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# International Orientation

Campus Life at  
The University of Alabama  
and in Tuscaloosa



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# Orientation Guide – Campus Life



## International Orientation Guide



Please follow along on **page 12** of your **International Orientation Guide (pdf)**.



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# Social Media

## ISSS SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Stay connected through Facebook, Instagram, or Youtube!



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# Multicultural Coffee Hour

On Fridays from 11:30-1:00 in  
the Intercultural Diversity  
Center at the Student Center

Each week we feature a  
different country

You can try new foods and  
drinks, play a game, and learn  
a little bit of the language!



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# Student Organizations

All on-campus organizations can be found online at [The Source](#)

- [The African Students Association \(ASA\)](#)
- [Alabama International Relations Club](#)
- [Arabic Culture Club](#)
- [The Association of Chinese Students & Scholars at UA \(ACSS\)](#)
- [Bangladesh Student Association](#)
- [Caribbean Students' Association](#)
- [Chinese Culture Club](#)
- [Education Abroad Alumni Association](#)
- [French Club](#)
- [The German Club](#)
- [Hispanic-Latino Association](#)
- [Indian Students Association of Tuscaloosa \(ISAT\)](#)
- [International Student Association \(ISA\)](#)
- [Iranian Students Association at UA](#)
- [Italian Club](#)
- [Korean Student Association](#)
- [Kuwait Students Organization](#)
- [Las Doñas](#)
- [Nepalese Student Association](#)
- [Russian and Eastern European Club](#)
- [Saudi Student Association](#)
- [Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers](#)
- [South Asian Culture Club](#)
- [Spanish Club LEAF](#)
- [Turkish Student Association](#)
- [UA Vedic Society](#)
- [Vietnamese Student & Scholar Association](#)





# Tuscaloosa's International Friends (TIF)



- Friendship family program
- Apply in August to be paired with a family
- [Student Application Form](#)



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# International Peer Advisory Council (IPAC)



IPAC is a group of students dedicated to helping new international students feel at home at UA

Assist with:

- Global Tide groups
- Multicultural Coffee Hour
- ISSS events

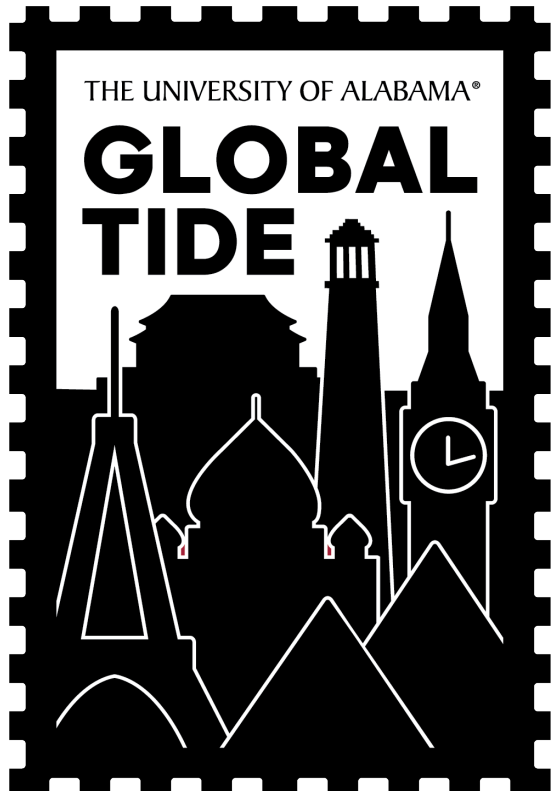


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# Global Tide



Global Tide is a mentorship group comprised of IPAC members and new students.

Consisting of around 2-3 IPAC leaders and 10 students, these small groups are a great way to get connected!

Through the mentorship groups, international students will learn more about the UA campus, make new friends, learn about resources at UA and in the community, and become better adjusted to life in Tuscaloosa.



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# ISSS Newsletter

- Biweekly updates, announcements, and events
- Check your Crimson email or forward your Crimson email to your personal account



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# Alabama Traditions

- Football
- The Crimson Tide
- Yea, Alabama
- Big Al
- Denny Chimes
- Roll Tide!



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# Campus Safety



- Sign up for [UA Alerts](#)
- Download the [UA Safety App](#)
  - Updates on inclement weather
  - Tornado shelter locations
  - Live radio
  - UA Safer Living Guide
  - Emergency Preparedness Info



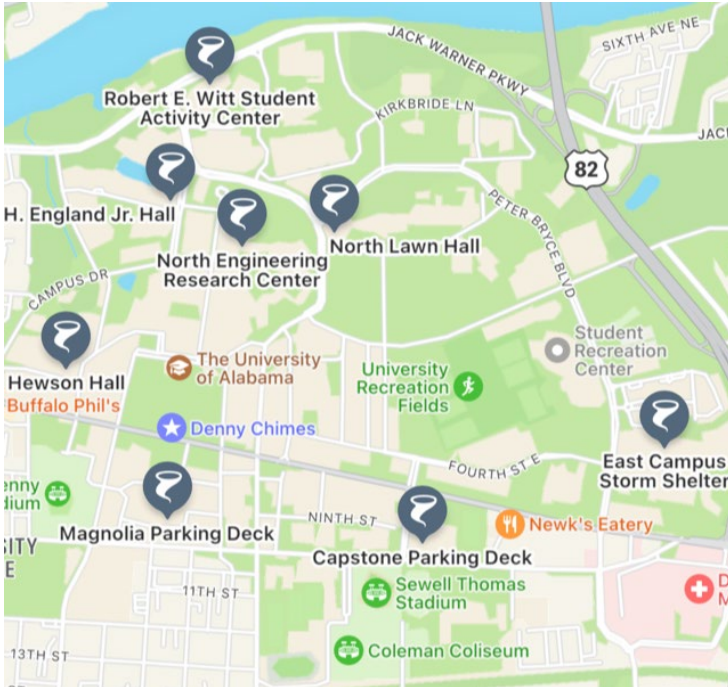
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# Inclement Weather



Locate safe spaces inside of buildings

- Tornado shelters on campus
- First floor away from doors and windows
  - The innermost room

Know the signs

- Sirens going off
  - Tested the first Wednesday of each month
- Watch the news/radio

Be prepared

- Water, flashlight with batteries, nonperishable food, first aid kit, and portable phone charger



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# Tornado Watch verses Tornado Warning

## Tornado Watch

- A storm has been spotted that has the ability to produce a tornado

## Tornado Warning

- A tornado has touched down



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# Interacting with the Police

- Always stay calm and respectful
- Do not argue or try to bribe officers
- Keep your hands visible to officers
- Campus Police Department
  - 205-348-5454
  - 911 for emergencies
- Tuscaloosa Police Department
  - 205-349-2121



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# The City of Tuscaloosa

- Shopping centers, grocery stores
- Restaurants and coffee shops
- Nature areas and parks
- Traveling options
- Transportation



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Hours of Operation:

Mon-Fri: 8 am - 4:45 pm

Walk-in/Virtual Advising:

Mon-Thur: 11 am - 3 pm

Location:

105 BB Comer Hall

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