

ISSS Fall 2026 Arrival Guide for International Students

CU Anschutz

- CU Anschutz students should speak with their department about late arrival. The department will need to submit a new Immigration Document Creation Request to confirm your new start date.

CU Denver

- **We strongly recommend that international students new to CU Denver arrive by Sunday, August 9 for Welcome Week.** Participating in Welcome Week activities will help you transition to campus and set you up for success.
- If you cannot arrive in time for Welcome Week, **plan to arrive by Monday, August 17 for the start of classes.** This will get your first semester at CU Denver off to a solid academic start.
- **Monday, August 24** is one week after classes begin. Missing a full week of classes may negatively impact your learning and your grade. All course waitlists are eliminated on August 24 and students will be charged a fee for adding/dropping classes after this date. Arriving after August 24, 2026, will require communication with your academic program and instructors to ensure that you will be able to enroll full-time, which is required to maintain F-1 status.
- **Wednesday, September 2*** - is “census day” and is the absolute last date that a student should arrive for Fall 2026. If you cannot arrive in Denver by September 2, you will need to defer your attendance to a future term.

***Exception:** Graduate students starting the 2nd 8-week term could potentially arrive later. Please consult with your academic advisor or program to explore if this is a viable option for you.

To inform ISSS of when you expect to arrive at CU Denver and to request an I-20 or DS-2019 that aligns with your intended arrival date, please complete an [Immigration Document Correction Request](#).