current/insurance2010.php>

International students can find specific details about NC State University's plan, including enrollment and waiver details, at the following Student Health Services site: [http://www.ncsu.edu/student\\_health/whatsNew/healthinsurance.html](http://www.ncsu.edu/student_health/whatsNew/healthinsurance.html)

Note: This policy does not cover dental. Accompanying family members should also be covered for adequate health insurance.

### Waiver of NC State Student Health Insurance

Any student – domestic or international – who is provided with health insurance through the Teaching/ Research Assistant Graduate Student Support Plan (GSSP) will automatically be exempted from the NC State Student plan administered by Pearce and Pearce.

In general, international students have the same requirement and eligibility for the NC State plan as domestic students. Because of certain visa requirements, however, the minimum waiver eligibility requirements which indicate that any "creditable" coverage can be used in support of a waiver, does not apply to international students. Instead, international students need to demonstrate that their current insurance meets the below minimum requirements in order to be considered for a waiver:

- Lifetime Maximum of \$200,000 or greater
- Coinsurance of at least 80% for in-network services
- Policy year deductible of no greater than \$500
- Coverage for pre-existing conditions after six months of enrollment if there was no prior coverage, and covers pre-existing conditions immediately with prior creditable coverage
- Maternity covered as any other medical condition
- Minimum of \$7,500 for repatriation of remains to the home country and a minimum of \$10,000 for medical evacuation to the home country.

All waiver requests are submitted electronically through the NC State University portal with Pearce and Pearce (not OIS): <https://www.pearceandpearce.com/PearceSite/Schools/NC/NCSU/?CollegeID=20>

### Computer Access

Your NC State email (Unity) account and password are established as soon as you are academically accepted to NCSU. You can access it from overseas if you know your unity ID and password. New students receive their Unity ID and initial password upon acceptance to NC State. New undergraduate students can also find their Unity IDs in the WolfPAW system under *Application Status*.

Your password is the last four digits of your Campus ID number (printed on your Graduate School Admission Letter; undergraduates should ask their Coordinator of Advising ( <http://www.ncsu.edu/registrar/registration/advisors.html> ) plus the four digits of your birth month and day. For example, if your Campus ID number ends in 1234 and your birthday is January 31, then your initial password is 12340131. Contact the Office of Information Technology (919-515-3035, <http://oit.ncsu.edu/>) to identify your password or if you have any problems accessing your email.

If you plan to use an email other than the NC State address, you must update your address through MYPACK PORTAL under "Campus Personal Information." (<https://portal.acs.ncsu.edu/> )

### Speak Test

The SPEAK test is for international teaching assistants. Departments will register individual students for this test. Students should contact their respective departments for their exact time and place of testing.

<http://fill.chass.ncsu.edu/speak>

### Immunization Records

All International students are required to complete the Immunization and Medical History data online. Please carefully review the requirements at: [http://www.ncsu.edu/student\\_health/immunizations/immunization.html](http://www.ncsu.edu/student_health/immunizations/immunization.html). After review, please click on the *healthweb* link. Once you have completed the online process, please submit official hard copies of your immunization records with doctor signature and clinic stamp OR doctor signature and clinic letterhead immediately upon acceptance to:

Student Health Services

Campus Box 7304

Raleigh, NC 27695-7304

OR Fax:

1-877-221-6278

We strongly recommend that you complete your immunization requirements **before** you arrive to NC State University. **Make sure all records are officially translated into English.** Check your secure messages at [healthweb.ncsu.edu](http://healthweb.ncsu.edu) for updates and communication from the Immunization Office. Send immunization-related questions or submit scanned official copies of your Immunizations to: [immunizations@ncsu.edu](mailto:immunizations@ncsu.edu)

To contact the Immunization Office call 919-515-7233 or 919-513-4302.

### Course Registration

As a new graduate or undergraduate degree student cleared for admission for the Spring 2012 semester, you will need to complete the following checklist to register for classes:

- Contact your academic advisor.
  - Undergraduate students - You can view the Coordinators of Advising for individual colleges at: <http://www.ncsu.edu/registrar/registration/advisors.html>. When you contact an advisor let him/her know that you are an international student, so they know to assist you with the advising and registration process over the phone or through email (instead of waiting until you come to campus).
  - Graduate students - A list of the Directors of Graduate Programs and their emails can be found at the following website: <http://www.grad.ncsu.edu/Labels/dgplist.htm>.
- Work with your academic advisor to choose courses for the spring semester.
  - Since you may not be able to come to campus during the summer break, your advisor will work with you to ensure you can register for courses prior to your arrival on campus.
  - Each college has a different process for advising prior to course registration. Your department and/or advisor will inform you of the policies and procedures for this process when you contact them.
  - Your advisor will release the “advising hold” on your account once you finalize a plan, so you may register for classes.
- Register for classes via the internet on MyPack Portal
  - Once the “advising hold” has been released, you can register through the MyPack Portal using your valid “unity” login and password. Information on how to determine your login and password can be found at <http://oit.ncsu.edu/unity-accounts/your-unity-id>. If you are having difficulty logging in, you can contact the NC State Help Desk at (919) 515-HELP (4357) or [help@ncsu.edu](mailto:help@ncsu.edu).
  - Contact your advisor if you have questions or concerns about your class selection.
- Ask your advisor about what your college’s requirements are for an in-person meeting once you arrive on campus in January. Although you will attend the Office of International Services orientation session, many colleges require you to attend a college- based meeting to obtain college-specific information.

### Additional Resources

- Graduate students: **Departmental Ambassadors** are current American or international graduate students in your department. If you have a question about your department, courses, NC State, etc., you can find your Departmental Ambassador's email address at: <http://www.ncsu.edu/ois/orientation/deptambassadors.php>
  - Note: Not every department has a Departmental Ambassador.

### Sports/Recreation

If you enjoy sports and working out, you will enjoy the Carmichael Gym facility and programs! Spouses can also take advantage of university services, such as the gym. A spouse can apply for an ID card at the West Dunn Building after checking in with the OIS (Spouse ID cards cost \$20; call to schedule a spouse check-in appointment: 515-2961), and pay for a gym membership.

You can join intramural sports teams, aerobic classes, club sports, Outdoor Adventures, and join other student clubs on campus that specialize in sporting fields (Ski Club, Sailing, etc.). To learn more about recreational facilities, visit their website: <http://www.ncsu.edu/carmichael>

### Disability Services

North Carolina State University provides services for students with the following disabilities: Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), blindness or low vision, deafness or hearing loss, learning disabilities, orthopedic/mobility disabilities, psychological disabilities, traumatic brain injury, and other health concerns. Please contact the OIS at [ois@ncsu.edu](mailto:ois@ncsu.edu) if you have a disability that will require any of the following services offered by NC State University:

**Speech-to-Speech (STS):** This service, called Speech-to-Speech (STS) provides communication assistants (CAs) for people with difficulty being understood by the public on the telephone. The Speech-to-Speech access number for North Carolina is 1-877-735-8261.

**TTY ("Teletype"):** TTY is an electronic device that allows persons with hearing and/or speech impairments to communicate over the telephone lines by typing on a keyboard and receiving information on a screen or paper printout. Visit this website to locate TTY's on campus [http://www.ncsu.edu/dso/at/tty\\_locations.html](http://www.ncsu.edu/dso/at/tty_locations.html)

**Assistive Listening Devices:** For persons with hearing aids or who have difficulty hearing, NC State has several multimedia rooms on campus with Phonic Ear Star sound Infrared System 600 assistive listening systems. Visit this website to find out where these rooms are located on campus: [http://www.ncsu.edu/dso/accommodations/assistive\\_listening.html](http://www.ncsu.edu/dso/accommodations/assistive_listening.html).

**Accessible Classrooms & Buildings on campus:** For a list of classrooms and buildings accessible to handicapped persons, visit [http://www.ncsu.edu/dso/accommodations/accessible\\_building.html](http://www.ncsu.edu/dso/accommodations/accessible_building.html).

*For more information about the Disability Services offered at NC State University, please visit <http://www.ncsu.edu/dso>*

### International Student Associations

Several national and regional associations are active on the NC State campus. They promote cultural and educational learning opportunities for the larger university community and can sometimes help you with locating housing or airport pickup. You are encouraged to make connections with an appropriate association and become involved as a representative of your country and culture. For a list of Country Contacts on campus, please see <http://www.ncsu.edu/ois/orientation/countrycontacts.php>

All student organizations can be found at: <http://ncsu.orgsync.com/>

The following is a list of the International Student Associations currently on campus:

African Student Union	Latin American Student Association (LASA)
Asian Student Association	MAITRI (Graduate Indian Students)
Bangladesh Student Association	Mi Familia (Hispanic Students)
Caribbean Student Association	Nepalese Students' Association (NSA)
Chinese Student/Scholars Friendship Association	Taiwanese Student Association
EKTAA (Undergraduate Indian Students)	Thai Student Association
Iranian Student Association	Turkish Student Association
Korean Student Association	Vietnamese Student Association

## Living in Raleigh

You have chosen to live and study in a great city! Raleigh has elements of both a big city and a small town and was recently rated the best place to live in the United States by Businessweek.com! Since Raleigh is situated in the middle of the state, we are just 2-3 hours from the beach and 3-4 hours from the mountains. When you are here, you will certainly want to take advantage of its rich southern heritage by visiting historic towns, trying native foods and learning its local slang/idiomatic expressions! Example: Hey, y'all! = Hello! (to a group of people)

Here are just a couple of events that occur regularly in our area:

NC State Fair (October)  
 North Carolina's Annual International Festival (October)  
 Christmas/Hanukah/Kwanzaa celebrations (December)  
 NC State Fairgrounds Flea Market (year-round)  
 July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebrations & concerts  
 Outdoor movies and concerts (summer)  
 Nightly concerts and dance clubs (year-round)  
 Museums (year round)

### Social Life

This area boasts 16 colleges & universities and the Research Triangle Park, which means there are many young people and professionals in Raleigh. Therefore, there is a lot to do on the weekends! Use websites, newspapers and listen to word of mouth to learn about what's going on. Here are some helpful sites:

<http://www.newsobserver.com> (Raleigh's official city newspaper)  
[www.triangle.citysearch.com](http://www.triangle.citysearch.com) (search engine for restaurants, movies, and local events, etc.)  
[www.visitraleigh.com](http://www.visitraleigh.com) (tourist website)  
[www.indyweek.com](http://www.indyweek.com) (art, music, book-lovers guide)  
[www.carolinaparent.com](http://www.carolinaparent.com) (for families)  
<http://goliveworkplay.com/raleigh/downtown> (Downtown Raleigh events and activities)

### Weather

Raleigh has a generally pleasant climate; Spring and Fall are long and mild, and Winter is short and not very cold (relative to many parts of the U.S). Snow in the Winter is unusual. Summers are hot and very humid.

#### AVERAGE TEMPERATURES IN DEGREES CELSIUS/CENTIGRADE

	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
High	31	27	22	16	11	10	11	16	22	26	29	31
Low	18	16	8	3	3	-1	-1	3	8	13	17	19

### Clothing

Students in the U.S. tend to dress quite informally. Jeans, T-shirts, shorts, and sweatshirts are all very acceptable to wear around the campus and in class. Very heavy Winter clothing is not necessary unless you plan to travel to the mountains or the northern regions of the U.S. in Winter and early Spring. You will need a good medium-weight coat for cold and damp weather. Raleigh has a fairly wet climate in the early Spring, and we have a hurricane season from June-October, so bring a raincoat. NOTE: Clothing is inexpensive to buy in the United States, depending on where you shop. OIS has info on cheap places to shop (food, clothing, furniture, etc.) on the OIS website. <http://www.ncsu.edu/ois/orientation/living/shop.php>

### Other Items to Bring

You may want to bring a few items from your culture/country including family photos, money, stamps, and favorite music tapes/CDs. It is also recommended to bring a few personal items that remind you of home. If you plan to drive a car here, you can bring your home country's driver's license. It is recommended you apply for a NC Drivers License, but you can also drive in NC with a license from your home country. NC does **not** recognize the "International Drivers License." For more information about driving in North Carolina, visit <http://www.ncdot.org/dmv/>. Other items to bring: Recipes for your favorite foods; a dictionary; contact information for friends and family members; extra photocopies of your passport; medical prescriptions and other important information in case your original documents are lost. Bed sheets, pots and pans are also relatively inexpensive to purchase in the US.

### Shopping

Shopping is fairly accessible around NC State's campus as there are several grocery stores within walking distance. There are also shopping malls and discount superstores accessible by the "Wolfline" (NC State's bus line; <http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/trans/transportation/wolfline/index.html>), by the city bus line "CAT" (Capital Area Transit: <http://www.raleighnc.gov/transit>, and by the regional bus "TTA" (Triangle Transit Authority: <http://www.triangletransit.org/>). Some grocery and discount stores are open 24-hours, which makes shopping very convenient. There are also several Indian, Asian and other ethnic grocery stores in Raleigh, adequate to meet most of your cooking needs. A list of ethnic grocery stores, as well as additional consumer information, can be found on the OIS website.

### Shopping Online

Online shopping has become increasingly popular as well. Here are a couple of websites that may save you some money, especially on books.

[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)  
<http://www.half.ebay.com>  
[www.newegg.com](http://www.newegg.com)  
[www.overstock.com](http://www.overstock.com)  
[www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com)

### Restaurants

There are so many great restaurants in Raleigh; you will not find the time to try them all! Depending on your likes and dislikes, your sense of curiosity or desire of the familiar, you should be able to find somewhere to satisfy your hunger!

Use these websites to find your way to great restaurants:

<http://www.visitraleigh.com/visitors/restaurants/>  
[www.triangle.citysearch.com](http://www.triangle.citysearch.com)  
<http://www.indyweek.com/gyrobase/Dining>

If you want personal recommendations, come ask someone at OIS – we love to tell you where we like to eat!

### Dining on Campus

Students eat on campus, either at various fast food restaurants at the Talley Student Center or Atrium (Library). If you are interested in healthier food options (fresh fruits, vegetables, etc.), you can choose to eat at the Dining Halls on campus. You can pay each time you eat, or you can purchase a Meal Plan.

<http://www.ncsudining.com/dining/plan/index.html>

### U.S. Telephone

Local phone calls from a public pay phone cost \$0.50 cents and accept U.S. coins (quarters, dimes, and nickels) and calling cards. It might be wise for you to get U.S. coins or buy a phone card as soon as possible in case you need to make a phone call from an airport in the U.S. You can purchase a domestic calling card at grocery stores, drug stores, etc. For example, there is a convenience mart on Hillsborough Street where you can buy a phone card and there is also a pay phone nearby. Shop around for good rates! There is usually a basic fee for telephone and different long distance calling plans. If there is an emergency and you need to quickly reach someone outside of the country, you can contact the international operator at #00. NOTE: This service may be a bit expensive but convenient in the case of an emergency. For emergencies in the U.S. (i.e. car accident, deep cuts, etc.) the emergency assistance number is 911.

### Cell phones

There are many cell phone companies so ask friends and classmates which plans are most advantageous for students and for your calling destination. Some companies include: Verizon ([www.verizon.com](http://www.verizon.com)), ATT&T (<http://www.att.com/>), Sprint ([www.sprint.com](http://www.sprint.com)), SunCom/T-Mobile (<http://www.t-mobile.com/>).

Most companies want you to sign a 1-2 year contract (especially if you want a free/cheap phone) and want you to have a Social Security number. If you don't want to sign a contract or have a Social Security number, you can buy "pre-paid" phone plans and pay for the phone.

### Post Office

To learn about the ways to mail a package through the United Postal Services, visit their website: [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com). The closest post office to NC State is on the corner of Avent Ferry Road and Gorman Street. It is located along a Wolfline bus route. There are other letter/package couriers you can use, such as DHL,

FedEx, etc. To mail a letter in the United States, the postage is \$0.44 cents. OIS can be a temporary receiver of packages if you do not have a permanent place your first few days/weeks in Raleigh. Please make sure your name is somewhere on the package:

Your Name  
c/o Office of International Services  
111 Lampe Drive, 320 Daniels Hall  
Campus Box 7222  
Raleigh, NC 27695-7222

To mail a letter in the United States, you can drop the mail off at the post office itself but it may be more convenient to use the mailboxes at your apartment complex or put your stamped mail in the large, blue postal mailboxes on various street corners. Postal workers will pick up your mail and deliver it to your apartment complex every day except Sundays and federal holidays.

### Prescriptions

Bring a copy of any prescriptions (including eyeglasses), medications, etc. *in English*.

### Raleigh Transportation

There is a university bus line called the “Wolfline” that is free to NC State students with student ID. The “CAT” (Capital Area Transit: <http://www.raleighnc.gov/transit> or <http://www.raleighrides.org/>) bus is the city bus line and students can ride for free after obtaining a GoPass from the University Transportation office. There are several CAT routes from the NC State campus to most parts of Raleigh. There is also a TTA bus route that goes from the campus area to some of the Indian grocery stores. Without a car, this will probably be your primary mode of transportation. Wolfline bus maps are typically not printed for the new semester until the week before classes, so if you want to view the bus route, go online. You can pick up a Wolfline map in OIS, Talley Student Center or the Transportation Office. You can track the bus route online so that you do not miss your bus to class! <http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/trans/transportation/wolfline/index.html>

### Traffic Rules

You will need to obtain a U.S. Driver’s License in order to operate a car in the U.S. You can obtain this from the NC Division of Motor Vehicles (<http://www.ncdot.org/DMV/>). In the United States, people drive on the right side of the road, and the driver’s seat is on the left side of the car. If this is different from your home country, remember to **LOOK BOTH WAYS** before crossing the street.

### Other traffic points:

- When crossing a major road at a crosswalk, look both ways before crossing the road, even if the pedestrian light says WALK (in white). Cars can turn right on a red traffic light, so you must be aware of turning cars even if you have the right of way.
- Do not wait in the center lane to cross the road. Cars use this lane as a turn lane.
- Ride your bicycle with the flow of traffic and wear a helmet, *which is required by law*, and other protective gear. Many drivers are not accustomed to sharing the road with bicycle riders.
- It is not safe to cross the road without a crosswalk. Drivers in the United States will not slow down for pedestrians if the driver has the right of way on a major road.
- It is a good idea for pedestrians and those riding a bicycle to wear lightly colored clothing at night to be more visible to drivers.
- If you have a child under the age of 4 years, or who weighs less than 40 lbs., it is required by law to have the child restrained in a car seat at all times while you are driving.
- It is required by law to use safety belts and child passenger safety seats while driving in North Carolina and across the US.

\*Past international students have recommended that you bring a certified letter from your car insurance company confirming your driving record in your home country. Such a letter *might* reduce high car insurance rates from American companies. Purchasing car insurance is a law for all North Carolina drivers.

## Volunteer Programs for Students and Families

OIS offers many exciting and interesting programs and services for students and their families! They provide a great way to get involved at NC State, meet new people and experience new things! Further information can be found at [www.ncsu.edu/ois/programs/](http://www.ncsu.edu/ois/programs/)

### English Conversation Club

Practice English with native speakers and learn American slang & idioms. This is open to all internationals including scholars and spouses.



### ISSERV

ISSERV connects international students with service projects at NCSU and in the Raleigh community. It is a great way to meet new people with interests similar to yours! You can volunteer individually or with a group!

### International Friendship Program

Be matched with an American single/family for the year for the purpose of a cross-cultural friendship. Get together once a month (coffee, movie, shopping, etc.) and maintain regular contact.

### Culture Corps

Share with others about your country and culture in the community! Give presentations in school classrooms or for community organizations! Great way to practice your English and/or your presentation skills!



### Spouse Programs

Known as I.M.O.M., Spouse Club meets every Wednesday from 2:00-4:00pm at the E.S. King Village Common Room. IMOM includes topic discussions, cooking classes, arts and crafts, and more. Contact the OIS to join the listserv to learn more about upcoming activities! Children are welcome.

### Breaking Bread

Be hosted by an American single/family for a meal! Great way to meet Americans and learn more about American culture. Application required.

## Helpful Websites

### NC State University

<http://www.ncsu.edu>

Office of International Services. Details on orientation, immigration, programs, links to other sites, etc.

<http://www.ncsu.edu/ois>

Departmental Ambassadors

<http://www.ncsu.edu/ois/orientation/deptambassadors.php>

University Housing Office

<http://www.ncsu.edu/housing>

University Cashier's Office

<http://www.fis.ncsu.edu/cashier>

Union Activities Board

<http://www.uab.ncsu.edu>

Listing of all student organizations and clubs

<http://ncsu.orgsync.com/>

New Student Orientation - Undergraduates ONLY

[http://www.ncsu.edu/undergrad\\_affairs/nso/](http://www.ncsu.edu/undergrad_affairs/nso/)

Graduate School

<http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/grad/>

Registration & Records (Course Registration)

<http://www.ncsu.edu/registrar/index.html>

Wolfline Bus (NC State Bus System)

<http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/trans/transportation/wolfline/index.html>

### Raleigh Area

Student Health Insurance Company

<https://www.pearceandpearce.com/PearceSite/Schools/NC/NCSU/?CollegeID=20>

CAT City Bus System

<http://www.raleighnc.gov/transit>

TTA Regional Bus System

<http://www.triangletransit.org/>

NC Department of Transportation – Driver's Licenses

<http://www.dmv.dot.state.nc.us>

Search engine for Triangle area (Raleigh, Durham, and Chapel Hill)

<http://www.triangle.citysearch.com>

Downtown Raleigh Website

<http://goliveworkplay.com/raleigh/downtown>

Raleigh Website

<http://www.visitraleigh.com>

### New & Used Textbooks

[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

<http://www.half.ebay.com/>

[www.addall.com](http://www.addall.com)

[www.overstock.com](http://www.overstock.com)

## Basic Check List

This is a summary of the information from the Pre-arrival booklet. For web links or information pertaining to items in the list below, please review the NC State website [www.ncsu.edu](http://www.ncsu.edu) or review the appropriate sections in the Pre-arrival booklet.

- Enter Medical History and Immunizations on [Healthweb](#)
- Submit Immunization Records to Student Health Center upon arrival in the United States
- Contact your Academic Adviser and/or your Departmental Ambassador with questions about courses or your department <http://www.ncsu.edu/ois/orientation/deptambassadors.php>
- Ensure that the “advising hold” has been released from your MyPack Portal account
- Make sure that you have your unity ID/password so that you may access MyPack Portal (obtained through University Information Technology)
- Register for courses on MyPack Portal
- Secure your on or off campus housing
- Contact your International Student Association (if you have one) to learn of their services and programs
- Open a US bank account upon arrival
- Apply for your Student ID Card upon arrival
- Check-in with the Office of International Services
- Update your new Raleigh address on MyPack Portal (this is an immigration requirement)
- Attend New International Student Orientation
- Attend New International Student Welcome Party
- Get Involved and Have Fun!

Best wishes in your preparations and travels! The OIS staff looks forward to meeting you and welcoming you to NC State University. If you encounter any problems, please contact us: [ois@ncsu.edu](mailto:ois@ncsu.edu)

## NC State Quick Facts

- **NC State was founded in 1887.**
- **Total Student Population (Fall 2010): 34,376**
- **School Colors: Red and White**
- **School Mascot: The Wolfpack**
- **School Conference: Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC)**
- **Over 600 recognized student organizations to get involved in!**

### Red & White Song

We're the Red and White from State  
And we know we are the best

A hand behind our back,  
We can take on all the rest.

Come over the hill, Caroline.  
Devils and Deacs stand in line.  
The Red and White from N.C. State.  
Go State!

(This song is commonly sung at NCSU sporting events and references our closest school rivals: UNC, Duke and Wake Forest.)



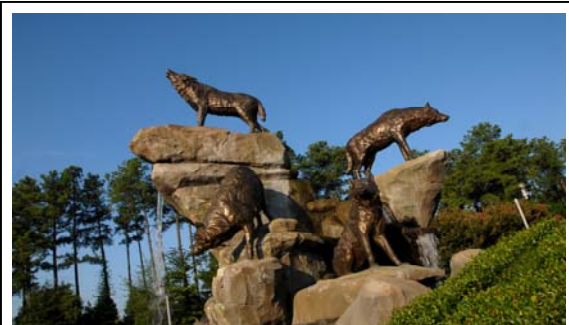
Meet our mascots, Mr. and Ms. Wuf!



The student section at a NCSU football game



The Bell Tower at NC State



Wolfpack statue in front of our American football stadium, Carter Finley Stadium.

**NC State looks forward to welcoming you  
in January!  
GO WOLFPACK!**