

A low-angle photograph of the Dickinson School of Law building, featuring large white columns and a pediment with the school's name. The building is set against a clear blue sky.

Welcome!

Fall 2024
Pre-Arrival Orientation
July 16, 2024

International Programs and Graduate Education



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MEETING AGENDA

- Welcome & Introductions
- Overview of S.J.D. Program
- Library & Info. Resources
- Student Life
- IT
- Checklist & Q&A





Prof. Jeffrey Dodge
Associate Dean,
Academic Affairs

Dean Dodge has taught and presented on topics related to family law, LGBTQ+ rights, and education law.

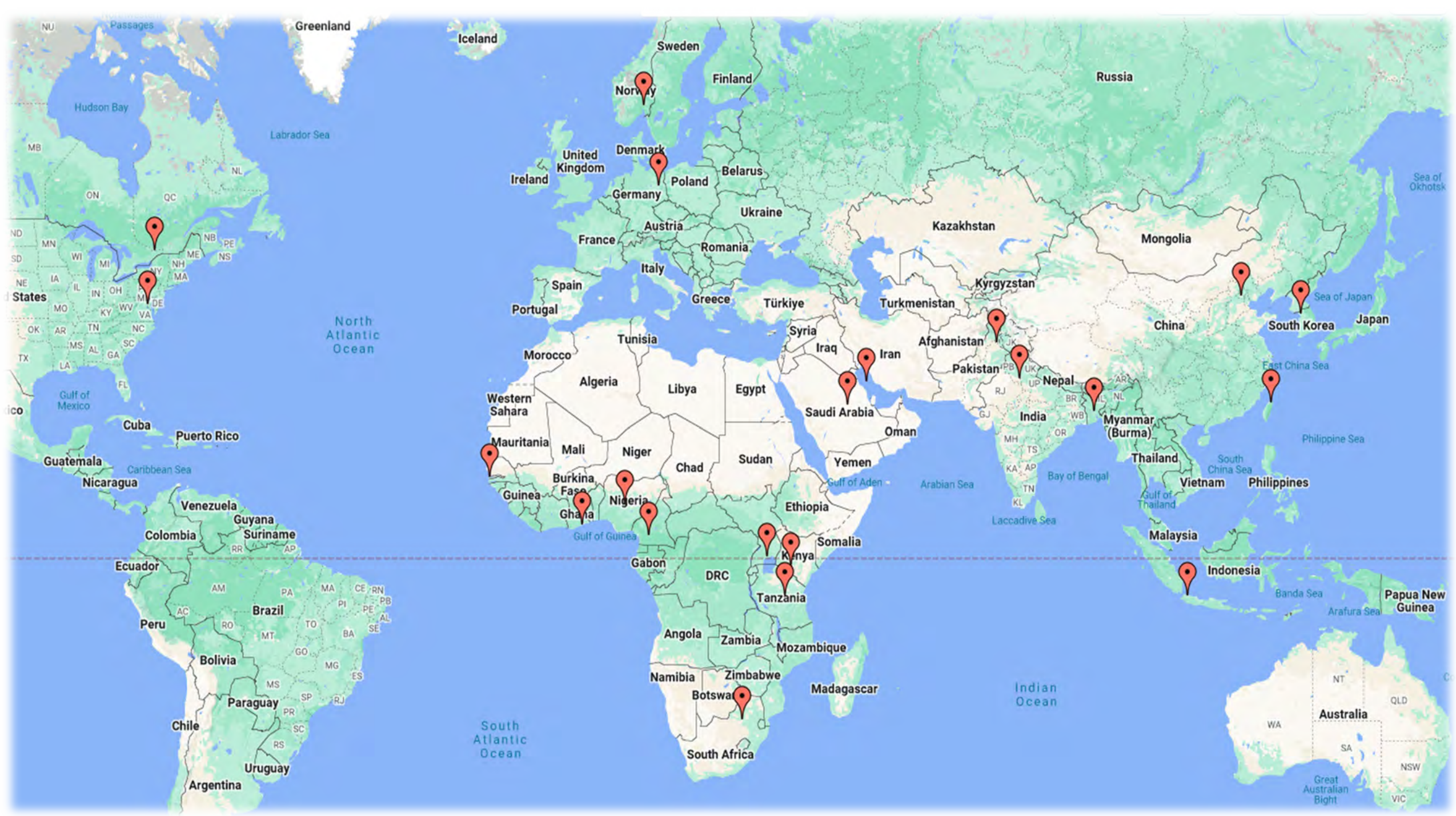
Dodge has served as chair of three AALS sections and on LSAC's national diversity committee. He has also served as an American Bar Association accreditation site evaluator.

He earned a J.D. from Hofstra University School of Law.



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From leading practitioners to accomplished researchers and scholars, Dickinson Law faculty are some of the best legal minds in the country.





Prof. Jeffrey Dodge
Associate Dean,
Academic Affairs



Giselle Santibañez-Bania
Assistant Dean, Acad.
and Student Services



Seth McGeorge
Director, Instructional
and Info. Technology



Prof. Laura Ax-Fultz
Associate Dean, Library
and Info. Services





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- Limited residency, 3-year doctoral program.
- To be considered for admission, students should have an LL.B., B.A., or J.D. degree in law, an LL.M. or equivalent, and English proficiency.
- Each S.J.D. student is assigned a primary faculty supervisor at the time of admission.
- Currently there are 4 continuing S.J.D. students originally from Bulgaria, China, Iran, and Uzbekistan.

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- *Residency*: All S.J.D. students are required to be in residence for one academic year.
- *Candidacy*. To move into Candidacy, each student must pass an oral defense to an appointed Candidacy Committee, which usually takes places at the end of the first year.
- *Dissertation*. Each candidate must produce an original dissertation that should be an original and significant contribution to legal scholarship.
- *Defense*. Candidates are expected to successfully defend their dissertation within two years after achieving candidacy to an appointed Committee of Examiners.

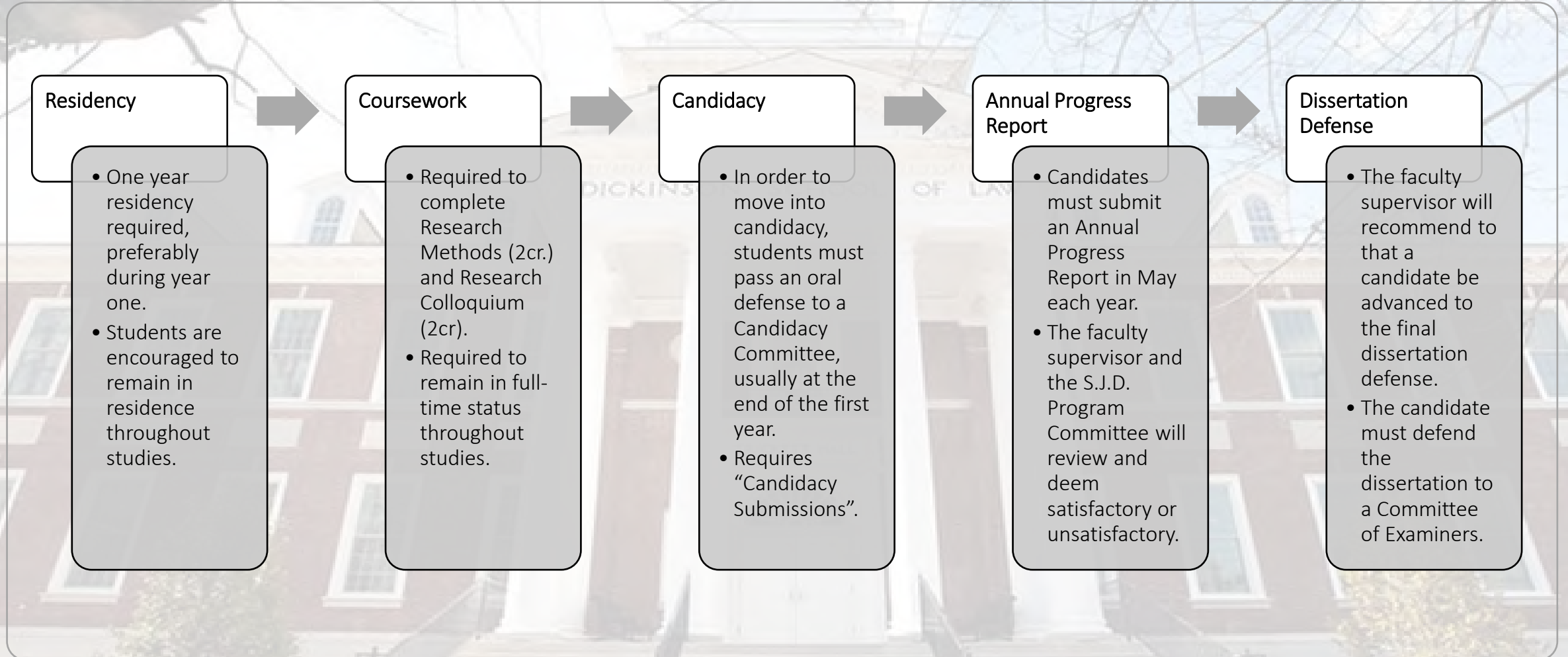


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S.J.D. students are required to remain enrolled full-time throughout the duration of their S.J.D. studies (i.e., generally a minimum of 12 credits per semester). A typical three-year schedule is as follows:

	Course Code	Course Title	Course Description	Credits	Semesters
Year One	DLSJD 901	SJD Pre-Candidacy Resident	Pre-candidacy	12	1 & 2
	DLSJD 902	SJD Research Methods	Research Skills	2	1 (or 2)
	DLSJD 905	SJD Research Colloquium	Research Colloquium	2	2 (or 1)
Year Two & Three "Candidate"	DLSJD 903	SJD Dissertation Research In-Residence	Post-candidacy [Pre-Req. DLSJD 901]	12	3, 4, 5, & 6
	DLSJD 904	SJD Dissertation Research Not In-Residence	Post-candidacy [Pre-Req. DLSJD 901]	12	3, 4, 5, & 6



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Requirement	Deadline*
DLSJD902 Research Methods (2 cr.)	First year (in residence), Fall semester
DLSJD905 Research Colloquium (2 cr.)	First year (in residence), Spring semester
Candidacy Defense	First year (in residence), no later than mid-April
Annual Progress Report	Second & third years, no later than mid-May
Declare Intention to Graduate	Between 6 & 12 months before intended graduation
Formation of Committee of Examiners	At least 6-weeks before the scheduled dissertation defense
Dissertation Submission for Review	At least 4-weeks before the scheduled dissertation defense
Dissertation Defense	At least 8-weeks prior to intended graduation
Final Dissertation Submission	At least 8-weeks prior to intended graduation
Graduation	Third year, usually mid-May



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	Course Code	Course Title	Course Description	Credits	Semesters	Tuition/Semester
Year One	DLSJD 901	SJD Pre-Candidacy Resident	Pre-candidacy	12	1 & 2	\$15,000
	DLSJD 902	SJD Research Methods	Research Skills	2	1 (or 2)	
	DLSJD 905	SJD Research Colloquium	Research Colloquium	2	2 (or 1)	
Year Two & Three “Candidate”	DLSJD 903	SJD Dissertation Research In-Residence	Post-candidacy [Pre-Req. DLSJD 901]	12	3, 4, 5, & 6	\$5,000
	DLSJD 904	SJD Dissertation Research Not In-Residence	Post-candidacy [Pre-Req. DLSJD 901]	12	3, 4, 5, & 6	



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International Law Society offers students the opportunity to advance the study, research and exploration of international law.

STUDENT LIFE

- Preparing for Arrival
- Getting Settled & Cost
- Health & Safety
- Socialization & Social Media
- Student Clubs & Campus Activities
- Academic Accommodations
- Q&A





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PENN STATE IT

- Overview
- Student ID Card
- What to Bring
- Access to Penn State Systems (e.g., LionPath, myDL, etc.)
- Q&A

- Tuition: tuition.psu.edu/tuitiondynamic/tuitionandfees.aspx
- Tuition Due Dates: www.bursar.psu.edu/tuition-due-dates
- Payment Options: www.bursar.psu.edu/payment-options
- Student Health Insurance: studentaffairs.psu.edu/requirements-international-students



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LIBRARY & INFO. RESOURCES

- Overview
- Law Databases
- Research Guides
- Services
- Q&A



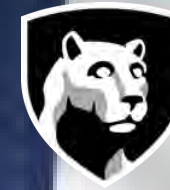
PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST

- Acquire I-20 and finalize visa process (if applicable).
- Secure off-campus housing.
- Finalize travel arrangements to attend orientation on August 20-24.
- Set up Penn State email account.
- Complete Penn State ID card.
- Submit phonetic name recording.
- Submit online form for business cards and name tag.
- Submit website profiles information.
- Complete Pre-Registration Student Activity Guide
- Complete Government Regulations Training, F-1 & J-1

See pre-arrival information for admitted students on the website under LL.M. Admissions.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- *Pre-Registration Activity Guide*
July 31
- *Course Registration Deadline*
August 1
- *Pre-Arrival Submissions*
[ID, Business Cards, Name Tags,
Name Recordings, Profiles]
August 1
- *Welcome Orientation*
August 20-24
- *First Day of Classes*
August 26

*Students must be present at the
Welcome Orientation starting August 20th.
Late arrivals are not permitted.*

Welcome Orientation
August 20-24, 2024



<https://dickinsonlaw.psu.edu/admitted-sjd-students>



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See you soon!

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