We recommend that new students complete these tasks in the following sequence. For additional details about each task, please follow the links or refer to the Getting Started as a Student guide on the Graduate School’s website.

**May be completed prior to arrival or upon arrival:**

1. [Create your personal identifier (PID)](#).
2. [Contact your academic department](#) for information about advising, funding, class registration, and orientation requirements.
3. [Complete and upload your Immunization History Form](#) and [Tuberculosis Assessment Form](#) to the health center at least one month prior to classes starting.
4. [View the Orientation to Healthcare Session](#) video.
5. [Find housing](#).
6. [Purchase health insurance](#) (mandatory for international students in F or J visa status [see requirements](#)); optional for domestic students.
7. Register for classes on [Hokie SPA](#) during the web drop/add period starting April 22, 2022.
8. [Pay tuition and fees on Hokie SPA](#) (once registered).
9. Visit the [Cranwell International Center](#) and [Graduate School](#) websites for calendars of events to welcome you to Virginia Tech.

**Must be completed upon arrival:**

10. Complete the mandatory [immigration check-in](#) process.
11. Get your student ID card in the [Hokie Passport Office](#) 100 Student Services Building.
12. Participate in [International Graduate Student Orientation](#) on August 17, 2022. (optional, but encouraged.)
13. Participate in [Graduate Student Orientation](#) on August 19, 2022. (optional, but encouraged.)