



International Student Orientation Spring 2026

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NJCU- Kean University Merger: Coming in Fall 2026- Kean Jersey City



Dr. Scott O'Connor, Assistant Provost, NJCU

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KOyHMk-tjA>



Kean Jersey City

Ms. Jessica Goldsmith Barzilay, Assistant Vice President
for Global Initiatives, Kean University

Immigration topics: Your SEVIS record and I20, costs and scholarships,
future opportunities



Why Are We Here Today?

- To provide you with information to help you maintain your legal immigration status.
- To introduce NJCU's programs and services.
- This presentation is available at www.njcu.edu/internationalorientation

The NJCU International Office Staff

What We Do:

- As your Designated School Official (DSO), our job is to provide...
- IMMIGRATION ADVICE: We provide you with advice on your nonimmigrant status and important rules and regulations.
- SUPPORT: Help you resolve problems and share your concerns with the University administration.



The Basics

- Your primary purpose here is to **study**.
- We are here to give you information and support, but your immigration status is your responsibility.
- **The DSO's job is to give you advice- do not take advice from friends, relatives, or the internet.**
- **Please ask before you do anything.** If we don't know the answer, we'll find it.



First Steps: Things You Need to Know and Do Now



Before We Start...

PNC Bank

www.pnc.com/internationalstudents

- 395 Danforth Ave-15 min walk from campus
- 319 Grove St- 15 min walk from School of Business



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We make it easy to apply
Non-U.S. citizens can apply in person at a PNC branch and provide:

- A valid passport with a photograph, along with a photocopy of your passport
- A second form of ID, which can be your U.S. student visa or your U.S. student photo ID

What to do if you're approved
Visit pnc.com/internationalstudents to learn more and apply.



Campus Wifi:

Use NJCU WIFI, not NJCU GUEST

GothicNet:

Are you able to log into GothicNet and your NJCU email? Report problems to Helpdesk@njcu.edu Professional Studies Bldg 101

Blackboard:

Blackboard <https://www.njcu.edu/academics/online-learning/blackboard> is the website where NJCU professors post assignments. Be sure you can log into Blackboard. The professor may not open the class Blackboard page until the first day of class.



Problems with Computers, Email, Gothic Net, ID or Password ?

IT support- Professional Studies

Building room 101

Email Helpdesk@njcu.edu



Immigration Registration and Reporting

- Send us your address and US phone number for immigration registration
- If you change your address or phone #, you **MUST** let us know
- Send a copy of your I94 entry record
- J visa exchange students: submit proof of insurance



Insurance

Insurance **is mandatory** for all J visa students by the US government and must meet certain requirements. Insurance **is strongly recommended** for F visa students. This is for your protection. Healthcare is very expensive in the US. One trip to the hospital can cost several thousand dollars and a hospital stay can cost +\$25,000 without insurance.

Insurance options are on our website www.njcu.edu/i-healthinsurance



NJCU School of Business

All Business classes are at the School of Business, which is a 20 minute ride on the light rail train. Please check your schedule to make sure there is sufficient time to travel between campuses.



Language Proficiency Credits (For Undergraduate Students Only)

- You can earn up to 12 credits in your first language through a proficiency exam.
- Talk to your academic advisor



Undergraduate Transfer Students:

If you are transferring classes from another University, meet with your academic advisor to be sure that they match NJCU requirements. You may be able to receive additional credits.



Reminder for Caucasus University Cybersecurity Students

You must apply for graduation before the end of January!

<https://www.njcu.edu/directories/offices-centers/registrar/graduation-clearance/graduate-graduation-clearance>



Reminder for Students in West Campus Village

You can apply to move to Vodra Hall. Contact Residence Life



Spring Semester Schedule

- Classes begin: January 20
- Final day to Add/Drop classes: January 27
- Last day to withdraw from a class: April 15 ********
- Spring Break: March 9-15
- Easter Holiday: April 3-5
- Final Exam Week: May 12-18
- Spring semester ends: May 19. Students should plan to leave campus then. A short extension is possible.
- Graduation: May 19

<https://www.njcu.edu/directories/offices-centers/registrar/academic-calendars/undergraduate-academic-calendar>



Bills:

- Adjustments aren't made yet. If you have a scholarship or waiver and it does not show on your bill, let us know
- Start to make payments by the end of January **after you confirm the amount is correct**
- Credit card payments are ONLY accepted on line
- Wire transfers are usually the least expensive option
- Payment options www.njcu.edu/i-billpay

Exchange and Caucasus Univ Students:

- Bills should be room, **G6** meal plan, and some fees ONLY



G6 Meal Plan

All on-campus international students have a G6 meal plan

50-50 on-campus dining AND GrubHub/online food orders

Must have a US phone #



Food Services

January 16-19: Limited service in GSUB 9:00- 15:00

Starting January 20:

GSUB:

8am -8pm Monday - Thursday

8am - 6pm Friday

11:00am - 6:00pm - Saturday and Sunday

Cortaditos Café:

7am -8pm Monday - Thursday

7am - 5pm Friday

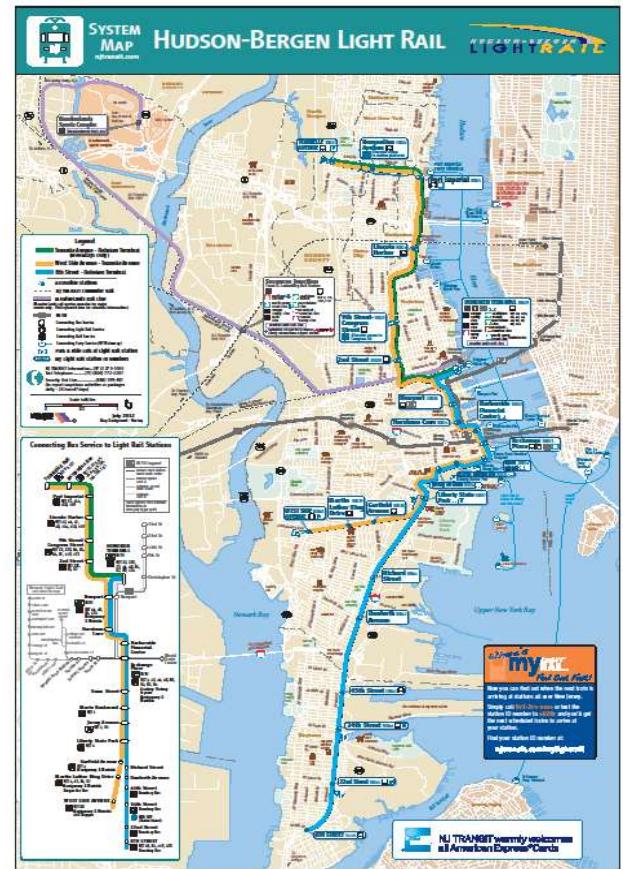


If you have evening classes at SoB, be sure to get food to go at the Cafeteria



Area Transportation

Learn area public transportation- Light Rail train, PATH train, buses



Public Transportation

www.njtransit.com

- Single ticket
- Light Rail
- Bus
- Monthly pass
- Student pass

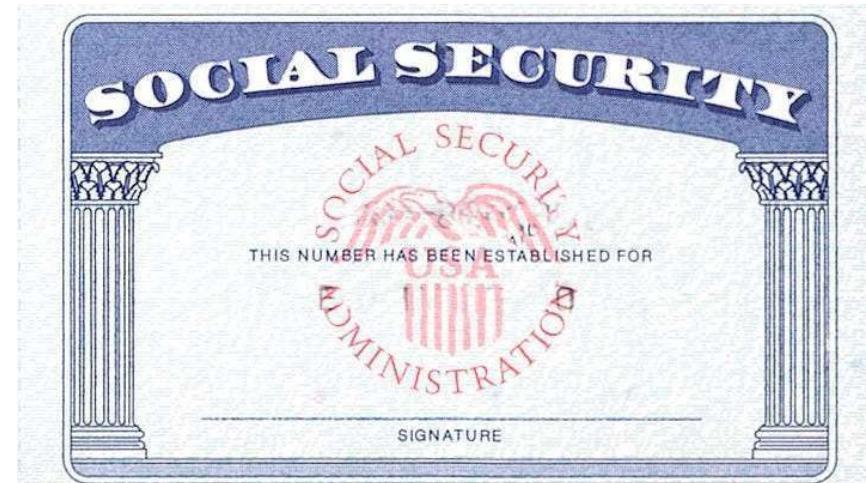
The screenshot shows the NJ TRANSIT website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'My Transit', 'Sign Up', 'Log In', 'Enter Search Term', and a 'SEARCH' button. Below the navigation bar, there is a main menu with links for 'Schedules & Fares', 'Alerts & Advisories', 'Ticket Options', 'Rider Tools', 'Maps', 'Accessibility', 'Contact Us', and 'Police'. A large banner in the center of the page says 'Special Savi for Stu' (partially cut off) and 'Student Pass'. To the right of the banner, there is a photo of a group of diverse young people. A sidebar on the right is titled 'Quik-Tik | Tickets by Mail' and lists options for 'Rail Tickets', 'Bus Tickets', 'Light Rail Tickets', 'MyTix Mobile Ticketing', 'Meadowlands Ticketing', 'Contactless Payments', 'Group Sales', and 'Student Pass'. At the bottom of the page, there is a small note about the University Partnership Program and logos for 'GEICO' and 'Montclair State University'.

Log into Gothicnet to buy monthly transit passes



Social Security Number

- You can only get a Social Security Number if you have a job offer.
- You DO NOT NEED an SSN to open a bank account or get a drivers license. We will help you get the necessary documents.



University Offices and Services



**Guest: Ms. Shatayia K. Dingle
Graduate Student Success Coach**

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“Guidance, encouragement, and strategic support to help graduate students navigate their academic journeys with confidence, clarity, and resilience”



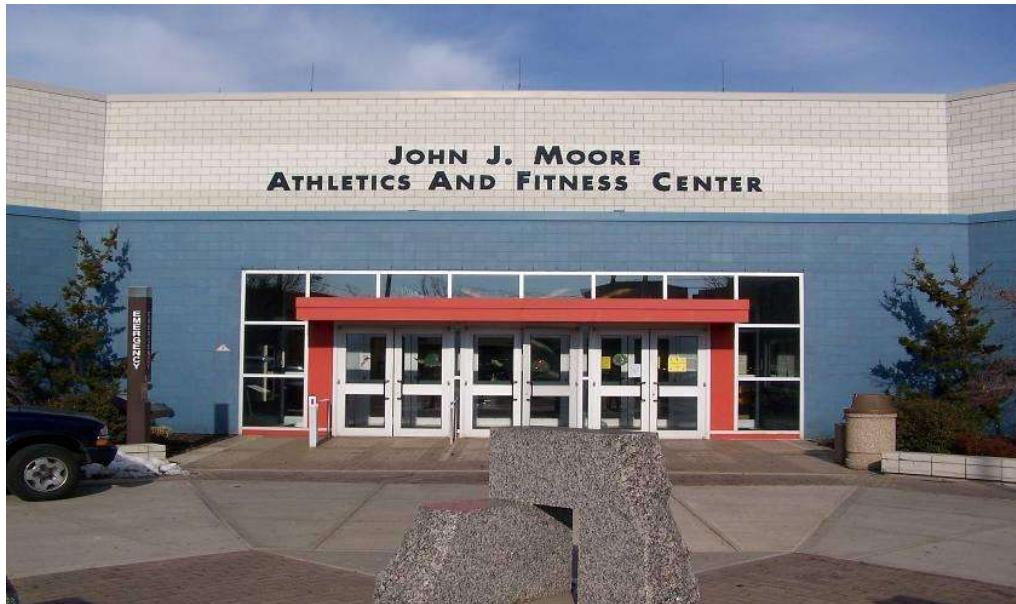
Shuttle Service

Between West Campus dorm and main campus. Driver will also go to the Gym and Westside Ave train station if you ask. 7:00- 23:00 M-TH, Sat 7:00- 19:00, Sun 10:00- 19:00.

Starting January 20, after 17:00, shuttles will take students to the Hudson Mall on request. To return to campus, call Public Safety 201-200-3128. They will notify the shuttle driver.



The John Moore Athletic and Fitness Center

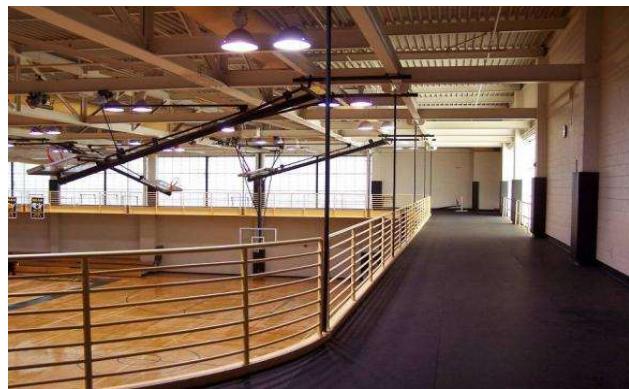


Hours: M-F 6:30- 21:30

Sat- Sun 6:30- 18:00



JMAC Facilities



ID Cards



Campus Card Services
Hepburn Hall Room 114
Gothiccard@njcu.edu



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Free

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Mail Services

Mailing Address:

Your Name

Address 1: 2039 John F. Kennedy Blvd

Address 2: Residence Hall & Room #

Jersey City, NJ 07305

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

201-200-2094

mailservices@njcu.edu

Hepburn Hall

Room 145

Example:

Jane Doe

2039 John F. Kennedy Blvd

West Campus Village 123

Jersey Ctiy, NJ 07305

Mail lockers are in Vodra Hall:



Packcity

[EXTERNAL]Your package is available in the Packcity locker

Tue 8/24

CAUTION: This email originated from outside the University. Do...

Inbox



NJCU Career Services

<https://www.njcu.edu/student-life/campus-services-resources/center-career-and-professional-development>

Assistance with CVs and job searches



Health and Wellness Center

Vodra Hall

www.njcu.edu/hwc



HWC Services



- University Physician is available part-time
- The schedule is available at the HWC
- Services:
 - First aid and minor urgent care
 - Health information
 - Referrals to off-campus clinics, specialists, testing facilities, and pharmacies

Immunization Requirements

Every student is required to complete the **NJCU Entrance Health Form and must submit proof of immunizations**

MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) : proof of vaccination for Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (2 doses)

Hepatitis B: 3 vaccinations for Hepatitis B or a blood test showing you have immunity

Meningitis Immunization is required for students who live on campus

You must have all vaccinations completed or you cannot register for next semester classes



All NJCU students have access to **TeleHealth Services**

Log on to www.timelycare.com/njcu and create an account.

There is no charge for the service, but you will have to pay for prescription medications.



Immigration Information



Your Immigration Documents

- Passport
- Visa and entry stamp
- Form I-94
- Form I-20 or Form DS-2019



Your Passport

- Your passport **MUST** be valid at all times. It must be valid **AT LEAST** 6 months into the future.
- If you need to renew your passport, contact your government's consulate in New York or embassy in Washington.
- If your passport is lost or stolen, you **MUST** contact the local police to get a report and your Consulate or Embassy, and let us know.



Your Visa



- Visas are issued only outside of the United States at US Consulates and Embassies abroad. **You cannot get or renew a visa in the US.**
- Your visa must be valid on the day of entry into the US.
- **You can remain in the US with an expired visa as long as your I-20 or DS-2019 has not expired.** You do not have to leave the US when your visa expires, but if you leave the US, you must get a new visa to re-enter.



I-94

- The I94 shows your 11 digit admission number and your immigration status at the port of entry.
- Get yours at:
<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94>
- Keep a copy for your records. You will need this for a drivers license, social security card, employment, etc.



The screenshot shows a web page for U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The header features the CBP logo and the text "U.S. Customs and Border Protection" and "Securing America's Borders". Below the header are two buttons: "Get I-94 Number" and "I-94 FAQ". The main content area is titled "Admission (I-94) Number Retrieval". It displays an "Admission (I-94) Record Number: 69000888062" and an "Admit Until Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 10/10/2012". Below this, it says "Details provided on Admission(I-94) form:" followed by a table of data:

Family Name:	LI
First (Given) Name:	LYDIA
Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	01/01/1990
Passport Number:	P123123213
Passport Country of Issuance:	Mexico
Date of Entry (MM/DD/YYYY):	04/11/2012
Class of Admission:	B1

Your I20

Does your name match your passport?



U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Form I-20, Application for a Nonimmigrant Visa OMB NO. 1673-0016		
SEVIS ID: N0004720633		
LASTNAME/PRIMARY NAME Dong, Li	GIVEN NAME Dong	Class of Admission F-1
PREFERRED NAME Dong, Li	PASSPORT NAME Dong, Li	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH China	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP China	
DATE OF BIRTH 04-MAY-1984	ADMISSION NUMBER I-1000-144444444444	
FORM I-20 REASON CONTINUATION ATTENDANCE	LEGACY NAME Dong, Li	ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
SCHOOL INFORMATION		
SCHOOL NAME NJC University Advanced Study Studies NJC School for Advanced SEVIS Studies	SCHOOL ADDRESS NJC University, 101, Washington, DC 20544	
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Julian Robert	SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE NJC111111111111 03 APRIL 2016	
PROGRAM OF STUDY		
EDUCATION LEVEL HIGH SCHOOL	MARSH 1 History and Philosophy of Finance and Accounting 14-0114	MARSH 2 Date 05-2016
PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES ENGLISH 14-011111111111	EARLIEST ADMISSION DATE 04 APRIL 2016
START OF CLASSES 01-SEP-2016	PROGRAM START/END DATE 04-MAY-2016 - 31-MAY-2016	
FINANCIALS		
ESTIMATED AVERAGE COST FOR 1 QUARTER Living and Food Living Expenses Expenses of Dependents (10) Other TOTAL	STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR 1 QUARTER Student Funds Funds From This School Funds From Another Source On-Campus Employment TOTAL	\$ 15,000 \$ 4,000 \$ 0 \$ 0 \$ 19,000
REMARKS		
SCHOOL ATTESTATION <small>I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was correct before I signed this form and is true and correct. I examined this form in the United States or in the presence of a United States or foreign consular officer or the officer of the student's agency or in the presence of a duly authorized representative of the school and of a duly authorized representative of the student. I also declare that the information provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of attending the school or college at which I am registered. I also declare that I have no other intent than to study in the United States. I also declare that my records made by this school pursuant to 8 CFR 214.2(e) are accurate and complete. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.</small>		
SIGNATURE OF School Representative, Dated 04 May 2016	DATE ISSUED 04 May 2016	PLACE ISSUED D.C., Washington, DC
STUDENT ATTESTATION <small>I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of attending the school or college at which I am registered. I also declare that I have no other intent than to study in the United States. I also declare that my records made by this school pursuant to 8 CFR 214.2(e) are accurate and complete. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.</small>		
SIGNATURE OF Student, Dated 04 May 2016	DATE 04 May 2016	
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (city/state or province/country) DATE



Is your program correct?

Is your program end date correct?



Is your funding correct?

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement					VIA FORM I-20/DS-2019																										
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EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS																															
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Travel signature



Your DS2019

Does your name match
your passport?

Are your program and end date correct?

Travel Signature



Maintaining Your Status

- Keep your I-20 / DS2019 valid at ALL times.
- If you need an extension, see me **RIGHT AWAY**.
- Always remember to keep your old documents while you are in the US.
- Maintain full-time enrollment
 - Undergraduate students = 12 credits.
 - Graduate students = 9 credits.
 - **DO NOT WITHDRAW FROM CLASSES**
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Changing your program? See us immediately! You need a new I20/DS2019 before you start your new program.
- **DO NOT** work without permission
- Report address changes within 10 days
- File a tax document even if you did not work



Losing Your Status

- If you violate immigration rules, you will lose your status.
- This means your SEVIS immigration record will be terminated and you will lose all benefits like employment. You may also have to leave the US.
- Respond to your DSO immediately. It's always important.



Leave of Absence

Emergencies happen, and you might need to stop your studies.

- With permission you can
 - withdraw from your classes and stay in the US for medical reasons.
 - drop your classes and temporarily return home.
- **You cannot drop your classes and stay in the US unless there is an approved medical reason.**
- Please contact me immediately if this situation occurs.

Online Classes

- International students can only take a limited number of online classes each semester.
- An undergraduate student must take three face to face classes. A graduate student must take two.
- Additional classes can be online.



Employment

International student employment is limited. Types of authorized employment are:

- On- Campus Employment
- Off-campus Employment:
- Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
- Optional Practical Training (OPT)
- Severe Economic Hardship
- Internship with an international organization (UN, World Bank, etc.)



On Campus Employment

- You can work anywhere on campus.
- You cannot accept “work study” jobs because they are only available to US students who receive financial aid.
- You can only work 20 hours a week when school is in session.
- You may work multiple on-campus jobs, but not more than 20 hours a week in total
- See us if you have a job offer.



OPT- Optional Practical Training for F1 students

- Employment after you complete your studies
- You must complete one year as an F1 student
- Jobs must be related to your study program
- Paid or unpaid
- Apply for OPT about three months before you graduate
- You do not need a job offer to get OPT



Academic Training for J1 Students

- Employment related to your study program after you complete your program
- Paid or unpaid
- AT length equal to program length up to 18 months
- Apply for AT before your program ends
- You MUST HAVE a job offer to get AT



What documents should you carry?

- All non-US citizens are required to “register” their presence in the US.
- F and J visa students are automatically registered when they enter the US.
- Carry a picture of your passport ID page, visa, I20/DS2019, and I94 if you need to show proof of your status
- Emergency situation related to immigration? Call



Test: How Do You Maintain Your Status ?

Don't.....



Summary of Don'ts:

- Do not drop below full time without permission
- Don't take more than the allowed number of online classes
- Do not change your major/ level of study without first receiving a new I-20/DS2019
- Do not work on or off-campus without permission
- Do not let your passport or I-20/DS2019 expire.
- Do not change your address without notifying us.



Success Tips

- Education in the US is different! You're not just learning things, you're learning how to be a student.
- Connect with your advisor
- Attend every class and participate
- Manage your time wisely
- Respect Deadlines
- Connect with classmates and network
- Use campus services





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Next:

Trip on the Light Rail train to visit the School of Business, the Newport Mall, and the PATH stations to connect to NYC

