Fall 2018 Pre-arrival Webinar –Understanding Orientation Expectations, Responsibilities, and Placement tests

Lin: Hello, welcome to our second to last Pre-arrival Webinar, Understanding Orientation Expectations, Responsibilities, and Placement tests, and this is for undergraduate student. If you are a graduate student on the Webinar for you, it was actually last week. If you want to access the webinar please send me an email and I will be able to help you with that.

Lin: So for those of you who might be new to the Webinar series that the Pre-arrival Webinar series is Webinar series provided to Incoming International students. Hopefully by attending the webinar series helping you to prepare arrange arrival plan for traveling to and living in Iowa City, understand orientation expectations and responsibilities, and transition to student life and academics at the University of Iowa.

Lin: On the Webinar, we will be recorded and posted on our website after we have the chance with transcription them.

Lin: For now, the Webinars until the money matter one are all on our website already. So if you miss any of the Webinars or if you want to listen to any of the Webinar or part of the webinars you can always visit on our website.

Lin: During the Webinar, if you have any technical difficulties, please let us know in the chat function. If you have any questions related to today's topics, please use the Q&A function to post your questions. We will answer them live at the end.

Lin: If you have not received your I-20 or DS-2019 yet, please pay e-Ship-Global fee for us to mail you your documents. Without the document, you can not apply for the visa. So I would encourage you to do this as soon as possible. And the information is in the Pre-arrival Checklist in iHawk.

Lin: So today's goals, we're going to talk about the International Student Orientation, talk about UI placement tests, Success at Iowa, On Iowa, and then we will overview the University of Iowa English proficiency requirements and I said before will have some time for questions at the end.
Lin: Alright. So I will turn to our guest speakers today to for some introduction.

Brandon: Hello. My name is Brandon Paulson and I'm a senior advisor in international student and scholar services.

Taylor: Good morning everyone. My name is Taylor Ullrich. I'm a program coordinator in orientation services.

Jeff: Good morning. My name is Jeff Knolling. I'm an assistant director in the ESL program here at the University of Iowa.

Brandon: OK. So this is Brandon Paulson again from international student and scholar services at ISSS, and I'm going to be talking to you all about international student orientation.

Brandon: Orientation is going to be held Aug. 12 through Aug. 17 and I want to talk to you about some of the goals for orientation. So one of our goals is to support the transition to student life and academics at the University of Iowa. We're gonna provide you with lots of campus resources and information to help you adjust and be prepared for your classes here. We're also going to highlight the cultural adjustment process and immigration regulations to help you successfully maintain your F1 or J1 status. We're going to have information about this how you can make sure to follow the regulations and be able to focus again on your academics.

Brandon: And then, finally we want to help connect new students with each other. So there's going to be opportunities for you to connect with others at the orientation too.

Brandon: So the orientation schedule overview. In this is been talked about in previous webinar about making travel arrangements. But Thursday August 9 through Saturday August 11, there is a welcome program. That's going to be at the Eastern Iowa airport there is more information on the pre arrival checklist in the arrival information item on the checklist. There's specific information about this welcome program. We will be communicating with students that have signed up to be a part of the welcome program at the Eastern Iowa airport soon will be sending out emails.

Brandon: So that's going to be happening would you ask that you do you arrive to the Iowa City area by Saturday August 11. That's the day before orientation and it will help you be prepared to start
orientation on August 12. The residence halls also will open at 12 P.M. for new international students with residence hall contracts.

Brandon: And then the actual orientation schedule just highlight a couple different sessions once you actually create your orientation schedule, which I’ll talk about next because you are able to do that now in iHawk on the pre-arrival checklist, we do have a number of different sessions that are scheduled throughout the orientation week.

Brandon: We will start out on Sunday August 12 with the welcome ceremony and will help welcome all the students to the University Of Iowa. You will see you learn more again about our office international students and scholar services also be talking about understanding academic advising in class registration because you are going to be meeting with your academic advisors during orientation week to register for classes.

Brandon: or our campus tour will be offered to the office of admissions. And the Monday the English Proficiency Evaluation (EPE) will be offered. We will be talking more about this during later in the webinar today.

Brandon: You'll also, during orientation week, you'll pick up your Iowa One Card, which is your university ID. There is also required TB screening. We have more information I know there is many students have questions about University Billing, and how to pay tuition and when you need to pay will be more information about that. There are also be walking assistance for that there is also requirements that are on the Pre-Arrival check lists about health insurance and using Student Health and Wellness will be talking about both of those things during orientation.

Brandon: We also be completing an immigration check in or you'll bring your passport and I-20 or DS-2019 to our office to check in with an ISSS advisor. And like I mentioned before, we will be talking about immigration regulations. So, you know what is required of you to be able to study here as an international student in F1 or J1 status.

Brandon: And again, we'll talk more about academic success. And again, you learn more about the Success at Iowa course, which I’m going to be talked about more today as well for you. And then we also be talking more about just the culture adjustment process you ask culture for students that maybe haven’t studied, or less familiar with U.S. culture. We also be talking about the University of Iowa culture too.
Brandon: And then one of the requirements to with orientation is to participate in On Iowa, which again will be also talked about during this Webinar and this will occur right after the international student orientation. So you'll need to check in for that. And there is some information on your orientation schedules about On Iowa as well. And then I have sent out an email to about there's going to be an information lounge for parents. And so make sure to review that email and respond to that if you are interested if your parents are going to be attending with you orientation and arriving at the University of Iowa. You can respond back to @uiowa.edu email and send an email.

Brandon: So in order to create your orientation schedule, you'll need to go into iHawk, so you login to iHawk. You all need to complete the different tabs on the pre-arrival checklist. So there is arrival information tab, information collection tab. And the online exams in courses tab. That you will need to complete before you can access orientation tab.

Brandon: On the orientation tab, you will see get your orientation schedule, which I have highlighted, so you need to click on that item.

Brandon: Once you've clicked on that item you will go to this E-form and you will just need to check the box, I'm ready to get my schedule and click generate schedule. After you generate the schedule, you will be able to access your orientation schedule by going back into iHawk and you can access this either through the Pre-rival checklist or the orientation section on the left navigation bar. So you can see on the left there is orientation schedule and then you would click on the orientation schedule link.

Brandon: In this I will open up a PDF, Orientation schedule that has all the orientation set sessions that are scheduled for you for the week. And then one thing to note is you'll see that after you've generated your orientation schedule, you'll still have this box, I'm ready to get my schedule and you'll notice that you won't be able to click to submit that.

Brandon: It's not possible to submit e-form. Once you after you've created orientation schedule it's completely OK to not check this box and the actual get your orientation schedule item on the pre rival checklist will not be able to be completed. That's completely fine. All you need to do is just have access to your orientation schedule to actually have completed the pre-arrival checklist.

Brandon: The other thing that we do ask is once you've created your orientation schedule if you can either print it out or have it be able electronically. So when you attend orientation you know what sessions that you will be attending when you actually look at your orientation scheduled to at the very end of it, you will see, I'm out of the University of Iowa and you got to help I'll help you navigate where the different sessions are located as well.
Brandon: So some things that will help you be successful in your participation orientation. One is making sure to follow your personal orientation schedule and intend to each session. So each one of you will have your own individual orientation schedule, make sure you’re following your own schedule and not your friends or any other students.

Brandon: Again, orientation is an expectation. It will help you prepare to be successful here. So it’s important that you attend to each session. And then if you have a scheduling conflict with the English proficiency evaluation that EPE or your academic advising session, those take priorities, so make sure you do attend the EPE or your academic advising session. It’s OK if you have to miss part of an orientation session if you have one of those scheduled during the same time. So again, those takes priority and then again, one of the goals for orientation is to connect with others. So you’re going to be going through orientation of other international students that are going through the same experience that you’re going to adapting to a new culture as well as a new university and still make sure you introduce yourself get to know others, you’ll find that you will make new friends while participating in orientation.

Brandon: And then I also wanted to talk about just when you’re at the sessions making sure to pay attention so making sure if you listening and not necessarily being on your phone. I know sometimes students will take pictures of slides in and I know the presenters do not mind not, so you’re welcome to do that. And then also this is an opportunity if you have questions to ask them you can ask some usually there’s time during a session to ask or afterwards to ask one of the presenters more about what they’re presented on. So this is a great opportunity to get questions answered as well.

Brandon: After orientation is completed we will be sending an email with an orientation assessment. So we do ask that you do shared feedback about your experience on create your pre-arrival experiences you’ve prepared to arrive here at the University of Iowa as well as your experience with orientation that really is helpful feedback for us to improve the experience.

Brandon: And then I wanted to also talk about there is an ISSS email account. So you probably have been receiving emails. I know. I just recently sent out an email about accessing your orientation schedule please email for any of the following reasons. If you are missing any type of orientation sessions make sure to email you will see that when you are reviewing your orientation schedule usually at the very end of your schedule it will say, no, you’re missing. A sketch missing orientation session. So please email and I can fix that for you if you have any type of disability or more mobility accommodations too. Please let us know about that we could help provide accommodations. And if you
have any other pre-arrival orientation questions. Again, this is the best way to get those questions answered.

Brandon: And then finally I do want to highlight with you have a lot of different pre-arrival resources that are on our website, we have information just general pre-arrival information as well as orientation plus information about cultural adjustment, and Iowa City area, all on our website. So you can follow you can access stop by using the link provided here.

Brandon: That's all the information I have about international student orientation. Going to Ullrich, Taylor.

Taylor: I'm going to be covering placement tests here at the University of Iowa. the Success of Iowa course would you all might be familiar with by now and then the On Iowa program, which is Brandon mentioned will be happening kind of at the end of your orientation. So first we're going to cover placement tests. So all new students should complete required placement tests as soon as possible to be eligible for early enrollment. Your advisors can review your scores and add coursework to your schedule based on your major and then during your orientation advising appointment, you can review that course work and build your schedule with your academic advisor.

Taylor: To determine which test to take you can review the placement tests link on the newstudents.uiowa.edu website under the orientation tab. We're going to go over those placement tests. The three major ones are listed below here. There are three types the math placement tests the chemistry placement tests and the world language placement tests and you want to complete all those before arrival at campus.

Taylor: So first up the math placement tests. If you have not taking calculus or earn college credit for calculus, you're going to want to take that ALEKS placement test. And that will last about 90 minutes. If you have received credit for calculus or completed calculus and you want to take the MPT3 course or placement test. And that takes about 30 minutes.

Taylor: For chemistry if you're considering a major in each either engineering or Health Sciences. Health Sciences would be major biology chemistry or pre-medicine or the natural sciences like environmental sciences in geosciences, you should take the chemistry diagnostic placement test. This test also takes about 90 minutes to complete.
Taylor: If you have questions about which test to take like I said before you can view the newstudents.uiowa.edu website and click on the orientation tab and then click on placement tests in the menu on the right side of the page.

Taylor: For world language placement tests, if you're interested in starting in the new language, you don't need to take a placement test, but if you have previous experience with Spanish, German or French and want to continue taking coursework in these areas you need to take an online placement tests prior to enroll in courses these. This test takes around 20 minutes to complete.

Taylor: If you taking coursework in Russian, Latin, Greek, Chinese, Japanese or American Sign Language and want to continue in these languages, placement tests can be arranged inference in person once you're on campus. Again to learn more about any of these three types of tests log on to that newstudents.uiowa.edu website and then you can click on the orientation tab and then placement tests for more information.

Taylor: Success at Iowa is an on-line course required for all new students. It's delivered in 5 stages that you can get information at the appropriate times. So you're not jumping ahead too far and seeing things that might not make sense to you in the moment. Stage 1 and 2 are open now, so you can either complete those if you haven't already or if you have, that's great you're ahead of begin there.

Taylor: You can log into icon.uiowa.edu to begin or continue these courses and remember that you need to pass each stage with an 80 percent or higher on quizzes in order for this account for credit at not fail this course.

Taylor: So you can see hear some more information about what is covered in each stage during Success at Iowa. Stage 3 is going to open on August 1 in that also needs to be completed provide prior to arriving to campus for orientation on August 12. Stage 4 will open on the first day of class and Stage 5 opens about three weeks into the semester. The deadline for the course is September 21, so the class will be completed in the first 6 weeks of the semester.

Taylor: Success at Iowa is going to help you learn about resources as you transition to the University of Iowa in Iowa City. The modules can continue to be accessed after you finish the course to give you an opportunity to revisit information in the future should you need it.

Taylor: And lastly, I'm going to talk about On Iowa. So On Iowa is a welcome week program where we have over a hundred programs and activities help you get acquainted with your new home both Iowa
City and the University of Iowa community. Check in for On Iowa is in the Iowa Memorial Union, from Tuesday through Friday.

Taylor: You need to check in to get your full itinerary as well as the free T-shirts and materials that you will use throughout an Iowa. One thing I do want to point out is as Brandon has said you have a personal schedule so I would just say make sure that you’re not going to check in during a time where you required to be somewhere else. There is plenty of time to check in. So make sure you’re going to all those required sessions during your orientation and then you can check in with us at a later point.

Taylor: During On Iowa, you learn about Iowa traditions and expectations for your time at the University. You’ll also have an opportunity to meet other new students, faculty and staff and learn more about resources to help students be successful and an opportunity to get connected to your new home.

Taylor: There are optional activities Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, on Friday and Saturday you’re going to meet with your small group, which is led by a current student who will take you to many of the events to help you learn more about campus.

Taylor: A similar is greater events I mentioned in the previous slide during On Iowa, we conclude the kick off at Kinnick. That’s shown in the picture here where you’ll take a class photo in the form of that block I will see you see there on mechanic stadium football field and then you’ll be able to hang out afterwards if you’d like before heading to some other events. There is a complication on Sunday afternoon, which is the official opening of the academic year, you’ll hear from the President as well as other faculty and staff who are here to support you and wish you well as you begin your first year on campus.

Taylor: And then that will wrap up a Sunday evening at the President’s block party says going to take place at the President’s residence. Yes, immediately following convocation, there’s going to be free food and opportunity to meet other new students and continue to get connected on campus.

Taylor: On Iowa’s another great opportunity for you all to meet you people on campus in addition to your orientation, the week prior, I’m learning about expectations and resources at Iowa. There are videos from last year in more information about the schedule at newstudents.uiowa.edu.

Jeff: So I’m going to tell you now about the English proficiency requirement and the support that you can receive from ESL programs will talk a little bit about why you need to have meet this proficiency requirement and an explanation of what the test is going to look like.
Jeff: Reason that we have a language proficiency requirement is we want you to be successful here at the University of Iowa. When you're studying in your second language, you have a lot of challenges that you have to overcome. You're not alone in facing challenges even domestic students who are native English speakers have a lot of challenges that they will face in the classroom, you just have this extra one.

Jeff: With adjusting to studying in a new language. And we want to make sure that doesn't hold you back. As a college student here at the University of Iowa, you're going to be required to do a lot of reading and writing as well as managing your time both inside and outside of the class. We know that following lectures staying focused in listening in a second language for extended periods of time can be quite challenging and we want to make sure that you are able to attend participate and get the information from all of the lectures that you attend as a university student.

Jeff: You'll also be in a different environment any of the speaking practice that you've had previously is going to see a lot different when you get here to the University of Iowa and you're talking with native speakers who perhaps use words in different ways or speak a lot more quickly than what you're accustomed to.

Jeff: As a result of the English Proficiency Exam, you will find out if you need to sign up for English classes or not. And if you need two or more ESL courses, you'll need to think about how you build your schedule with your academic advisor to make sure that you are not taking a lot of classes that require a lot of reading and writing.

Jeff: So the requirement for English Proficiency here at the University of Iowa is that you score 100 on the iBT, the Internet Based TOEFL exam or 600 on the Paper Based TOEFL.

Jeff: That's a fairly high requirement. And we realize that and we offer credit classes. These are support classes that you can take to improve your English skills and if you have a score below the 100 on the iBT you'll find out what other courses you need to take.

Jeff: So the condition to get in if your score is less than 100 you have to take our on campus English Proficiency of Evaluation also known as the EPE. This will be one of the first things you do when you arrive on campus and will be before you meet with your academic advisor.

Jeff: As a result of the test if you are placed in ESL classes, you must enroll in those classes as indicated by EPE. The University is allowing students to meet the English language requirement while you're
taking these are some of your other general education classes on campus. So while you might think that taking additional English classes is a burden, it's actually a benefit for you. You're able to join the University of Iowa, you are able to develop the language skills that you need to be successful and you become a part of the university community while you're doing all of that.

Jeff: The reasons that we have need take the test is different students have different areas of weakness, you will take a language test that looks at different aspects of language. And as a result of your test scores, you'll have the opportunity to enroll in ESL classes that address your specific difficulties in you receive university credit for those courses. This will also ensure that once you've completed your ESL coursework, you're ready to be successful in whichever degree program you would roll.

Jeff: So here's some information about the exam itself. This is the English Proficiency of Evaluation, it will take most of a day as you can see from the breakdown of information here.

Jeff: The exam itself. The first three parts of the exam or all given in one sitting. We'll start with a 30 minute writing sample. You'll be given two topics to choose from and write about just one of them. That will be followed by a 45 minute for the item reading comprehension and vocabulary test. And immediately after that is 30 minute listening and note taking test which has 21 multiple choice questions. You'll need to pay close attention to your orientation schedule as well as the schedule that the ESL office gives you to know when you're in where your 10 minutes for interview will be located and I'll give you more information about all of the parts of this test in the next few slides.

Jeff: So to start with as I said, we go with the writing test. You have two prompts to choose from two possible questions. Make sure that you read them carefully and think about which one you can best answer. What we're looking for in this writing test is an emphasis on academic writing. You'll be evaluated on what you write on the content and how you connect those ideas, how they were developed explained. What support you give for your ideas will also evaluate you on the organization, how do you make transitions from one paragraph to another.

Jeff: And will also look at your grammar and your vocabulary usage. So those are the main areas that will evaluate your writing and it will be more or less in those orders in terms of what is most important.

Jeff: For the reading comprehension in vocabulary section of the test it will be similar to what you're familiar with on the TOEFL exam. It will be all multiple choice, will be focusing on comprehension skills and your focus primarily on academic vocabulary in vocabulary from context. You'll have a variety of reading passages to go through with questions about each of them.
Jeff: For the listening and note taking part of the exam it might be a little different from what you're accustomed to. It will take about 30 minutes there will be 21 multiple choice questions. And you will be able to listen and take notes as you're listening to the academic lectures, but you cannot look at the questions ahead of time. You will be able to use your notes look back at your notes to answer the questions. But you cannot move forward or backward within the test while you taking it. There will be two academic lectures that you listen to and one academic conversation. You'll have time after each of the listening passages than take answers the questions.

Jeff: The oral interview will be scheduled individually, you will meet with two or three ESL teachers, who will just have a short conversation with you and the goal of this exam is to find out what your communicative competence is, are you able to understand fast conversation complex questions. It's also a chance for you to show your understanding of correct grammar usage. And as you were speaking, Examiners will be paying attention to what kind of errors you make. It is understood that you will have a bit of an accent but as long as you are understandable that's OK and if there are a few mistakes, that's not something to worry about either. So you should be relaxed your oral interview, just having a conversation with a couple of instructors.

Jeff: So what happens then after you've completed all of these exams, we will get your scores that day as quickly as we can and these are the possible outcomes. First outcome is that you do very well on all sections of the exam and you're not required to do any additional ESL work. Second possibility is that you are required to take one or more ESL courses. Again, remember those would be full credits. So they would count towards your graduation requirements. The third possible outcome is that you would be enrolled in a transitional, ESL course, this is a noncredit course, and this is for students who need additional help prior to signing up for ESL course for credit. This doesn't happen often but it does happen, usually for reading or listening.

Jeff: Now in the ESL credit program if you are required to take courses, we do have five different courses for all students and they are broken down by language skills, reading, writing, grammar, listening and note taking and oral skills.

Jeff: When you meet with your academic advisor, you'll be scheduling your ESL courses and possibly additional courses as well. If you are required to take all five ESL courses as a result of your EPE, you will be enrolled in four of them your first semester, you'll be in reading, writing, grammar and listening. And you can take oral skills than the following semester.
Jeff: If your test results indicate that you need to take four or three ESL courses, you must register for at least two of them your first semester. If you're only held for two or one courses, you must register for at least one course your first semester.

Jeff: As long as you are held for any ESL courses you must register for at least one of them in addition to other classes. It's highly recommended that you complete your required ESL courses as soon as you can. In some cases, for example, Rhetoric required freshman course, you won't be able to register for that until you have completed all your required ESL Courses.

Jeff: These courses are designed to help you. And make you enable you to be more successful at the University. It provides you with a foundation of language support not just for your first year but beyond that as well. And it also gives you a chance to adjust to studying in English. You may be familiar with studying from your high school years. Studying in the U.S. is quite different. These courses will help you make that adjustment. It will provide a small comfortable environment for you and you'll have a teacher that you can approach both in the classroom and during office hours to ask questions, not just about language, but about U.S. classroom culture.

Jeff: And you'll also be able to bring language questions related to some of the other classes that you're taking. You'll also have additional language support, as well as credit for these courses I've already mentioned it and you'll be taking these courses alongside perhaps the calculus course or other general education requirements.

Jeff: Everyone at the University of Iowa has these things in mind for you want you to be successful. We want it good educational experience for you. And we want to make sure that you graduate. And the one who are successful life.

Lin: Alright. So now we have some time for you. If you have questions we encourage you to post them in the Q&A function. So that we can get an answer and I know that we already have some questions. So we will start with those first.

Lin: So the first question. Someone ask if someone is not intended to study math, do they need to take the math placement test.

Taylor: I do not believe so but you should have clarifying they should be classified information on that new student, that newstudents.uiowa.edu website. Basically if you’ve already tested out of math or if
there's for some reason you don't need to take a math test, then you shouldn't need to, could be a good idea to double check that new students' information page and then I'll give you more information.

Lin: So the question about the math placement or chemistry placement test as well. If they do need to take them still waiting for them to prepare to take the test.

Taylor: I think the advice is actually not necessarily to prepare, I think they want to see where you at right now? So they know you get a best representation over where to end up. So I look at it as if you were to study for a test, for this placement test, and then so then you place maybe a level higher in a math or chemistry course, but that information was only the information that you prepared for only really helps you for the test you might be a little bit over your head or a little under prepared for the actual course, even though you prepared for the test. So there's no real way to practice. It's truly there's not a whole lot of pressure on these, it's truly just to get a gauge and then understanding of where you are, so your advisor can place you at the correct course. As far as contact about these tests, you could talk to your academic advisor if you'd like, but most of the information that you need is going to be used is on that new students website.

Lin: Alright. So another question about placement test as well. So the students has a second language is English and then did not get any other word language mentioned in the previous slide. Do the student need to take the world language placement test.

Taylor: Yeah. So the world language tests are only going to be if you're interested in taking a new world language. So if you want to take a different language other than English or your primary language. That's great. And you're welcome to take that you will take that those world language courses or that world language placement test in whatever course you're interested in. Just so that way they have a get again engage in an understanding of where you are in that level or you don't need to take the placement test if you're looking to study in New Language. This is more if you're looking to step continue studying a new language or up to continue studying a third language that you're interested in and took before. So if you didn't take it in your school, in high school that you don't necessarily need to worry about taking one now.

Lin: Alright. A question about meeting advisor. So can they meet their advisors before the orientation or communicate with the advisor by email.

Taylor: That's a great question. So academic advising appointments will be during orientation. And if you are required to take English proficiency evaluation, it will be after you've taken the EPE. Students, I not sure if you will necessarily be able to communicate with your academic advisor before. I know you won't
be able to meet with them before orientation. You may be able to communicate with them if you’re going to assign an advisor. If you go to myUI, there is information about your academic advisor. If that information has not been updated yet, you may not have been assigned an academic advisor yet.

Lin: So question about orientation. So if the student is arriving on Sunday August 12 in the morning, will they be late for the orientation?

Taylor: It depends on the year. We ask that all students arrive on August 11 that will help you be prepared to start orientation. We will be starting in the afternoon on August 12 if you have questions or concerns about your arrival, I would recommend emailing the isss.orientation@uiowa.edu email account.

Lin: So questions for EPE. There's actually two about the same questions, is there a way to prepare for the EPE?

Lin: Similar to the question about preparing for the math or the chemistry exam. There's no real way to prepare. We want to know what your level of English is and see what you need additional help with.

Taylor: If you want to sharpen your English skills that you've been practicing over the years. My recommendation would be to start reading a lot in English that's going to help you with the vocabulary with grammar. Reading is going to be one of the ways that you can work on your own to improve your language skills. In addition to that, if you want to improve your listening skills, I would recommend going to the cinema watch English movies. That's going to help you with your pronunciation, is going to help with your listening skill, and it's going to help you just feel more comfortable in an English environment. But in terms of studying TOEFL books or things like that. I would not recommend that.

Lin: So there's still a few questions related to ESL. So I'm just going to ask them altogether. Will there be any limit credit hours if the student is taking ESL courses?

Taylor: If you are held for ESL courses, you must register for those as indicated earlier in the Webinar and you will then be limited in the number of additional courses you can take. No student is allowed to take more than 18 hours 18 credit hours per semester and it's generally recommended that so that freshman register for fewer than 18 hours if you were taking, for example three ESL courses those would all be three credit hours which would only leave you an additional 9 credit hours.
Taylor: Two of the credit hours, you'll be taking more of these success at Iowa course that will be already reducing some of the additional courses that you could register for. That's something that you can discuss with your academic advisor.

Lin: Alright. So kind of similar questions related questions to that. If there's a student need to take a lot of ESL classes will delay graduation?

Taylor: It doesn't delay graduation we found that students that are held for ESL courses may fall a little bit behind some of their friends initially, but they very quickly catch up by taking additional courses later on and we find that the ESL courses do help them be more successful. There is less let's need to retake courses later on.

Lin: so a question about whether there's any introduction about to the honors program during the international orientation.

Taylor: We do not have any anything scheduled for the honors program. I know there is honors program does have their own program on similar time, but you would want to directly communicate with the honors program to find out more information.

Lin: So question actually not completely related to the topic at this time but I'm still going to ask and see whether we can get the answer. So the question is concerned about they get the housing contract. How do they find out whether they have not had the housing contract yet. How do they find out?

Taylor: What's the situation? So I would recommend if you have questions about the status of your housing contract to contact university housing and dinning. The best way to communicate with them is by sending an email. Their email addresses is housing@uiowa.edu. And they would be able to bass answer that they can check to see the status of your application and they also could to check if you have a housing assignment.

Lin: I’m posting the housing email in the chat. So you can see the email address.

Lin: So questions about more related to sign up for classes. So the student has grades and then send to the University. And there’s some information about what classes those where is means for them. What does it mean for signing up for classes?
Taylor: Yeah, I would say for this that's great information. I think it's great that you're bringing in some credit hours. I would say that is really good information to have for your meeting with your academic advisor. There's not too much that we can do with that information here. But it looks like you might be able to just depending on your major or the elective classes that you're interested in taking you might be able to meet some requirements or test in two or place into certain classes over others. But that's would be really good information to have when you meet with your academic advisor coming up in the next month. I have that keep that handy and you will have a definite answer your question. When you come for the orientation.

Lin: Those are all the questions we have for now. If you still have questions, please post them in the Q&A function and just when we are waiting another minute also for that questions I want to quickly mention a few things. First. So we have mentioned this before, but if you have any questions about the pre-arrival checklist issues before arrival, please contact issso-orientation@uiowa.edu.

Lin: And then, we are going to post a link to the chat right now, so if you can take a minute to fill out a survey that I posted that would be really helpful us to improve the webinar series and as I said, the webinar previous to the money matters one I have all been posted on the website and the money matters web and I will be posted soon before the end of this month. So keep checking our website if you want to access any of the previous Webinars.

Lin: And we just have a question can be actually. So will my U-Bill increase if I take ESL?

Taylor: Your U-Bill would not necessarily increase you pay tuition by the semester regardless of the number of course that you are taking. The only way that it's possible that your U-Bill increases if you extend your time or sign up for additional courses and take an extra semester.

Lin: So you should if you take between 12 to 18 credits, your U-Bill should be the same.

Lin: Any other questions? One thing, I do want to mention that was actually asking in the Chat previously from one of the student is that so the student has already signed up for courses with 10 of a creative writing course that start with the CW that is not an ESL course. I'm so I just want to mention to everyone. So that people are aware of that. Yes. Of course, it's usually start with ESL with the cost numbers. So.

Taylor: I can mention to go along with that you may see that you're in pre enrolled in a few courses one or two courses. So like this student talked about the creative writing course there could be other you might notice if you look at your course schedule. On myUI you might see one or two courses that have
been already registered for you and you can talk to your academic advisor more about those courses when you meet with them.

Lin: Alright. So one last thing do I want to mention is that next week is our last webinar for undergraduate students’ academic expectations. So someone from the academic advising in the college of the Arts and Science will come and about the topics. So I encourage attend that one, and then that will be our last webinar, before the orientation starts. So thank you so much for attending our webinar, and we look forward to see you soon.