



## Important Emails & Phone Numbers

### Global Inclusion Office

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### Housing Office

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### Campus Police

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### International Admissions

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We look forward to your arrival at Moravian College. Again, if you have any other questions, please feel free to contact the Global Inclusion office. Have a safe trip!

Best,  
Melissa, Boris, and Dr. Rubie

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# International Student Pre- Arrival Guide Fall 2017

**Moravian College**

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania  
July 2017

# Welcome!

## Dear International Hounds,



Congratulations on your acceptance to Moravian College! We are proud to have you as a member of the Moravian College community and excited that you are a part of our growing international student population. Below are some tips to prepare you for your upcoming transition to Bethlehem, PA. If you have further questions, contact the Office of Global Inclusion, Dr. Rubie Ghazal, Director of Global Inclusion at [ghazalr@moravian.edu](mailto:ghazalr@moravian.edu), Mr. Boris Kirov, Assistant Director at [kirovb@moravian.edu](mailto:kirovb@moravian.edu), or Ms. Melissa Miller, Office Secretary at [millerm@moravian.edu](mailto:millerm@moravian.edu). You can also call us at 610.625.7847 or the Office of Admissions at 610.861.1320.

Below you will find information about:

- Immigration
- Finances & Billing
- Health Center & Health Insurance
- Housing
- Academics
- Transportation
- Events

## Immigration

### Visa Instructions

- After you accept your offer of admission to Moravian College, you will receive a number of documents including an immigration form called an I-20.
- Once you receive this form, please complete the required data. You should take this form, along with your admission letter, financial support documents, proof that you will return to your home country after your stay in the United States, and your passport to the United States Consulate or Embassy where you will make arrangements to obtain an F-1 entry visa.
- Customs now gathers your arrival/departure information automatically from your electronic travel record. Because advance information is only transmitted for air and sea travelers, Customs will still issue a paper form I-94 at land border ports of entry.
- If you need the information from your Form I-94 admission record to verify immigration status or employment authorization, the record number and other admission information are available online. We will assist you in printing out your I-94 paperwork during the orientation.

## Immigration (Cont'd) Finances & Billing

### SEVIS Registration Form

- The United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) requires that every international student is registered in Student and Exchange Visitor Information Center (SEVIS)
- Once you arrive on campus, you are required to fill out the **Moravian SEVIS Registration Form** and submit it in person to Mr. Boris Kirov, the Assistant Director of Global Inclusion and DSO, at the Diversity House located on 1138 Main St., Bethlehem, PA 18018 along with copies of your Passport and F-1 Visa.
- The form must be submitted in person before **Tuesday, September 5th, 2017**

### Finances & Billing

- The Office of Student Accounts is responsible for all student billing. They handle requests for refunds, payment options, M-Flex accounts, online account inquiries and student health insurance coverage.
- Beginning Fall 2017 semester, Moravian College's primary method of billing will be E-Bills. Students are required to monitor their [moravian.edu](http://moravian.edu) email account, as this is where all E-Bills are delivered.
- The estimated costs for international students for 2017-2018 is:
  - Tuition and Fees \$42,024
  - Comprehensive Fee + \$150
  - Room Damage Deposit + \$300 Orientation Fee
  - Room and Fees up to \$12,790 (depending on room & meal plan)
  - Health Insurance estimated at \$1096,
  - Books estimated at \$1200

### Did You Know

*Moravian College is the 6<sup>th</sup> Oldest College in the United States of America. It is home to almost 1,700 students with approximately 10% from all over the world.*



## Finances & Billing (Cont'd)

- Payments can be made in any of the following ways:
  - Online at [moravian.edu/cashnet](http://moravian.edu/cashnet). Credit cards and electronic checks are accepted. There is no fee associated with electronic check payment. Credit card transactions are assessed a 2.75% fee on the transaction amount.
  - In person at the Cashier's Office, Colonial Hall, Room 108. Cash and checks accepted.
  - By mail send your payment to Moravian College, Cashier's Office, 1200 Main St., Bethlehem, PA 18018. Checks or money orders must be payable to Moravian College.
- Students who wish to make payments to Moravian College via Wire Transfer should contact [studentaccounts@moravian.edu](mailto:studentaccounts@moravian.edu) to request instructions.
- Student banking on campus:
  - Students may cash personal checks up to \$100 at the Cashier's Office in Colonial Hall room #108.
  - Wells Fargo Bank provides the on-campus ATM machine in the Hauptert Union Building (HUB).
  - Using M-Flex which acts as a debit account that can be accessed through your Moravian College ID Card and can be used for the following:
    - Bookstore purchases;
    - Moravian College Dining transactions;
    - Moravian College-sponsored concert tickets



## Health Center & Health Insurance

### Health Center

- Moravian College has a Health Center on campus available for all students who have submitted the required health forms. Additionally, there are two major hospitals located within minutes of the campus in Bethlehem: St. Luke's Hospital on Ostrum Street and the Lehigh Valley Hospital - Muhlenberg on Schoenersville Road.
- It is important to bring your completed health forms because these completed documents will enable the Moravian College Health Center to offer health services while you are here as a student.
- Although the Office of Admissions and the Health Center have already provided you with these forms for you to complete, we have attached the forms in this email. Please complete and return them by August 6th.
- Your health forms must be translated into English and they should include your immunization history and personal medical history.
- Tuberculosis testing is required for all new students. Please note that if your health forms are not complete you may not be able to register for classes.

### Health Insurance

- All international students attending Moravian College are required to have health insurance. The college can provide international students with health insurance through Bollinger at [www.bollingercolleges.com/moravian](http://www.bollingercolleges.com/moravian) with monthly rates as follows:
  - Students: \$88
  - Spouse: \$262
  - Child: \$131
- If there is a change in the health insurance information during your time as a student at Moravian, you are expected to share this information

### Remember:

*Medical costs can be expensive in the United States. All students at Moravian College are **required** to have health insurance. For any questions regarding Health Insurance charges, call Student Accounts at (610) 625-7142. For any questions about Health Insurance coverage & enrollment, call Bollinger at 1-800-350-8005.*





## Housing Academics

### Housing

Moravian College students live on campus or commute from home. Traditional age incoming international freshman students are expected to live on campus, unless they live with family members within a 50-mile radius. The College does not have housing provisions for graduate students, married couples, or single parents with children.

All residents are expected to participate in a College meal plan. The Office of Housing & Event Management may grant exceptions to the meal plan requirement for medical, financial, or lifestyle reasons. More information about meal plans and accommodations can be found on the [Residence Life & Housing website](#)

Moravian College offers a variety of residence halls located on the Main Street (North) Campus and Priscilla Payne Hurd (South) Campus. Housing options vary from traditional residence halls to group living spaces including suites, apartments, townhouses, and overflow houses. First-year students reside in traditional residence halls on both campuses. Moravian College also offers a variety of unique housing opportunities including special interest housing, fraternity and sorority housing, and gender-inclusive housing.

### Academics

Students at Moravian College are required to take a variety of courses across disciplines to build better understanding of the world and themselves. Designed to provide a greater scope of knowledge base, Moravian College's Bachelor of Art Degree and Bachelor of Science Degree both require three sets of courses: 1) courses in the major; 2) courses for general education; and 3) general elective courses. Many of the academic courses in the general education requirement are designed as multidisciplinary—that is, drawing from all the academic disciplines of the liberal arts.

A summary of general education requirements is as follows for all students in the bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degree programs:

- F1 First-Year Writing Seminar
- F2 Quantitative Reasoning
- F3 Foreign Language (this requirement is waived for international students whose native language is not English.)
- F4 Laboratory Science

## Academics (Cont'd) Transportation

Choose 6 of 8 from among the following, which must include at least one U course:

- M1 Historical Studies
- M2 Literature
- M3 Ultimate Questions
- M4 Economic, Social, and Political Systems
- M5 Cultural Values and Global Issues
- M6 Aesthetic Expression
- U1 Social Impact of Science (juniors and seniors only)
- U2 The Moral Life (juniors and seniors only)

### Transportation

#### Arriving in the Lehigh Valley

- Students taking part in the orientation should plan to arrive at Moravian College on Sunday, August 20th, 2017 by 10 am.
- It is essential that you have your passport, I-94, I-20, and insurance card (if you have one) upon arrival.
- Check-in will be facilitated in the Center for Intercultural Advancement and Global Inclusion located at 1138 Main Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am till 4:00 pm.
- If you arrive after hours, please report to the Office of Campus Safety and Police at 119 W. Greenwich Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018. The office is open 24 hours a day and their phone number is 610-861-1421.

*Note: Advising Worksheets (Degree plans) are available (electronically, via AMOS) to outline and guide course selection for Gen Edu and major requirements for each declared degree program*



## Transportation (Cont'd)

### Nearest Airports in the Region

- Lehigh Valley Airport (ABE) is the closest airport to Moravian College. This airport is located about 8 miles from campus. While bus service is not available from the airport to campus, taxi fare is approximately \$15.00. Moravian College will try to arrange transportation from this airport if we are notified in advance by completion of the [International Student Arrival Form Fall 2017](#).
- Newark and JFK Airports have direct bus services to Bethlehem through Transbridge Bus Company ([www.transbridgelines.com](http://www.transbridgelines.com)). One-way fare is approximately \$50.00 from JFK and \$35.00 from Newark. The ride from Newark takes about 2 hours and from JFK takes about 4 hours. For bus schedules and departure times, please check the website ([www.transbridgelines.com](http://www.transbridgelines.com)) but also verify at the ground transportation desk upon arrival.
- Philadelphia Airport does not have a direct bus service to Bethlehem. If you plan to arrive at this airport, you will need to take a SEPTA bus to the main bus station in Center City Philadelphia. From there you would board another bus bound for Bethlehem. For bus schedules and departure times, please check the websites (Airport to Center City: <http://www.septa.org>; Center City to Bethlehem: <https://www.greyhound.com>)

### Additional Transportation Information

- Bethlehem bus stations are located in South Bethlehem (12 Mechanic St, Bethlehem, PA 18015) and Industrial Park (2012 Industrial Dr, Bethlehem, PA 18017)
- Transbridge Bus Lines service both stations; Greyhound Bus services the South Bethlehem stop only.
- Neither stop is within walking distance to Moravian's campus. However, the South Bethlehem station is slightly closer to campus and we recommend you arrive at this station.
- We can make arrangements to pick up students arriving at the bus station as long as we know in advance of your arrival plans.

**Reminder: Please complete and return the International Student Arrival form once you confirm your travel arrangements.**

## Events

The Office of Global Inclusion sponsors a number of events throughout the academic year beginning with our **International Student Orientation**, which will begin on Sunday, August 20th, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Priscilla Payne Hurd Academic Complex (PPHAC) and will continue until Thursday, August 24th, 2017. The orientation schedule is attached with this letter - you will also receive a copy when you arrive on campus.

Some of the events we have schedule during the Orientation include:

- Evening at the Steel Stacks
- Dinner with Moravian College Faculty and Staff
- Free Fall – Trampoline Park

Please fill out the International Student Orientation [Event Form](#) to let us which events you plan to take part in.

Some of the events we have scheduled for the fall semester include:

- First Tuesday Chat & Pizza
- Philadelphia Trip & Soccer Game
- Pumpkin Carving
- LVAIC International Student Symposium
- International Education Week

More information coming soon.

