RINKER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

GUIDEBOOK
FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
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Introduction

Welcome!

Thank you for choosing Ball State University! We are excited to have you and are confident that you will enjoy your time with us. Here at Ball State, we consistently welcome international students from more than 50 countries every year. We look forward to working with you in all areas of your stay.

This guidebook is to help you prepare to leave and get settled once you arrive. In addition, we are always willing to help at the Rinker Center for International Programs. Please feel free to contact us at:

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ABOUT MUNCIE, INDIANA

Ball State University is located in Muncie, Indiana, a small city with a population of 68,750 (according to U.S. Census 2019).

Muncie is located in Delaware County, approximately 60 miles northeast of the state’s capital, Indianapolis.

The climate in Muncie varies dramatically. We like to say we enjoy all four seasons. For some new students, a winter in Muncie provides the first chance to experience snow! A breakdown of the climate is as follows:

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The temperatures above are simply to give you an idea of the average climate in Muncie. Be aware that the temperature can get much warmer in the summer and colder in the winter. The city also experiences an average of 25 inches or 64 cm of snow each winter.

Overall, Muncie is a great city to live in while experiencing the U.S. As a city of focus for three sociological studies from 1929 to 1977, Muncie was identified as a typical American city. It comes with small town friendliness but is still within driving distance to larger cities like Indianapolis and Chicago.

For more information on Muncie, check out these websites:
- The Official Website for the City: [www.cityofmuncie.com](http://www.cityofmuncie.com)
- The Muncie Chamber of Commerce: [www.muncie.com](http://www.muncie.com)
- Muncie’s Local Newspaper: [www.thestarpress.com](http://www.thestarpress.com)
Pre-Departure Planning

WHEN TO ARRIVE

International students may arrive up to 30 days ahead of the program start date, provided you have the required insurance coverage.

You are strongly encouraged to notify both your department and The Rinker Center for International Programs of your planned arrival date.

USEFUL ITEMS TO BRING

Clothing

People at Ball State generally have a very casual style of dress code. The culture is relaxed, and people prefer to wear what is comfortable. The only guidelines are that one should be appropriately covered. This means that shirts, pants/skirts and shoes should be worn. Formal suits and dresses are reserved for special or professional occasions.

Personal Items

- A spare pair of glasses and/or contact lenses and verification of your current optical prescription
- Medication and back-up prescriptions for this medication
- Any personal hygiene products from your home country that may not be available in the U.S.

**Most household items, beauty and personal hygiene products can be purchased inexpensively once in Muncie. Local stores offer a wide range of products.**
Optional Items

You may wish to bring the following items with you. However, most can be purchased once in the U.S.

- Tablet, Ipad, Mp3 player, Phone
- Laptop or personal computer
- Camera
- Pictures of friends and family

Luggage Regulations

Most airlines allow one carry-on item and one "personal" item, such as a purse, briefcase, or laptop bag. For most airlines, carry-on bags must not exceed 22 x 14 x 9 inches in size or 45 linear inches (Length + Width + Height). This includes handles & wheels.

The U.S. is very strict on what may or may not be carried on. If you attempt to carry-on a prohibited item, you will be asked to check it or it will be confiscated.

Below is a short list of items that may not be carried on:

- Scissors
- Razors
- Any type of knife
- Matches or lighter
- Electronic cigarettes/vaping devices
- Fireworks
- Cricket and baseball bats
- Aerosol cans
- Guns (real or replica)
- Self-defense sprays

- **Summer clothing:** t-shirts, shorts, cotton dresses, hat, sandals
- **Winter clothing:** sweaters, sweatshirts, jeans, socks, heavy jacket, winter shoes, tennis shoes and boots, and an umbrella
- **One or two** formal outfits with dress shoes for formal occasions
- **Optional but recommended:** A national or cultural dress or outfit to be worn during an annual International Festival and annual International dinner hosted by the President of BSU

A more complete list of prohibited items can be found at the Transportation Security Administration website at [www.tsa.gov](http://www.tsa.gov) or by calling +1-866-289-9673.
Arrival

ARRIVING AT INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT

Traveling to Muncie from the Airport

Each year, the Rinker Center for International Programs (RCIP) organizes an airport shuttle from the Indianapolis International Airport to Ball State for new incoming international students arriving for International Student Orientation. The Rinker Center will contact you with departure dates and times as soon as the schedule is available. If you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please reach out to the International Services team at 1-765-285-5422 or intlservices@bsu.edu.

However, for anyone who is not able to take the free shuttle service we provide, here are some suggestions:

1) Taxi from Indianapolis Airport to Muncie
   The cost is approximately $180 and must be prepaid.

2) Uber / Lyft / Rideshare App from Indianapolis Airport to Muncie
   The cost can range from $75 - $125 and is paid through their apps.

3) Miller Transportation Bus Service
   - Take Miller Bus from Zone 1 at the Airport’s Ground Transportation Center straight to Ball State University.
   - Multiple time options available every day. Trip takes ~ 2.5 hours.
   - Can be booked through www.wanderu.com
In addition, if you do not arrive during office hours or come on the shuttle, you are responsible for your own accommodations. Please make sure to book your hotel in advance. Hotel possibilities in Muncie are:

**The Ball State University Hotel**
Tel: +1-765-285-1555
Located on campus in the Student Center

**Best Western**
Tel: +1-765-282-0600
3011 W. Bethel Ave., Muncie, IN 47304

**Days Inn**
Tel: +1-765-288-2311
3509 N. Everbrook Lane, Muncie, IN 47304

**Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites**
Tel: +1-765-289-4678
4201 W. Bethel Ave., Muncie, IN 47304

**Super 8 Motel**
Tel: +1-765-286-4333
3601 Foxridge Lane, Muncie, IN 47304

**Hampton Inn and Suites**
Tel: +1-765-288-8500
4220 Bethel Ave, Muncie, IN 47304

**Courtyard by Marriott**
Tel: +1-765-287-8550
601 S. High St., Muncie, IN 47305

*These hotels might also charge sales tax. Indiana sales tax is 7%*
After clearing either security checkpoint, ticketed passengers can easily move between Concourses A & B without rescreening. Use the concourse connecting hallway here.
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Settling in at Ball State

CAMPUS VIRTUAL TOUR

You can take a student-narrated virtual tour of our academic buildings, residence halls, recreational facilities, favorite landmarks, and much more!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

At the start of each semester, the Rinker Center for International Programs will hold an International Student Orientation. After you check in and provide copies of the necessary information, the orientation will cover the following topics:

• **Culture Shock**  
  You may be feeling overwhelmed by your new surroundings. The International Student Services office will help you deal with those feelings, and explain what you can expect

• **Immigration Rules and regulations**  
  You will learn about the important responsibilities you have as an international student with an F-1 or J-1 visa

• **Services Available to You**  
  The variety of resources you can use on Ball State Campus, including a writing center, learning center and counseling program

• **Registration and Housing**  
  Where you will live and what you can expect

• **Safety**  
  Hear practical tips to help you remain safe throughout your stay

• **Academics**  
  What to expect in your classes while at Ball State

• **Medical Information**  
  Learn what type of health insurance you must have while at Ball State. Also, orientation staff will inform you about local medical facilities

Orientation will also include time for a question-and-answer session.
FRIENDSHIP FAMILY

We realize it’s difficult to leave your friends and family behind and come to a new country. Sometimes, a familiar, smiling face can make all the difference during your stay. This is why we designed the Friendship Family Program.

The Friendship Family Program pairs international students with local Muncie families. This connection provides the student with a temporary home-away-from-home. Students can visit their Friendship Families for holidays or just to visit and learn about American family lifestyles.

Our Friendship Families come from all walks of life, economic levels, and religions. They may be traditional families, retired couples, singles, or single-parent families. No matter what type of family they are though, all of our Friendship Families are truly interested in learning about other cultures.

However, our Friendship Families are not sponsors and should never be expected to provide financial assistance or permanent housing. They are here to provide emotional support and practical assistance as you settle in to your routine in the Muncie community.

If you are interested in being paired with a local family, please fill out the on-line Friendship Family form.

SECURITY INFORMATION

Residence Halls
Each residence hall is protected with an ID card reader that unlocks the door for residents of the building to enter. After midnight, residents must also go through a security checkpoint to re-enter the residence hall. Women’s bathrooms in the residence halls are also protected by ID card readers, and only women verified for that bathroom may enter it. Residents must accompany visitors at all times. Students are encouraged to keep the doors to their rooms locked and follow common sense safety precautions.

University Apartments
Every university apartment is equipped with locks on the doors and windows. Only the students living in the apartment and maintenance staff can enter. In addition, university apartment complexes are patrolled by the Ball State University police. Students are encouraged to lock their doors and follow common sense safety precautions.
On Campus

Ball State is, in general, a small city, Midwestern friendly university. However, security precautions have been taken to make sure students are as safe as possible. Every year students and officials meet to make sure the campus is safety lit. Emergency boxes are also located in less traveled areas, and have a direct connection to the university police. The campus shuttle buses run until 11 p.m. Sun-Thurs and 8 p.m. Fri so that students do not need to walk back to the residence halls in the dark. Charlie's Charter is an escort service that provides free transportation on University-owned or controlled property. It operates from 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Sun- Thurs and is on a first-come, first served basis.

ABOUT HEALTH

Health Insurance
While studying at Ball State you must have health insurance. Every international student coming to Ball State is required to provide proof of a valid health insurance plan with the appropriate level of coverage before they will be allowed to enter the university. The reason for this requirement is that in the U.S. there is not a national health insurance system as there is in many other countries. Without any health insurance coverage, even a routine doctor’s office visit can be very expensive.

Because of these expensive medical services in the U.S., it is extremely important for all international students and accompanying dependents to have health insurance. Please note you will have to show proof of the correct minimum levels of health insurance coverage before you will be able to register for classes. Information on the Ball State University health insurance plan will be sent to you by the Rinker Center. Also included will be the insurance minimums that have to be met in order to qualify for a waiver. You do not have to join the Ball State University health insurance plan, but you must prove you have an alternate plan with the correct minimum levels of coverage before you will be able to register. If you have any questions, please reach out to the International Services team at 1-765-285-5422 or intiservices@bsu.edu.

In addition, all students are required to submit written evidence of vaccinations against rubella, mumps, tetanus, diphtheria. Upon arrival at Ball State, you will be required to take a tuberculin skin test at no charge to you.
Health Services

The BSU Student Health Center

BSU Student Health Center is available to meet students’ basic medical needs. The health center provides outpatient and limited in-patient medical care to currently enrolled students.

No appointment is necessary to come to the center. Fall and Spring semester Hours are 8:00a.m. – 4:30p.m, Monday, Thursday, and Friday & 9:00am-6:30pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. In case of emergency after hours, call the University Police at 765-285-1111. They will escort you to the health center, where a nurse is on duty and a doctor on call at all times.

If you have not submitted immunization documentation, be sure to contact (or visit) the student health center as soon as you arrive on campus. The address is: 1500 W. Neely Avenue - just east of Irving Gym and next to Kinghorn Hall. Phone: 765-285-8431

IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital

Ball Memorial Hospital is located next to Ball State campus on 2525 W. University Avenue. The hospital has 225 clinical staff members with more than 50 specialties of medicine. They perform various medical examination, treatment, and surgery.

For more information about their service call 765-747-3111. They are open 24 Hours. Emergency room number is 765-751-1720.

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Please visit this link for Ball State University’s latest response and resources regarding the Coronavirus Disease.
ADDITIONAL COSTS

In addition to tuition and rent, students also need funds for food, laundry, telephone calls, transportation, entertainment and other activities.

**Food**
Students living in residence halls receive a university meal plan, which greatly reduces the amount of food bought for personal cooking. However, students may still wish to purchase snacks to prepare in the kitchenettes. Students living in university apartments or off-campus need to prepare their own meals. The following are average prices for food items in Muncie.

- Fresh chicken - $3.00 per pound
- Ground beef - $3.52 per pound
- White rice - $1.25 per pound
- White bread - $3.00 per loaf
- Noodles - $2.00 per package
- Spaghetti sauce - $2.50 per jar
- Eggs - $1.74 per dozen
- Milk - $1.75 per gallon
- Canned soup - $1.49 per can
- Fresh apples - $4.50 per bag (3 lb)
- Cheese - $3.50 per pound (depending on type)

Several grocery stores in Muncie have international food sections. There are international stores in Indianapolis that have more variety and a greater selection of international food.

**Laundry**
Coin operated laundry facilities are available in both the residence halls and apartment complexes. The cost to wash and dry one load of laundry is about $3.25 at these facilities.

**Transportation**
Transportation is free of charge in Muncie. Students can use the university shuttle bus to get around campus. There is also a city bus system, MITS, which allows students to travel all over town for free with a valid student ID card. In addition, many students have cars on campus and may be willing to carpool to stores.

**Entertainment**
Muncie offers a variety of facilities for student entertainment. There is one main movie theatre as well as multiple movie rental stores.

- Movie ticket - $10.00
- Movie rental - $5.00
- Cost of Game of Bowling - $8.00
- Restaurant meal for one - $7.00 - $14.00
Cardinal Cash

Cardinal Cash acts like a pre-paid credit card and is accepted at various participating outlets throughout the campus, such as the Ball State Bookstore, The Atrium, vending machines, etc. It can be used to purchase:

- books
- clothing
- beverages
- supplies
- food
- recreation
- gifts
- snacks

It can also be used at numerous restaurants in the Village (the business district on University Avenue near campus). Currently, Cardinal Cash is accepted at:

- HotBox Pizza
- Insomnia Cookies
- Pita Pit
- Roots Burgerbar
- Yats

Other advantages of Cardinal Cash are:

- **Convenience**: Just deposit money in your Cardinal Cash account online or at the Student Financial Services Office and use your Ball State photo identification card.

- **Flexibility**: Your Cardinal Cash account allows you to make a wide variety of necessary or unplanned last-minute purchases on Ball State's campus.

- **Security**: Your Cardinal Cash account is safer than cash; it is encoded on your photo ID card. If you lose your ID card, report it to the Student Financial Services Office or Dining Service, then no one can misuse your account.

- **Budgeting**: The Cardinal Cash account can help you budget your money. Each time you use your Cardinal Cash account, the remaining balance will be shown on your receipt. Statements are provided upon request so that you will know how you are spending your money and how much money is left in your account.

For more information, go to [https://www.bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/student-financial-services/resources/cardinal-cash](https://www.bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/student-financial-services/resources/cardinal-cash).
Living at Ball State

RESIDENCE HALLS

The eight-story Studebaker East (commonly referred to as Stu East) is home to 430 men and women and was opened after extensive renovation in fall semester 2012. Studebaker East features central air conditioning as well as rectangular double rooms for students. Students also can take advantage of the multipurpose room and space for meetings and presentations, along with a computer lab, fitness room, two-story lounge spaces, a laundry facility that uses card readers, and a music practice room.

In this hall, you'll find a diverse group of graduate, undergraduate, and nontraditional students. Double Rooms available for two students or single use.

Quick Facts:
• coed
• stackable furniture
• air conditioned
• semi-private bathrooms
• Large-screen TV, piano, pool table, and ping pong table in the main lounge
• break housing (for an additional fee)

For a detailed walk-through of Studebaker East, watch this video.
UNIVERSITY APARTMENTS

Depending on your age or academic status, you may have the choice of living in Ball State University Apartments. Ball State provides two apartment complexes for students, Scheidler and Anthony. Both apartment complexes are located near campus, and on the campus shuttle service route to campus.

Facilities include:
• All utilities, except for phone and cable services, are included in the rent. Utilities included are water, electricity, gas/heat
• Community buildings provide a lounge and computer lab
• Coin operated washers and dryers, parking, and playground
• Maintenance crews are available to fix apartment problems
• Both apartment complexes offer one and two bedroom set ups

For more information on the Ball State University apartments, visit https://www.bsu.edu/campuslife/housing/university-apartments

Scheidler Floor Plans

One-Bedroom

Two-Bedroom
Three-Bedroom

Roommates

If you want a two-bedroom apartment and do not currently have a roommate in mind, you may:

- Live in the apartment by yourself and pay a higher rent.
  OR
- Fill out the Roommate Search section of your Housing Application. After answering basic questions on your style of living, the application will give you a list of “top matches” based on your responses. You will then be able to contact those students to find the roommate that would work best for both of you.
OTHER HOUSING OPTIONS

For off-campus accommodations, many students begin their housing search before departure from their home country. Housing in Muncie is limited and many convenient locations may be unavailable by the time you arrive for Orientation. To begin your search, many students use the below resources for off-campus housing information. In addition, before signing a lease agreement, you may wish to consult with Student Legal Services during International Student Orientation.

Off-Campus Housing Information

Apartments.com
My Apartment Map
Rent.com
ForRent.com
http://www.ualaonline.org/members.php (University Area Landlord Association)
Academic Matters

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY STANDARDS

American universities and colleges provide four-year bachelor’s degree programs that prepare students to work in a specific field. After graduation, students may choose to continue their education for a master’s degree, doctorate, specialist degree and/or certificate. Students may also choose to enter the work force if they are not planning to pursue an additional degree.

In the United States, classes are expressed in the terms of credit hours or credits. Accumulated credits are used to determine a student’s progress. Many classes equal 3 credit hours. This means that if a student passes the class with a C or better, they have accumulated 3 more credit hours.

Undergraduate students generally register for 12 to 18 credit hours per semester. Often, students must accumulate a specific amount of credit hours or classes in a specific subject area before they are permitted to take a higher-level class. This is known as a prerequisite.

When coming to Ball State, you may not be able to take some classes due to prerequisites. However, if you feel that you have already had a class that substitutes for a prerequisite, you may submit this information to the department for consideration. All course work should be submitted in the form of syllabi or catalogs that have descriptions of the courses covered, the length of study, and the kind of examinations involved. Submit these materials in their original form, in addition to an English translation.

DIFFERENCES IN AMERICAN EDUCATION SYSTEM

You may find that academic settings and practices can dramatically differ from those in your home country. Below are some brief descriptions of such differences.

Informality: American classrooms are often rather informal. Most faculty members encourage candid discussions and critical thinking. Professors also hold office hours, when students may schedule appointments or stop by for help or answers to questions.
**Attendance:** Class attendance is critical. Participation and presence is often a determining factor in your grade. You should go to class and actively participate. If you know you will be unable to attend a class, you should inform the professor before the day of class.

**Tests and Papers:** Tests and papers are assigned frequently throughout the semester. You should study and prepare for all assignments. Professors will usually announce their grading system during the first few classes. Make sure you understand how your work will be graded.

**Studying:** Ball State students are advised to spend two to three hours a week studying for each hour spent in class.

**Dropping Courses:** American students often withdraw, or drop, courses they are not doing well in. They will then retake the course another semester. If your professor suggests you do this, make sure you will still have a full course load of at least 12 credit hours as an undergraduate or 6 to 9 credit hours as a graduate student (6 if you have an assistantship, 9 if you do not).

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**GRADE POINT AVERAGE**

The Office of the Registrar keeps a record — called a transcript — on each student. Transcripts list a student’s courses taken, grades, grade point average (GPA) for each semester, and cumulative GPA for all work done. If you need a copy of your transcript, you may request it from the registrar’s office.

With the GPA system, each grade is assigned a point value. Your GPA will be calculated with the following points:

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To calculate your GPA, multiply the grade/points received by the number of credits.

**For example:**

You receive B in a class, which equals 3.0 on the GPA scale. And the class was 3 credit hours.

\[ B = 3.0 \quad 3.0 \times 3 \text{ credit hours} = 9 \]

Do this for all the classes you have taken. Then add the totals together. For example:

Class 1  - 3 credit hours – Received B = 9
Class 2  - 3 credit hours – Received A = 12
Class 3  - 3 credit hours – Received C = 6

\[ 9 + 12 + 6 = 27 \]

Divide this total by the number of credits attempted. Example:

\[ 27 \div 9 \text{ credit hours attempted} = 3 \]

**So your GPA would be a 3.0**

For further transcript information, go to [https://www.bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/registrar/transcripts](https://www.bsu.edu/about/administrativeoffices/registrar/transcripts).

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**STUDENT ETHICS**

Ball State University does not tolerate any type of academic dishonesty. Failure to comply with all academic rules can result in possible dismissal from the university.

The following are examples of academic dishonesty, but be aware that this list is not comprehensive.

- Violation of procedures that protect the integrity of a quiz or examination, such as:
  - Referring to open textbooks, notes, or other devices not approved by the faculty member
  - Copying from another person’s paper
  - Communicating with or providing and receiving assistance from someone else in a manner not authorized by a faculty member.
  - Changing material on a graded examination and then requesting a regrade.
- Plagiarism or violations of procedures prescribed to protect the integrity of the assignment:
  - Submitting an assignment under your name when it has been created by another person.
  - Presenting ideas or words of another person without the proper acknowledgement of sources.

***Always cite your sources! If you do not do so, you will fail the assignment.

- Knowingly permitting your work to be submitted by another person as though it was his/her own.
- Cooperation with another person in academic dishonesty, directly or indirectly.
- Knowingly destroying another student’s work, whether in written form, computer files, art work, or other format.
- Aiding or attempting to commit an act or action which would constitute academic dishonesty.

More examples of academic dishonesty can be found in the Ball State student handbook.
ACADEMIC SERVICES

A variety of services are available to help you succeed while at Ball State. During your stay, feel free to contact any of the listed offices for assistance.

Skills Development

THE LEARNING CENTER North Quad, Room 350 Tel: 765-285-1006
Academic Year Hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., Fri.: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Learning Center is the primary resource for academic skills development. It offers a variety of services, free of charge. One-on-one peer tutoring, group workshops, and review sessions, and user-friendly computer labs are designed to help students fine tune their math, writing, reading, studying, conversation partner, and exam-taking skills. Tutoring is available in most general studies courses, and group study sessions are offered for select students.

WRITING CENTER Robert Bell Building (RB), Room 295 Tel: 765-285-8370
Hours: Online only through Summer 2021. Hours to be posted on website.

The Writing Center is open to any student at Ball State who wants help with a writing problem. Students may apply for undergraduate tutors, who will meet with them for an hour weekly in order to improve their writing skills. During typical semesters, the Writing Center is staffed by a tutor who is available to help “walk-in’s”.

INTENSIVE ENGLISH INSTITUTE Robert Bell Building (RB), Room 353
Tel: 765-285-2044 Hours: Updated hours to be posted on website.

The Ball State University Intensive English Institute (IEI) provides seven-week intensive English instruction for all levels of nonnative speakers of English who have a secondary school (high school) degree. IEI also offers customized programs. All classes are at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, USA. The Intensive English Institute is accredited by the Commission on English Language Program Accreditation (CEA) for the period August, 2018 through August 2027 and agrees to uphold the CEA Standards for English Language Programs and Institutions.
**Academic Advising and Registration**

**THE ACADEMIC ADVISING CENTER**
North Quad, Room 339  
Tel: 765-285-1161  
Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

During orientation we will discuss academic advising and course registration. You will have an academic advisor assigned, based on your area of study. Some courses require that you show proof of pre-requisite preparation before you are allowed to register. For this reason, it is a good idea to bring a copy of your most recent transcripts and course descriptions for any prior coursework in your academic area. These documents should be translated into English to ensure that your advisor will be able to read them.

**Career Advice**

**CAREER CENTER** Lucina Hall, Room 220  
Tel: 765-285-1522  
Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Job-search preparation and assistance are offered to Ball State students and alumni through this office. In addition to coordinating on-campus interviews, the office offers job-search skills workshops and special events and activities. The Cardinal Career Link contains resource on many different employers, businesses, and school corporations. Career services also coordinate all part-time on-campus student employment and some off-campus employment.

**COUNSELING CENTER** Lucina Hall, Room 320 Tel: 765-285-1736  
Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Counseling Center offers free career counseling, testing, and evaluation services for students. These services emphasize the career development of students through the enhancement of self and career awareness. The counseling center also provides programs for reducing math and test anxiety.

**STUDENT VOLUNTARY SERVICES** Student Center, Room 136  
Tel: 765-285-1094  
Hours: Updated hours to be posted on website. Call # above or email at svs@bsu.edu.

SVS provides students with educationally valuable work experience through community volunteer positions. Students may benefit through career and academic exploration, skill development, and greater insight into the world around them.
**Personal Counseling**

**RINKER CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**
Student Center, Room 102  
Tel: 765-285-5422  
Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Rinker Center provides legal and financial advice as well as counseling on cross cultural, personal, and social matters. All counseling is completely confidential.

**COUNSELING CENTER**
Lucina Hall, Room 320  
Tel: 765-285-1736  
Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Counseling Center offers counseling and therapy for personal, social, and temporary emotional problems. The counselors are highly qualified, with specialties in counseling and guidance, counseling psychology, clinical psychology, and psychometrics. For after-hours crisis/emergency services, call 911 or University Police @ 765-285-1111 to get immediate assistance. Students can call for assistance with any kind of personal problem.

**MULTICULTURAL CENTER**
325 N. McKinley Ave.  
Tel: 765-285-1344  
Hours: Mon. - Fri.: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Multicultural Center has staff members with counseling backgrounds and knowledge of university services that enable them to meet the special adjustment needs of minority students.
Legal Information

This section has been created to give you a brief overview of legal matters that may affect you during your stay in the U.S. The Rinker Center for International Programs is available to help you with any questions or concerns you may have throughout your stay at Ball State.

IMPORTANT IMMIGRATION DEFINITIONS

Identifying paperwork and legal documents can be a tricky thing. With the definitions below, we hope to give you a brief overview of the documents you will encounter while studying abroad. So take a deep breath, relax, and prepare to have your questions answered.

**Passport**
This document is issued by your government, and allows you to travel abroad. It must be kept valid at all times. In addition, your passport expiration date must be six months or more in the future. If your passport expiration is less than six months away at any time during your stay, you must renew it. If students' passports are not kept up to date, their permission to stay in the U.S. is no longer valid.

For passport renewal, your embassy may need a letter verifying your full-time student status. You may request this letter from the Center for International Programs or the Registrar's office.

Students should keep their passport in a safe place at all times. You are also encouraged to make a copy of your passport, and keep it in a separate place.

**Status**
When you enter the U.S., the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) officer who inspects the passport will create/update your status electronically.

- F-1 or F-2: Student or dependent
- J-1 or J-2: Exchange visitor or dependent
- B-2: Tourist
- H-1: Temporary Worker
**Visa**
The visa is a form stamped into your passport by the U.S. consulate in your home country. This document allows students to apply for entry to the U.S.

**However, if you plan to travel outside the U.S. at any time during your stay, you need to have a valid visa for re-entry to the U.S.** Students should check with the Center for International Programs before making foreign travel plans.

**I-20**
This is the form issued by the University at the time of your admission to enable students to obtain an F-1 student visa. The form specifies the academic and financial conditions under which the student was admitted. This form is to be kept in your passport at all times, as it is used for travel permission and work permission purposes. It must be kept valid at all times.

**DS-2019**
This is the form used to obtain a J-1 visa. It specifies the terms of your admission as the I-20 form does. Students are generally required to use this form if they are participating in a semester or year-long exchange program or if they are recipients of a scholarship from the U.S. government. If you plan to travel outside the US at any time during your stay, you need to have your DS-2019 signed. It must be kept valid at all times.

**I-94**
The electronic I-94 indicates your status and keeps a record of all your entries and exits. You can check your I-94 at [Homeland Security](https://www.homelandsecurity.gov/).

If you travel outside the US during your stay, you must have a valid passport and visa, as well as a valid I-20 or DS-2019 with a travel signature to present upon return. It may able be helpful to carry documents that support your financial capability and ties to a home country, such as family, a job, or property ownership.

**To summarize** – you must be able to prove that you are a non-immigrant student with every intention of returning home upon completion of your study abroad experience. This requires a valid visa when traveling outside the US.
YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A STUDENT

All international students must be sure to do the following:

- Report any change in address to the Rinker Center for International Programs
- Keep your passport valid for at least six months past the end of your stay.
- If deemed necessary, extend your permission to stay in the country by extending your DS-2019 or I-20 at least one month before it expires.
- Notify the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services when transferring to a different school. This is done through your new school.
- Check your travel documents to make sure they are valid before leaving the US - even for a brief trip.

Complete and file the annual U.S. and Indiana tax forms. If you will not be in the US during tax time, you must make arrangements to have these forms sent to you.

THE U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (USCIS)

The USCIS is a branch of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The department is responsible for awarding benefits of immigration regulations. The local address for the department is:

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
United States Department of Homeland Security
Landmark Center
1099 North Meridian St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204
800-375-5283

Always make sure to make copies of any papers sent to the USCIS. Papers and passports lost in the mail can cause significant problems.
You may be asking, “What is a Social Security Number?” A very good question…. In the United States, in order to work and be paid for work legally, everyone must have a Social Security Number (or SSN). This nine digit number is what the U.S. government use to track and tax the earnings of all people, U.S. citizens included, who work legally in the United States. For international students who come to Ball State University as degree-seeking students in either F-1 or J-1 status (using an I-20 or DS-2019 to obtain your visa), you are eligible to work on campus up to 20 hours per week while school is in session, and up to 40 hours per week during vacation periods when school is not in session. Degree-seeking students are ones who will be earning a bachelors, masters or doctoral degree from Ball State during their studies.

Students who are here for only a semester or academic year “on exchange” from their home country or home institution, and will not be earning a degree from Ball State University, will not be eligible to work on campus. This rule regarding non-degree seeking students applies to both international and U.S. students who will not be earning degrees from BSU.

If you have been offered a Graduate Assistantship by a department, or if you wish to look for a job in one of the many offices on the Ball State campus that are looking for student workers, you must first come to the International Services office to get the necessary paperwork you’ll need to apply for an SSN. **The key for all international students in F-1 or J-1 status is that you must have a job offer from a department or office on campus in order to apply for an SSN.**

You cannot get an SSN just to open a bank account, sign a mobile phone contract, or register a car (after buying it) with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles. SSN numbers are only given to international students who will be working on campus during their studies.

During the International Orientation Program that you will be participating in after your arrival, we will have a session outlining the process of Applying for a Social Security Number. In addition to the application for a SSN, your passport, and I-20/DS-2019, you will need two different letters from Ball State that establish: 1) you are eligible to work on campus 2) you have a job offer from a specific department with specific duties. Once you have these two letters, you can apply directly at the Social Security Office located at 600 N. Walnut Ave. near downtown Muncie.
**INDIANA STATE ID AND DRIVER’S LICENSE**

In order to drive a car in the United States, for the first year you are in the country, you can legally use either an international driver’s license or a driver’s license from your home country. If you will be at Ball State more than one year, and want to drive a car legally, you will need to apply for an Indiana State Driver’s License.

Before you can receive an Indiana license you must pass both a written test and a driving test.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) office is located at:
2904 E. McGalliard Rd. in Muncie.

**OTHER LEGAL MATTERS**

We hope that your time spent at Ball State is safe and enjoyable. However, should a legal situation arise, please remember the following recommendations. If you are stopped by the police, given traffic ticket, or arrested, your conduct can affect how the police will respond and affect the ultimate outcome of your case.

**Stopped While Driving**

If you are stopped while driving, remember to stay in your vehicle. Keep your hands on the steering wheel, in plain view. Do not make any sudden movements.

If the officer requests to see your driver’s license or other identification, cooperate without an argument. The officer may also ask to see your vehicle registration, which you should always keep in your vehicle.

If you do not have your driver’s license with you, you will be ticketed for “No license in possession.” This infraction will be dismissed if you produce your license at the police headquarters within five days. Be sure to be courteous when answering the officer’s questions, but remember you are not required to make any incriminating statements. Comply with any request to wait in the officer's car while he checks your license or vehicle registration.

On most traffic tickets, there is a place at the bottom where the officer will ask you to sign. By signing, you are not admitting guilt, but simply promising to show up in court at a specified date and time. If you do not sign, the officer may take you into custody to ensure your appearance at the court date.
Under no circumstances should you argue with the officer. You can make your defense during a trial when you may hire an attorney to represent you. If you are charged with a criminal offense such as “driving while intoxicated,” you will be arrested and taken into custody.

Social Customs in Muncie

Physical Contact

In general, Midwestern Americans are very friendly people. It is not uncommon for female friends to hug each other in greeting. However, physical contact between men is generally reserved to a handshake. Greetings are contained to a wave hello or goodbye. Couples also hug, kiss lightly, and hold hands in public.

Dating

Dating customs in the U.S. have a modern, Western-minded approach. Women expect a high amount of respect. Cat-calling or unwanted touching will result in anger, and if continued, can lead to charges of harassment. American men often compliment a woman and ask her to coffee, lunch, or dinner if interested in dating her. Although some men in the U.S. still prefer to ask women on dates, many women also ask men. Just as men do to women, a woman can compliment a man and ask him out.

Timeliness

In the U.S., it is very important to be on time, in both casual and professional situations. If you make an appointment with a professor, it is important to arrive promptly. To arrive late is a sign of disrespect, and you should always call if you are running late or unable to keep your appointment. When meeting with friends, arrangements are somewhat less rigid but should still be treated with respect. If it is a relaxed party, you may not need to show up right on time.
Smoking

While people in the U.S. still smoke, its popularity has declined.

There are now many laws restricting where smokers can light up. Smoking is prohibited in many restaurants and public buildings. Smoking is not allowed in any building on Ball State’s campus, which includes the residence halls, and is not permitted on the grounds, except in certain areas. (For more, read about the university’s tobacco-free campus.)

You must be 18 years of age to smoke in the U.S. and underage smoking or buying cigarettes for underage smokers is a violation of the law and can result in fines.

Drinking

The drinking age in the U.S. is 21. Anyone under the age of 21 that consumes alcohol is breaking the law and may be punished by fines and possibly jail time. In Indiana, minors may not enter bars or liquor stores, or transport or hold alcohol.

Tipping

Tipping is common practice in the U.S. Although it is not required, it is a social custom and recommended to do so. Many people who receive tips are not paid minimum wage and depend on the tips as part of their income. The following is a brief reference on how much you should tip for different services.

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<td>Taxi Driver</td>
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<td>Bartender</td>
<td>10%-20% of the bill or cost of your drink</td>
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For more information, go to www.tipping.org
Practical Information

ABOUT TELEPHONES

Cell Phones

Cell phones are a popular way for students to stay connected. Almost all students are choosing to rely solely on cell phones without any type of landline/private phone. Some popular cell phone companies in the U.S. are AT&T, Verizon, and Sprint. However, there are countless other options out there. These companies typically offer prepaid, monthly phone plans. If you choose to get a cell phone, make sure of what type of contract you are signing.

Prepaid SIM Cards

SIM cards for your phone may be the cheapest way for you to make international calls and have access to data. A variety of companies offer phone cards- each with varying international rates. If you know other students from your country studying in the Midwest area, you may want to ask them what phone card they recommend. AT&T and other companies have phone cards that can be bought at Walmart, Target, other retailers, and even online through Amazon.

Alternative Apps

Many international students decide to go without a cellphone plan and relay on various communication apps that require a Wi-Fi connection. These apps are often free and easy to use for both local communication and long distance. Some of these apps include Skype, WhatsApp, WeChat, Line, Facebook Messenger, Google Hangout, etc . . .

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SHOPPING

**Grocery Stores**

There are many grocery stores in Muncie to choose from. Ball State students often enjoy shopping at Meijer, Walmart, Payless, Aldi, Fresh Thyme, and Target. All of these stores offer a wide variety of food and drinks. Each is stocked with fresh fruit and meats, too. Which one you choose to go to may simply depend on which is most easily accessible for you.

**Clothes**

There are some clothing stores in Muncie. The Muncie Mall offers a variety of clothing stores in one location and several other stores can be found near the mall. Stores such as Walmart, Target, and Kohl's offer a variety of clothing options at affordable prices. You can shop and compare prices easily, before making your purchases. The Muncie Mall is located on the MITS bus route.

**Household Needs**

If you are in need of appliances or small housewares such as dishes, you may want to visit a large all-in-one store, such as Meijer or Walmart. These stores offer a wide variety of standard home needs at a low cost.

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| **Muncie Mall** | Mon.-Sat.: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
     Sun.: 12 p.m. – 6 p.m. |
| **Target** | 8 a.m. – 10 p.m. everyday |
POSTAL SERVICES

There are several post offices in Muncie. The most accessible post office is located on the first floor of the Student Center on campus. It is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Blue postal drop boxes are located throughout the city. They can often be found near shopping centers. These boxes allow you to drop stamped letters after the post office has closed. You should be aware that letters are not picked up until the next day or the times posted on the outside of the box.

You can also mail letters from your residence hall. Each hall is equipped with an outgoing mail box and front desks can sell you stamps.

The stamp to send a standard letter costs 55 cents. For non-standard size letters and parcels, you should go to the post office and have them weighed. The post office can then tell you the cost of shipping the object. More information is available at the US post office website at www.usps.com.

You will receive your letters in a mailbox. In the residence halls, this box will be located at the front desk. You will receive a combination to open it. In the university apartments, you will have a small drop box built into your front door. This will allow the postal worker to drop your letters directly into your apartment. You can expect to receive paper mail for official documents such as a driver license, information from the BMV, Social Security, etc…

BANKING

Obtaining an Account

There are several banks to choose from in the university area. First Merchants Bank has a branch located in the village area of campus, on University Avenue. Ball State Financial has a branch located on the first floor of the Student Center.

In order to obtain a bank account with First Merchants, you must first obtain a Ball State student ID card. By taking this ID and your passport to First Merchants, you may open an account.

You may then use this account for checking and for savings. An account will also provide you with an ATM/debit card. This card will
allow you to withdraw money from ATM machines. ATM machines are located throughout the community, and by entering an assigned PIN number and your card, you can gain access to your account.

Debit cards also allow you to pay for items when you do not have cash or checks. They are swiped like credit cards, but money is withdrawn straight from your account.

If you choose to open an account at a different bank, please be aware that policies may differ. Many banks require you to have a valid Social Security card. If this card is not obtained, they may close your account.

**Exchanging Money**

The best place to exchange currency is at a local bank. There are few other facilities in Muncie equipped for such transactions. Banks may charge a fee for an exchange. In order to avoid such transactions, try not to bring a large amount of your own currency.

**SIZES, WEIGHTS, AND MEASUREMENTS**

The United States is one of the few nations that has not adopted the metric system. Converting sizes and measurements may be confusing at first, but this chart is designed to make such conversions easier.

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### Weights

The British measurement of “stone” is not used in the U.S. However, if you need to convert stones to pounds, one stone equals 14 pounds. And 1 Kg equals to 2.2 pounds.

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**Temperature**

The United States uses a Fahrenheit scale for thermometers measuring body, cooking, and air temperatures. To convert from degrees Fahrenheit to degrees Celsius, follow the following formula:

Subtract 32 from your Fahrenheit measurement:
75° – 32 = 43
Multiply the result by 5
43 * 5 = 215
Divide the answer by 9
215 / 9 = 23.88

So when it is 75°Fahrenheit, it is roughly 24°Celsius.
Common Links

- Indianapolis International Airport Terminal Map PDF
- www.cityofmuncie.com (The official website for the city)
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- Campus Virtual Tour
- International Student Orientation
- Student Legal Services
- The Academic Advising Center
- The Counseling Center

The Rinker Center