REQUEST I-20 or DS-2019
Deadline to request: July 1, 2018
An I-20 (Certificate of Eligibility) is the immigration document you will need to apply for an F-1 visa. A DS-2019 is the immigration document you will need to apply for a J-1 exchange visitor visa. You must be officially accepted and submit the required documentation before we can issue you an I-20 or DS-2019.
Note: You may begin this process as soon as you apply.
- Students who are transferring their F-1 visa status from another U.S. institution need to submit the SEVIS Transfer Form in addition to the SEVIS Data Form.

PAY I-901 FEE
You must pay the SEVIS I-901 fee at least 3 days prior to your visa appointment. Note: If you are already in the U.S. in F-1 or J-1 visa status or you have paid this fee within the last 12 months and were denied a visa, you do not have to pay this fee again. You will only need to present the receipt for your previous payment.

APPLY for VISA
Consult the U.S. Department of State’s website for a list of U.S. embassies and consulates and for information on what you will need for your visa appointment.

APPLY for HOUSING
Freshmen must live on-campus. All other students may choose to live on-campus or off-campus. On-campus housing is limited to single students.

SUBMIT COMPLETED CERTIFICATE of IMMUNIZATION
The Certificate of Immunization is mailed with your I-20. Once you register for classes and have access to your My.GeorgiaSouthern account, you may upload this form and complete the 2 additional forms (the Medical History and the Tuberculosis Screening Questionnaire) using the Eagle Health Center Online.

SIGN UP for INTERNATIONAL SOAR ORIENTATION
At SOAR you’ll meet with your academic advisor, register for classes, discover campus resources and student life opportunities, and get settled into your new life in the United States.
- Undergraduate orientation will be held August 8-10, 2018; you may register online.
- Graduate orientation will be held Friday, August 10, 2018; you do not need to register.

MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
Savannah/Hilton Head International is the closest airport to campus. A taxi may cost up to $100, but an Uber or Lyft may be more affordable.
Undergraduate students should plan on arriving to campus on August 6 or 7. Graduate students should plan to arrive to campus August 8 or 9, 2018.

PREPARE to PAY TUITION & FEES
All of your tuition and fees must be paid by the first day of classes. For an estimate of your bill, check the tuition & fees information online.

QUESTIONS? Contact:
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