



Center for
**GLOBAL
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International Student Welcome Guide





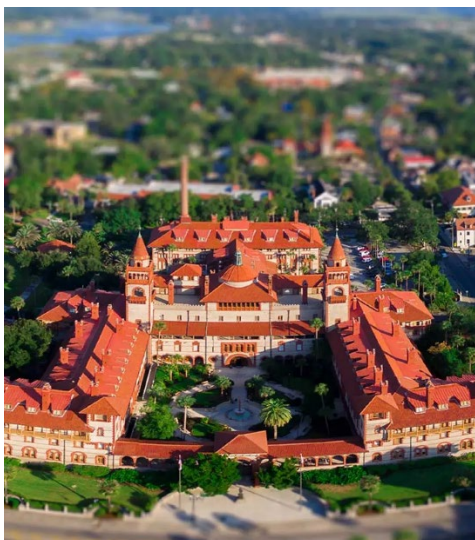
Hello and Welcome Future Flagler Saints!

We are delighted that you are considering Flagler College as your home for the next several months or years. We are particularly excited for you to join our vibrant international community, which includes approximately 140 students and scholars from 37 countries.

We hope that this Welcome Guide helps you with your pre-arrival planning, as well as provides you with insight to Flagler College's international student community. Your all-important college decision is fast approaching, and we hope we will be able to say

"Bienvenue" "Yokoso" "Su'āgata hai" or **WELCOME** to the Flagler Saints community and the greater St. Augustine area soon. From all of us in Flagler College's Center for Global Education, good luck in making your college decision!

The Center for Global Education Contact



The Center for Global Education at Flagler College strives to make your transition to our college as smooth as possible. We are always available to answer any questions you may have throughout your time at Flagler. Start the conversation now! Feel free to email our staff at global@flagler.edu if you have any questions, or if you would like to introduce yourself. You can also learn more about the Center for Global Education through our Instagram at [@flaglerglobal](https://www.instagram.com/flaglerglobal).

Events on Campus

The Center for Global Education works hard to create exciting programming with an international twist. We want to be able to host a myriad of events that meet the needs of our diverse student population. So, from internationally inspired potlucks to practical training workshops, you can be sure that there will never be a dull moment at the Center for Global Education sponsored event! One of our biggest events is the **International Education Week** during the Fall semester. Join the Center for Global Education staff as you meet other international and domestic students as well as faculty and staff members. Food and drinks are always provided so bring your appetite!



Airport Arrivals

While there are several airports near Flagler College, the Center for Global Education recommends flying into Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) since it is the closest airport to campus. There are several shuttle options from the Jacksonville International Airport to Saint Augustine.

The estimated shuttle cost from the Jacksonville airport to St. Augustine is about \$60-\$75. This price does not **include the tip!**

Ride-share options such as Uber and Lyft from the Jacksonville International Airport to Saint Augustine range from \$45-\$80.

There are also shuttle options if you are planning to arrive at the Orlando International Airport (MCO); but the prices are slightly higher as they range from \$130-\$175.

Ride-share options such as Uber and Lyft from the Orlando International Airport to Saint Augustine range from about \$90-\$185.

Here are a few helpful links for potential shuttle options -

- **Airport Shuttle of St. Augustine:** <http://www.airportshuttlestaugustine.com/>
- **Airport Express:** <http://www.airportexpresspickup.com/>
- **Busbud:** <https://www.busbud.com/en>

Things to Do In Saint Augustine

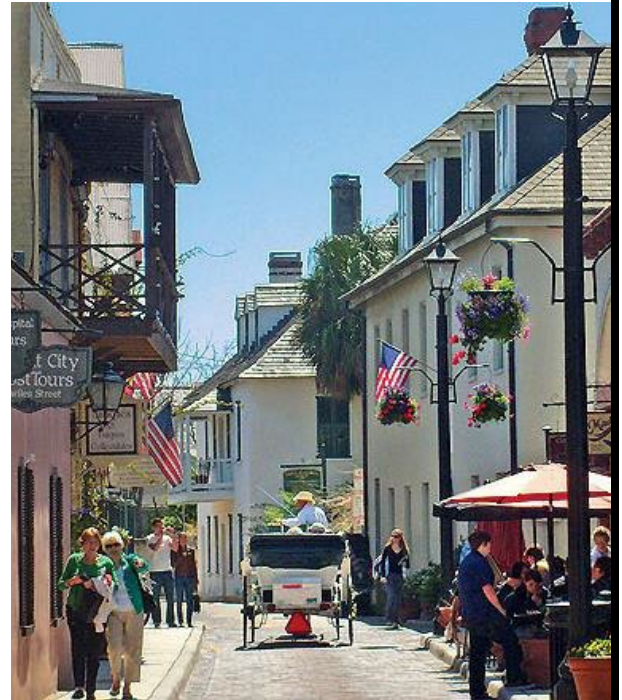
Flagler College students have the amazing privilege of living in the heart of historical downtown St. Augustine. There is a long list of activities for you to participate in, many of which offer discounts to Flagler College students.

While there are too many exciting things happening in our city to count, we've provided you with a list of some the Center for Global Education staff's top picks for things to do in St. Augustine and nearby St. Augustine Beach.

- **Lightner Museum** – This museum, located across from Flagler College was once the Hotel Alcazar. Now, the Lightner Museum houses hundreds of historical items, primarily from the Victorian era.



- **Castillo de San Marco** – Once a fort used by the Spanish to protect the city, this U.S. national monument sits along the Matanzas Bay. It is a great place to learn more about St. Augustine's historical significance.
- **St. Augustine Alligator Farm** – A short drive from Flagler's campus, the St. Augustine Alligator Farm is a zoological center that has at least one crocodilian from every species alive in the world. Don't worry, they don't bite!
- **Old City** – As the oldest city in the United States, St. Augustine offers newcomers several "oldest" attractions – many of which are located in St. Augustine's old city district. Our favorite spot is the Oldest House in the United States, located on St. Francis Street.
- **Colonial Quarter**– Become completely immersed in St. Augustine's Colonial Quarter. There are many exciting eateries, shops, and cultural activities in this section of our city.



- **Shopping on St. George Street** – While it isn't the best place to buy your bedsheets and toothpaste, St. George Street has many art galleries, local boutiques, and St. Augustine essentials. We recommend stopping by Hyppo Gourmet Ice Pops!
- **St. Augustine Lighthouse & Museum** – Just cross the Bridge of Lions on Anastasia Island, there is the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Museum. We encourage you to walk to the top for a complete 360 (degree) view of the entire city.
- **Anastasia State Park** – A certified park by the state of Florida, Anastasia Park is a great place for you to experience the natural wildlife in St. Augustine. The park encourages visitors to camp, hike, canoe, and kayak!

- **Saint Augustine Amphitheatre** – A favorite spot for St. Augustine locals, the Amphitheatre is a multi-faceted venue that features musical concerts, plays, and stand-up comedians throughout the year. Each week the theatre holds a Farmer's Market, which offers goods like local, fresh produce, handmade arts and crafts, baked goods, plants directly off the farm, freshly-caught seafood, cheeses and so much more.
- **Anastasia Beach** – What's one of the best parts of living in the "Sunshine State"? Beaches! Anastasia Beach is where many locals go surfing or have a relaxing day in the sun and sand. Be sure to bring your favorite bathing suit.
- **Honorable Mention** – No list can be complete without mentioning the United States' theme park capital...**Orlando**. In just a short two-hour car drive, students can find themselves posing with Mickey and Minnie Mouse at Disney World or visiting Harry Potter world at Universal Studios. Both parks are great options for an exciting weekend getaway trip!



Important on Campus Facts!

Mailing

If you are living on campus, about two weeks before your official move in day, you can start shipping items from larger stores like Target, Walmart, Amazon, etc. to your on-campus mailbox.

You are more than welcome to send packages to Flagler College prior to your arrival to campus. Our wonderful mailroom staff will hold your packages until your arrival. The Flagler College mailroom is located in the Ponce Breezeway. Please follow the following outline when labeling your package:

ATTENTION - YOUR NAME & STUDENT ID NUMBER

74 King Street St.

St. Augustine, Florida 32084 U.S.A.

Wi-Fi

Campus Wi-Fi is included with tuition - as long as you are on campus you will be connected!
You can access Wi-Fi by using your MyFlagler login credentials.



Meal Plans

Flagler College offers three different meal plans:

- *The Unlimited meal plan* allows you to have 3 meals per day, Monday thru Friday, with brunch and dinner Saturday, Continental Breakfast, brunch and dinner on Sundays in Ponce de Leon Dining Hall. (If you chose to have a full meal plan, you have unlimited meals from the dining hall! Yay for you!)
- *The 15 meal plan* allows you to have access to the respective number of meals during a given seven day period.
- *The 10 meal plan* allows you to have access to the respective number of meals during a given seven day period.



Textbooks

Most, if not all, of your classes will have required textbooks. Textbooks are not included in your tuition so it is important that you budget some additional money to put towards your

books. You are responsible for purchasing your textbooks prior to the beginning of your classes. Textbooks can cost anywhere from \$100-\$500 depending on the classes and where you purchase them. Some places you may purchase your textbooks are the Flagler College Bookstore, Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and Abebooks.com.

Packing Checklist

As an International Student, we understand that you will have to pack items regarding your immigration status while attending college, which can sometimes be overwhelming. Don't despair! We have provided a packing checklist to help ensure you don't forget anything related to your immigration status.

- ✓ Choose to attend the college that is the best fit for you!
- ☐ Review your certificate of eligibility (I-20 for F1 visa students or DS-2019 for J1 visa students) for accuracy and sign and date the bottom part in BLUE ink.
- ☐ Pay any necessary Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) fees.
- ☐ Check that your passport (with at least 6 months of validity).
- ☐ Apply for a US student visa at the nearest US consulate or embassy.
- ☐ Degree-seeking students must pay enrollment fee to Flagler College.
- ☐ Make travel arrangements to arrive before orientation begins.
- ☐ Make your housing arrangements. On-campus or off-campus.
- ☐ Obtain your immunization records and send a copy of them to Flagler College
- ☐ Research more about your future home at <https://www.flagler.edu/>
- ☐ Contact the Center for Global Education if you have questions

We hope you are able to use this Welcome Guide as a reference for Flagler College's international student experience as you make your final decision for your U.S. college experience. On behalf of all the staff at Flagler College, we hope to welcome you to the Saints family soon! We cannot wait to meet you.

See you soon!

Center for Global
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