

# **WELCOME TO TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

International Student  
Pre-Arrival Orientation– An  
introduction to the Center for  
International Students!

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# MEET THE CIS STAFF



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# Mission Statement

Our mission is to recruit a diverse and highly qualified international student population and empower them to be successful at Truman and throughout their lives.



# The CIS is...

- Part family member
  - Part advisor
  - Part mentor
  - Part teacher
  - Part guide
  - Part enforcer
  - Part friend
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# CIS SUPPORT: OUR OFFICE



We have more than 20 knowledgeable and experienced student Office Assistants who are happy to help you with whatever you need!

Our student workers are experts in multiple areas including certificates, immigration, Social Security numbers, insurance, and much more!

# CULTURAL INTEGRATION LEADERS

Cultural Integration Leaders (or CILs, for short) serve international students in their halls and off-campus.

Each international student will have an assigned CIL. You will meet this person when you arrive at Truman.

CILs' duties include helping their students arrange transportation for running essential errands, and helping students deal with some American processes such as applying for a social security number or figuring out how to go about paying bills.



# INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORS



International Ambassadors (or IAs, for short) serve to help new international students better integrate to US life. Their first hand experience can help new students feel more comfortable. Don't hesitate to contact international ambassadors with questions you might not feel comfortable asking an American.

International Ambassadors also attend campus events to help American students and international students better understand one another.

# ACADEMIC SUCCESS MENTORS

Academic Success Mentors (or ASMs, for short) are assigned to first year students to meet for thirty minutes a week to help students adapt to an American classroom environment and develop the necessary skills to excel.

ASMs are a great resource for learning about study skills, classroom etiquette, and general advice concerning academic matters. If you will be first year student, you will be contacted by your mentor at the beginning of the school year.



# The CIS will require your emergency contact information during orientation.

Make sure you have an emergency contact with the following:

- NAME
  - ADDRESS
  - EMAIL
  - PHONE NUMBER
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# EMERGENCIES – WHEN CAN I EXPECT IMMEDIATE HELP FROM THE CIS?

## What is an emergency?

A family tragedy

Car accident

Getting arrested

Being hospitalized

## What is NOT an emergency?

Do you have my grades?

Did my work permit come in?

Will you be in your office tomorrow?

I forgot to have my I-20 signed and I'm leaving tonight!



**\*\* CIS Office:** 660-785-4215/ Baldwin Hall 104/  
iso01@truman.edu

**\*\* Emergency contact:** **9-1-1**

**\*\* Non-Emergency contact:** 660-665-5621

**Orientation:** There are many specific issues that international students face. Orientation is designed to help students understand their responsibilities concerning their immigration status, being good students, and learning about the resources available to them. You **MUST** understand the rules governing your student visa in order to remain a legal student in the United States.

**Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> 2020**

- **Arrival** – Be in Kirksville by 5pm. Note that you may not be able to arrive in the United States on January 10<sup>th</sup> and arrive in Kirksville on the same day. Travel within the U.S. can take longer than you expect. We recommend allowing yourself one day to travel within the United States.



**Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> 2020**

- Check in and Orientation! You must be on campus at 8:30am!

**Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> 2020**

- **Classes Begin!**