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Before Arrival - To Do checklist

What to do before you arrive

☐ Make a visa appointment. You should make your appointment for your visa interview as soon as possible after receiving your Form I-20 or DS-2019 and paying the I-901 SEVIS fee. For more information about a visa in your country, visit this page or contact NEBRASKA’s International Student and Scholar Office at isso@unl.edu.

☐ Get enrolled in your classes. For details about course enrollment, visit this page.

☐ Claim your My.UNL account at id.unl.edu/claim. My.UNL is the online academic portal where information for your classes will be posted and you may need to complete assignments before the semester begins. You can think of MyRed as your “business” portal and My.UNL as your “academic” portal.

☐ Upload a scanned copy of your immunization records, in English, to your MyRed. Click on the “Health Requirement” link on the bottom right corner of the “Admissions” page in MyRed to submit a copy of your records. You must provide proof of two rubeola measles/MMR immunizations or a positive rubeola lab result. If you cannot access your immunization records or would like more information about the requirement, visit this page.

☐ Submit your NCard photo (student identification card) online. This will make it much faster for you to pick up your NCard on campus.

☐ After you have visa approval, look for a plane ticket. Be sure to look at the suggested arrival dates listed on our Arrival Site. Popular sites to search for flights include Student Universe, Expedia, and Kayak.

☐ Solidify your housing. Complete your University Housing contract in MyRed before arrival if you plan to live on campus. If you plan to live off campus, we recommend that you contact Student Legal Services before signing a lease. Student Legal Services is a university service that is free, and attorneys there can help you understand a lease and provide you with information about problematic apartment complexes. Find more information about living off campus here.

☐ Schedule your immigration document check-in with the International Student and Scholar Office (ISSO) at this page. You will go to your scheduled document check-in appointment after you arrive at NEBRASKA. All international students are required to check in with ISSO. At your appointment, you will learn about immigration status requirements, and your SEVIS record will be activated.

☐ Submit your arrival information at the NSE Arrival Form so that we know when you will arrive. Also, decide how you will be transported from the airport to campus or to your off-campus housing. For safety and legal reasons, we do not recommend that you travel with students or other individuals who offer transportation from the airport for a fee or for free, unless the driver is a legitimate friend. Please find more details on our Arrival site.
Before Arrival - What to Pack

**What to Pack**

Documents:

(Do NOT put these in your checked luggage – these should stay with you at all times during your trip to the U.S.)

- Passport (valid for at least six months into the future) with visa attached
- I-20 or DS-2019
- I-901 SEVIS Fee Receipt
- Document with proof of funds to cover your education
- NEBRASKA admissions letter (printed)
- Address of where you will stay in the U.S.
- Flight itinerary
- A spare copy of all documents

Medical items:

- Immunization record that shows you have had two rubeola measles/MMR vaccinations OR a positive rubeola lab result. (If you do not have access to your immunization records or have not had these vaccinations, you can get vaccinations on campus. If you have uploaded the records to MyRed, you do not need paper copies.)
- Medication for personal use (bring a written doctor’s prescription, and carry the medicine in the original, properly labeled container)

Clothing:

If you arrive for the **Fall** semester:

- Shorts (the beginning of the semester is very warm)
- T-shirts (long and short-sleeved)
- Sweaters
- Light jacket
- Sandals (these are good at the beginning of the semester)
- Close-toed shoes (boots are good for late Fall)
- Long pants
- Athletic gear if you plan to work out

If you arrive for the **Spring** semester:

*The Spring semester begins in winter, when temperatures can reach -18 (yes, negative!) degrees Celsius.

- Heavy coat
- Warm pants
- Hats and gloves
- Boots or other warm shoes
- Scarves
- Sweaters

If you arrive for the **Summer** term:

*The Summer in Nebraska is quite hot. It is normal for temperatures to range from 32-35 degrees Celsius.

- Shorts
- T-shirts or tank tops
- Sandals

Toiletries

*Only bring what you’ll need for the first week or so at NEBRASKA. All of these products can be bought in Lincoln.*

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Hairbrush, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, face wash
- Contact solution and lenses (glasses and lenses can be obtained at the University Health Center once you need replacements)

Other:

- Religious devotion materials (optional)
- Cultural artifacts/souvenirs to share your culture and use as gifts (if you have traditional attire from your home country, bring it!)
- Photos of friends, family, or pets (optional)
- Cell phone (find more details about mobile phone options on Page 10) (optional)
- Laptop computer (you can buy or rent a laptop at NEBRASKA if you don’t want to bring one) (optional)
- $200-$300 cash in USD for miscellaneous expenses (if you are living off-campus, you should bring enough money to cover your first month’s rent and a security deposit)
- Credit card from your home country if you have confirmed it will work in the U.S. (optional)

What NOT to bring

- 220-240 volt electric appliances (you’ll need to buy a converter to use these if you plan to bring them because the U.S. voltage is 120 volts)
- Local foods and plants (these are prohibited by U.S. Customs and Border Protection)
Before Arrival - Weather & On-Campus Housing

**Weather**
Lincoln experiences four distinct seasons throughout the year. Nebraskans often joke that “if you don’t like the weather, wait 10 minutes” because the weather can change significantly in the same day. The extreme climate (very hot in the summer, very cold in the winter) is typical of the Midwestern region of the United States.

High temperatures of 85-95 degrees Fahrenheit (29-35 degrees Celsius) are normal in the warm summer months (June, July, and August), and high temps of about 32 to 52 degrees Fahrenheit (0-11 degrees Celsius) are normal in the winter months (December, January, February, March). Low temps in winter are usually between 10 and 20 degrees Fahrenheit (-12 to -7 degrees Celsius), but can easily drop below that. It does snow in the winter. The Fall and Spring seasons are milder, with high temperatures ranging from 40 to 70 degrees Fahrenheit (5 to 21 degrees Celsius).

If you arrive for the Fall semester (August), be prepared for very hot temperatures upon your arrival. If you arrive for the Spring semester (January), you will actually be arriving in winter, so be prepared for very cold temperatures. Please don’t arrive in shorts and sandals for the winter! Please see the packing list on page 4 for suggestions on what to bring with you to NEBRASKA.

**On-campus housing**
Living on campus is the best choice for incoming international students. The residence halls provide a supportive environment to aid you in your transition to NEBRASKA. University Housing has a full-time professional staff member dedicated to supporting international students. Housing also has a staff of multilingual Intercultural Aides, who are current students who assist students upon arrival to the halls and plan events throughout the semester.

All incoming students under the age of 19 or students who have not completed or transferred 27 or more accepted semester hours of post-secondary education prior to the first day of fall semester classes are required to live in University-approved on-campus Housing. Details about the policy can be found at [http://go.unl.edu/unlresidency](http://go.unl.edu/unlresidency).

Your Housing contract must be completed before you arrive at NEBRASKA. You can access the contract through MyRed.

**Types of On-Campus Housing**
There are three types of university residence halls: traditional (shared bedroom and community bathroom with private showers and toilets), suite-style (four-person units with double- or single-occupancy bedrooms with an in-unit shower, toilet, living room, and snack-prep area), and apartments (apartments are not available to traditional freshmen).

International students should select a “break hall” when completing their contract (spring admits will be automatically assigned to a break hall). Break halls are open during breaks like Thanksgiving and winter break, so students do not have to move out during that time. The names of the break halls on City Campus are Selleck Quadrangle, University Suites, Knoll Residential Center, and East Side Suites, as well as the Courtyards and Village apartments. Fedde is a break hall on East Campus.

For more details, please visit the University Housing website. For Housing questions, please contact housing@unl.edu.
Before Arrival - Off-campus Housing

Off-campus housing
Before you begin securing off-campus housing, keep in mind the university's housing policy: All incoming students under the age of 19 or students who have not completed or transferred 27 or more accepted semester hours of post-secondary education prior to the first day of fall semester classes are required to live in University-approved on-campus Housing. Details about the policy can be found at http://go.unl.edu/unlresidency.

Students are responsible for finding their own housing if they choose to live off campus. Some students choose to live near campus and pay more for rent. Other students choose to live farther from campus to save money but then must commute to campus by bus, bike, car, or walking.

For a list of some off-campus housing options, click here. If you are wanting to wait until you come to Lincoln to find a place to stay off campus, click here for an attachment that gives you short-term stay options (mostly hotels) in Lincoln.

Steps to take if you are thinking of living off-campus.
- Choose the type of housing you wish to live in. Do you want to live in a house with roommates? Do you want to live in an apartment with roommates? Do you want to live alone? How far from campus are you willing to live? How much can you budget per month for rent?
- Talk to Student Legal Services at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln about what you should look for on a lease and how to read a lease. Student Legal Services is a free university service with professional attorneys, and they can help you with your lease or provide information to you about problematic apartment complexes. We recommend that you contact Student Legal Services before you sign your lease to make sure you know what you are agreeing to by signing the contract.
- Contact the rental companies/apartment complexes that you are interested in and ask them any questions you might have about living there. Questions to keep in mind:
  - Is there a way to see what the place looks like through a video call?
  - Do they provide roommates or do residents need to find their own?
  - Is the place furnished?
  - Who is responsible for maintenance and household repairs?
  - Where can you do laundry?
  - How much is the rent and what does that all include? How much are bills and utilities (internet, cable, heating, cooling, electricity, garbage, water, etc.) each month?
  - How can you reach campus?
- Review the lease with Student Legal Services to make sure you understand everything you are agreeing to by signing the lease.

Tips for living off-campus
- Talk with your roommate(s) about living arrangements. Some topics to discuss are:
  - Sleeping schedule
  - Visitors
  - Cleaning of common rooms
  - Smoking/Alcohol
  - Food/groceries
- Alcohol Laws
  - It is illegal to drink alcohol under the age of 21 in the United States, even if you are in your own home.
  - It is illegal to serve or provide alcohol to people under the age of 21, even if you are 21 years old and in your home.
- Be a Good Neighbor
  - Keep the noise at a decent level, especially between the hours of 10PM and 7AM during the week.
  - There are people who will live around you who are not students, so be respectful of their lifestyle.
- Keep in mind your budget
  - You will have to pay your rent monthly, along with utilities if it is not included in the rent.
  - You will need to buy your own groceries and household supplies.
Arrival - Entering the U.S.A.

**Entering the United States**
You cannot enter the U.S. more than 30 days before the start date on your I-20 or DS-2019. When you arrive in the United States, you will have to pass through passport control and U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The security at the U.S. border might be stricter than what you’re used to. It is normal for immigration officials to take your photo and fingerprints.

When you reach the border checkpoint in the airport, you should have the following items in your hand:
- Passport (valid for at least six months into the future) with visa attached
- I-20 or DS-2019
- I-901 SEVIS Fee Receipt
- Document with proof of funds to cover your education
- NEBRASKA admissions letter (printed)

Be prepared to answer a few potential questions from the immigration officer about what you will be doing in the U.S., where you will be living, how long you plan to stay, what you plan to do upon return to your home country, and more.

If you are arriving with more than $10,000 USD in cash, traveler’s checks, or foreign currency, you must declare that on your U.S. customs declaration form, which you will receive either in the plane or in the airport after arriving. You will not have to pay import taxes or fees if you declare the money, but if you do not declare it and it is found upon inspection, U.S. Customs and Border Control can seize the money, so it is important that you declare it honestly.
After Arrival - To Do Checklist

What to do after you arrive

- **Tell your family that you have arrived safely.** They will want to hear from you.

- **Connect to campus wifi** at www.wifi.unl.edu. You will need your My.UNL login to register your electronic devices on the wifi network. If you have not activated your My.UNL account, you will need to do that first at id.unl.edu/claim. My.UNL is the online academic portal where information for your classes will be posted and you may need to complete assignments before the semester begins.

- **Update your contact information in MyRed.** Log in and click on the “Profile” tab, then update your current/local mailing address to the address of your residence hall or off-campus residence and update your email address to the one that you will check most often. If you have a U.S. phone number, also include that.

- **Purchase your textbooks.** To see a list of books for your courses, log in to MyRed and click on the “Enrollment” tab. Then click on the blue “Textbook Online Ordering” button. Clicking on the button WILL NOT automatically order your books. On the following page, select the correct academic term and click “Order Now.” Again, clicking “order now” WILL NOT order your books. It will simply provide you with a list of all the books you need for your courses. You can rent or buy books directly through the University Bookstore or through online retailers.

- **Open a bank account.** You can open a free account by going to Union Bank & Trust in the Nebraska Union on campus before orientation, or you can open an account during the first day of orientation. If you do not want to use Union Bank, you are able to open an account at most off-campus banks in Lincoln, but they will not have the level of expertise in working with international students that the staff at Union Bank & Trust has.

- **Complete your health requirements** at the University Health Center, located at 1500 U Street. Go to Room 158 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. All international students MUST get a tuberculosis test at the Health Center and provide proof of two rubeola measles/MMR immunizations or a positive rubeola lab result. There are no exceptions. If you do not have your immunization record or have not received such immunizations, you can get immunizations at the Health Center. Find more information on this page.

- **Get your NCard** (student identification card). The NCard office is located inside the Nebraska Union, 1400 R Street. You can get your NCard before orientation or during the first day of orientation.

- **If you are an Intensive English Program (IEP) student, take the English Language Test (ELT) from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the first day of orientation.** The ELT is only for IEP students. If you are an IEP student and have not registered for the exam, register here.

- **Attend welcome events and International Orientation.** Orientation is REQUIRED for all new international undergraduates (full admit, Exchange, CEAP, and IEP). The event occurs on the second floor of the Nebraska Union. Find orientation details here. Welcome events aside from orientation include meals and fun social activities. Welcome events are not required, but you are encouraged to attend to meet new people and have fun. Find the welcome calendar here.
Transportation in Lincoln

Like most American cities, Lincoln is very spread out, and distances are usually covered in a car, bus, or bike rather than by walking. Campus is located downtown, which has lots of restaurants and entertainment venues, but most students do most of their shopping outside of downtown. In Lincoln, you can get around using the public bus, bikes, private cars, Zip-cars, taxis, or Uber/Lyft.

- **Bikes** – Lincoln is well-known for having one of the best bike trail systems in the United States. Most of the bike trails run outside of downtown. In downtown Lincoln, it is illegal to ride your bike on the sidewalk. It must be ridden on the road. However, on campus, many students ride their bikes on the sidewalks. Bike racks are located throughout campus and downtown, but you’ll want to lock up your bike. Students can rent a one-speed bike for a semester from the Outdoor Adventures Center on campus for $75. Check out these tips for biking around campus/downtown. Find more information about bike trails here and here.

- **Cars** – To own a car, you need a valid U.S. driver’s license, car registration, and liability insurance. It’s best to talk to the Department of Motor Vehicles, Student Legal Services, or the University Police Department before driving in Lincoln to make sure you are complying with laws. It is illegal to drive a personal vehicle without a license, registration, or insurance. You can drive a rental car with a foreign license.

- **Taxi** – You will probably notice that there are not many taxis in Lincoln. This is typical of mid-sized American cities, where most people do not rely on taxis. Taxis are a somewhat expensive option for transportation within Lincoln, and they sometimes have long wait times. Generally, you cannot get a cab directly off the street; you usually need to call. HappyCab is a large taxi company. Their phone number is (402) 202-2222.

- **Uber or Lyft** – These are “taxi” apps, but the drivers are not professional taxi drivers. This is generally cheaper than taxis unless it is a very busy time and the prices are surging. To use Uber or Lyft, you will need to download the app on your smartphone and register for an account. Both Uber and Lyft are increasingly popular transportation options for young people in Lincoln.

- **Zip cars** – There are ZipCars, which are short-term rental cars, located at a few spots on campus. Students with foreign driver’s licenses can drive zip cars. Students can rent by the hour or by the day, and gas and insurance is included in the cost. Find more info about pricing and procedures at UNL’s ZipCar website.

- **Busses** – Lincoln has a public bus system, called StarTran, that is free for NEBRASKA students. You will receive a free bus pass when you get your student ID card (NCard). To ride the bus for free, you will need to show the driver your NCard and bus pass. Most busses run Monday through Saturday; each route has a different operating schedule. There is no bus service on Sundays. The StarTran website lists all routes with the route schedule and the bus stops on each route. Some of the most common routes used by international students are:
  - **#24/25**: These Intercampus routes run between City Campus and East Campus (NEBRASKA has two campuses in different parts of Lincoln). These routes also run along Vine Street, near where many international students live off campus, and along 27th street, where many international grocery stores are. These routes do not operate on the weekends nor during university holidays.
  - **#27 – North 27th**: This route goes to the North Wal-Mart, where many students buy personal items, housing items, groceries, and more. This route has a Monday-Friday schedule, and a separate Saturday schedule.
  - **#44 – “O” Street**: This route goes to Target (a large department store similar to Wal-Mart where many students buy personal items, housing items, groceries, and more), Gateway Mall (a shopping mall good for clothes and shoes shopping), and Best Buy (a large electronics store). This route has a Monday-Friday schedule, and a separate Saturday schedule.
  - **#53 – SouthPointe**: This route goes to SouthPointe Pavilions Mall, which is an outdoor mall with different stores from Gateway Mall. This route has a Monday-Friday schedule, and a separate Saturday schedule.
After Arrival—Health Requirements & Mobile Phone

Health requirements
All new international students have to comply with two health requirements: 1. take a tuberculosis test at the University Health Center and 2. provide proof in English of two rubeola measles/MMR immunizations or a positive rubeola lab result. You can upload your immunization records in MyRed by clicking on the “Health Requirement” link on the bottom right corner of the “Admissions” page. If you do not have your immunization record or have not received such immunizations, you can get immunizations at the Health Center.

Tuberculosis testing cannot be done before arrival; the test must be performed at the University Health Center, located at 1500 U Street. To do the TB test or get immunizations (or both!), go to Room 158 in the Health Center on Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Find more information on this page.

Mobile phone
Most international students at NEBRASKA have phone coverage with one of two main phone carriers: AT&T or Verizon. You might hear about a couple of other carriers, mainly T-Mobile or Sprint. T-Mobile service in Lincoln is poor and is not recommended. A small number of students use Sprint, but it requires a 2-year contract.

Here is more information about your mobile phone options:

1. Bring a phone from your home country and activate it on a U.S. network using a SIM card: To do this, your phone must be “unlocked,” meaning it can be used on a network that is different from the one you used in your home country. If you are unsure if your phone is unlocked, you should contact your phone carrier in your home country to verify. SIM cards can be used on the AT&T network but cannot be used with Verizon or Sprint.

SIM cards are not as common or easy to obtain in the U.S. as they are in many parts of the world. Some cards are pay-as-you go, but many of them either come loaded with a certain amount of calling minutes/text messages/data, or you pay an established monthly price for a certain plan. H2O is a common SIM card company that provides reasonable monthly and pay-as-you-go rates; H2O cards use the AT&T network and can be purchased online or at some stores in Lincoln. Wal-Mart, Best Buy, and Walgreens also sell SIM cards.

2. Purchase a new phone in the U.S. and get a 1-year or 2-year contract: At the HuskerTech store in the Nebraska Union on campus, students can purchase phones and contracts for Verizon or Sprint service. Verizon contracts are 1 year and do not charge for data roaming when you travel outside of Lincoln. Sprint contracts are 2 years and do charge for data roaming.

Verizon allows students to link with other students on discounted “family plans.” You can find more details about Sprint and Verizon phones and plans on this page. Most foreign phones, even if they are unlocked, cannot be activated on the Verizon network, so you would most likely need to purchase a Verizon phone if you want Verizon service.

3. Purchase a used phone in the U.S. and activate it on a U.S. network with a contract: You’ll need to pay particular attention to the phone’s network when you buy it. If you buy a phone from someone who used Verizon, for example, you should make sure it will work on the carrier you would like to use (if it’s not Verizon) because companies use different network systems. Even if you buy a phone that the seller says is “unlocked,” that does not guarantee that it will work on any U.S. network.
After Arrival - Shopping

Shopping Malls

**Gateway Mall** - 6100 O St, Lincoln, NE 68505
- Indoor mall with lots of stores to shop for clothing, books, games, and many other items. There are also a few restaurants.
- How to get there on the bus: **Route 44**, get off at Gateway Mall stop.

**South Pointe Pavilions** - 2910 Pine Lake Rd, Lincoln, NE 68516
- Outdoor mall in South Lincoln, also has stores to shop for clothing, books, sporting items, etc.
- How to get there on the bus: Take the **South Pointe bus (#53)** and get off at the mall stop.

Where to buy essentials

**Wal-Mart** - 4700 N 27th St, Lincoln, NE 68521
- Department store that will carry anything you are looking for from groceries to personal care items to clothing and much more.
- How to get there on the bus: Take the **North 27 bus (27)** and get off in front of the store.

**Target** - 333 N 48th St, Lincoln, NE 68504
- Department store similar to Wal-Mart but carries slightly “nicer” items.
- How to get there on the bus: Take the "**O** Street bus (#44)" and get off at the stop on the street in front of Target.

**Super Saver** - 233 N 48th St, Lincoln, NE 68504
- Large grocery store where you can buy quality food for a decent price.
- How to get there on the bus: Take the “**O** Street bus (#44)" and get off at the stop on the street in front of Target.

**South Pointe Pavilion** - 2910 Pine Lake Rd, Lincoln, NE 68516
- Large indoor mall with many stores to shop for clothing, books, games, and many other items. There are also a few restaurants.
- How to get there on the bus: Take the **South Pointe bus (53)** and get off at the mall stop.

**Oriental Market** - 612 N 27th St, Lincoln, NE 68503
- Comprehensive store with Chinese, Japanese, Thai, Lao, Vietnamese, Korean, and other countries’ products.
- How to get there on the bus: Take the **Vine Street** or **Holdrege** bus (24 or 25) and get off at the 27th Street and W street stop. You will need to walk south on 27th street to "T" street.

**Suji’s Indian Store** - 3140 O St, Lincoln, NE 68510
- How to get there on the bus: Take the **O Street bus (44)"** and get off at the 32nd Street bus stop, then the store is right across the street.

**Lincoln Grocery Mart** - 2619 Holdrege St, Lincoln, NE 68503
- Middle Eastern and African products
- How to get there on the bus: Take the **Vine Street** or **Holdrege** bus (24 or 25) and get off at the 27th Street and Starr Street stop. The store is then just across the street.

**Kahramana Market & Bakery** - 850 N 27th St, Lincoln, NE 68503
- Middle Eastern/European products
- How to get there on the bus: Take the **Vine Street** or **Holdrege** bus (24 or 25) and get off at 27th Street and W street. The store is at the corner of 27th and Pear streets.
After Arrival - Finances

Finding a job
International undergraduates are only allowed to work on campus for 20 hours a week. If you want to look for a job when you arrive, you can find an updated listing of on-campus jobs on this page. Keep in mind that many on-campus jobs might already be filled by older students when you arrive at the beginning of the semester. Some jobs are filled by word-of-mouth and are not posted on the on-campus jobs website. If you are interested in working for a specific department or office, you can contact that department or office directly to inquire about open positions.

Career Services is a department on campus that helps students prepare materials for the job search and prepare for interviews for free. You might want to visit Career Services, located in Room 225 on the second floor of the Nebraska Union, to have them help you develop or revise your résumé (also called a CV) and cover letter (a letter that you include with your application to highlight your interest and skills). For reference: The minimum hourly wage in Nebraska is $9 per hour.

Paying your student bill
Your student bill will be ready in MyRed by the 25th of each month (it often arrives earlier) and is due by the 12th of the following month. So, for example, your first bill at the beginning of the Fall semester would appear in MyRed by August 25th at the latest and would be due by September 12th. For the spring semester, your first bill will appear in MyRed by January 25th at the latest and will be due by February 12th. You will receive an email each month telling you that your bill is ready to view in MyRed. You will not receive a paper bill. You can view and pay your bill online in MyRed or at the Bursar's Office if you prefer to pay in person.

This page gives step-by-step details for paying your bill online. To see different payment options, visit this page, and if you want to pay your bill with a foreign currency, check out this page.

Credit transfer
Credits from partner institutions, where UNL has an agreement, are typically reviewed during the admissions process. If your school has a partnership agreement with NEBRASKA, check out the pre-determined course equivalencies on this page.
If UNL does not have a partnership with your institution, transferring credits is done on a course-by-course basis. After you arrive to UNL, you will need to meet with your academic advisor to start the credit transfer process. You can find your advisor’s name and contact information in MyRed by clicking on the “Academics” tab. If you do not see your advisor’s name, you can contact your college’s advising center. Please bring as much documentation as possible that demonstrates the content of the course or courses you would like to transfer. A course syllabus, which is a detailed course outline that includes the course content, assignments, and learning outcomes, is especially helpful if you have one.

Banking
One of your most essential needs while you’re in Lincoln will be to access your money. In the U.S., there are two main types of bank accounts: a checking account (a debit card or checks are associated with a checking account) or a savings account (where you can store money to save and gain a small amount of interest).

Union Bank & Trust is the exclusive bank of UNL. It is located in the north entrance of the Nebraska Union on City Campus with 10 ATMs (cash machines) on City and East campuses. Union Bank staff are multilingual, and if they do not speak your language, they have a free translation service available in more than 200 languages.

The UNL MyStyle checking and savings package offers free personalized accounts where you can select options that best fit your needs. Popular features include free ATMs, a 50 dollar bonus after 10 debit card purchases and e-statement enrollment, as well as a roundup program to kick start your savings.

You can open a checking account with Union Bank before International Orientation or during International Orientation. What you should bring with you to open a checking account:
- Passport
- Permanent address in your native country
- Current address in the United States
- University of Nebraska-Lincoln ID number (NU ID)
- $50.00 opening deposit for a checking account and $25.00 opening deposit for a savings account

You can open an account with a different bank in Lincoln, as there are several different banks downtown. However, other banks are not affiliated with the university.