



International Graduate Student Handbook




MARQUETTE
UNIVERSITY

Graduate School

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Welcome to Marquette University



As a Catholic, Jesuit university, we are committed to helping you cultivate the knowledge, skills and sense of community you need to succeed in your graduate program, build a meaningful career, lead a purposeful life and better the world around you. We are here to support you throughout your graduate studies, so don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns along your way. We have developed this handbook to help you get off to a strong start.

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IMPORTANT IMMIGRATION

TERMS TO KNOW

CBP: U.S. Customs and Border Protection

A federal law enforcement organization that manages and protects the United States' borders

DHS: U.S. Department of Homeland Security

A federal agency that works to improve the security of the United States through customs, border and immigration enforcement, emergency response to natural and man-made disasters, antiterrorism work and cybersecurity

DS-160 application

A required form for your F-1 student visa that notifies the United States government that you have been accepted into an accredited university program and you have met the eligibility requirements to study in the United States

DSO: Designated School Official

A Marquette University employee who is authorized to issue and sign I-20s as well as update SEVIS records

D/S: Duration of Status

Ending date of your legally authorized stay in the United States. It is defined as the time during which an F-1 student is pursuing a full course of studies or engaging in authorized practical training following completion of studies, plus 60 days to prepare for departure from the United States. If a student completes studies or violates F-1 regulations before the I-20 completion date, the D/S date becomes the earlier completion or violation date.

Form I-20

An issued Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status – For Academic and Language Students.

ICE: U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

A federal law enforcement organization that works to prevent terrorism, enforce immigration policies and combat transnational crime

I-9

A required form for employment in the United States, which you will complete once you arrive on campus

I-901 SEVIS fee

All F-1 students are required to pay a \$350 SEVIS fee before your visa interview. Your I-20 must be processed before you can pay the fee.

I-94 form

A required electronic form issued by the Department of Homeland Security to record travelers entering and exiting the United States. If arriving by airplane, you will be provided an electronic I-94 form upon arrival into the U.S.

SEVIS: Student and Exchange Visitor Information System

A database used by the Department of Homeland Security to track and monitor information regarding exchange visitors, international students and scholars who enter the United States on F, J or M visas

SSN: Social Security number

Social Security numbers are necessary for students who will be employed in the United States. Social Security numbers are issued by the [Social Security Administration](#) and are used for tax purposes.

USCIS: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

A federal government agency responsible for processing immigration and naturalization applications and establishing policies regarding immigration services

WHAT TO DO

Before Arriving in the U.S.

FIRST STEPS

Upon admission to Marquette University as an international student, you will need to complete the following to receive an F-1 student visa:

- Accept your offer of admission:
graduate.admissions.marquette.edu.
- Accept your offer of financial aid, if applicable.
- Submit required documents for I-20 to gradadmit@marquette.edu.
 - Passport (*scanned copy*)
 - Financial verification
 - Bank statement
 - Dependent family information, if applicable

COMPLETING YOUR F-1 STUDENT VISA APPLICATION

You will receive your **I-20** form from Marquette University via email. Once we have issued your I-20, you need to complete the following steps to complete your F-1 student visa application:

- Pay \$350 SEVIS I-901 fee [online](#).
- Apply for your non-immigrant visa and pay \$160 non-refundable visa application fee by completing the [online DS-160 form](#).
- Schedule your visa interview at a [U.S. embassy or consulate](#).

TIP: Try to schedule your interview as soon as possible as wait times vary. Also consider requesting an expedited appointment.

- Gather documents needed for your interview. Detailed information can be found at travel.state.gov:
 - Passport
 - Form DS-160 confirmation page
 - Application fee payment receipt if you are required to pay before your interview
 - Form I-20

TIP: Be sure to sign your form prior to your visa appointment.

- You may be asked to provide additional documents such as:
 - Transcripts, diplomas or degrees from schools you attended
 - Standardized test scores required for admission into your program
 - Your intent to depart the United States upon completion of your program
 - Demonstration of how you will pay for your education and living expenses
 - Marriage certificate and pictures if a spouse or dependent child is involved
- Prepare for your interview.

TIP: There is not a standard set of interview questions, but be prepared to speak about your suitability for your program and how it fits into your career and future plans.

- Complete your interview.
- Receive your student F-1 visa.

TRAVELING WITH AN F-1 VISA

Once you have received your F-1 visa, book your travel arrangements. **As a new student on an F-1 visa, you are not permitted to enter the United States earlier than 30 days before the start of your program.** Bring the following documents in your carry-on luggage to present to a Customs and Border Protection officer when you enter the country:

- Form I-20
- Passport
- F-1 student visa
- Admissions acceptance letter
- Receipt of SEVIS I-901 fee
- Financial documents
- Other documents such as:
 - Health and immunization records
 - Transcripts
 - Degrees, diplomas, certificates

TIP: Do not put any immigration documents in your checked luggage.

HERE'S SOME VALUABLE INFORMATION TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:

Most students fly into the following airports:

- **Milwaukee Mitchell International Airport (MKE)**
10 miles from campus
Get to campus from the airport via: taxi, [bus](#), [train](#) or [private car service](#)
- **Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD)**
80 miles from campus
Get to campus from the airport via: taxi, [CoachUSA Bus](#) or [private car service](#)
- **Chicago Midway International Airport (MDW)**
100 miles from campus
Get to campus from the airport via: taxi, [bus](#) or [private car service](#)

If you arrive in Milwaukee via the [Milwaukee Intermodal Train Station](#), you can contact Marquette's [EagleExpress](#) for a free ride to campus.



WHAT TO DO

After Arriving at Marquette University

Check in with our Office of International Education (OIE) to let the staff know you have arrived on campus. It's located in Holthusen Hall, 1324 West Wisconsin Avenue, on the fourth floor, or you can call (414) 288-7289.

PICK UP YOUR [MARQUETTECARD](#) (STUDENT IDENTIFICATION CARD)

- Every student is required to have an MUID card, which provides access to the library, recreational facilities, computer labs and other areas on campus.
- MarquetteCards are processed in our [Alumni Memorial Union](#), Room 158, at 1442 West Wisconsin Avenue.

CONSIDER SETTING UP YOUR BANKING

- Marquette University has a partnership with [Town Bank](#), which is located in our Alumni Memorial Union on the first floor. To open a checking account at Town Bank's campus location, you need to deposit \$100 and provide the following documentation:
 - Passport
 - F-1 visa
 - Proof of residency, such as a bill or lease that includes your U.S. home address
 - A U.S. phone number
- Other banks in Milwaukee are also options, such as [Wells Fargo](#), [U.S. Bank](#) or [Chase Bank](#).

CONSIDER APPLYING FOR A WISCONSIN IDENTIFICATION CARD (WI ID)

Students who are not eligible for a Wisconsin driver's license can obtain a state identification card to use as proof of age or identity. (See more about driver's licenses in the "Transportation" section.)

- Apply for a WI ID at the State of Wisconsin Office Building, Room 190, at 819 North Sixth Street.
- Hours of operation are Monday–Friday, 8:15 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.
- The following items are needed to apply for a [Wisconsin Identification Card](#):
 - Passport
 - Form I-20 (F-1 students) or Form DS-2019 (J-1 students)
 - Form I-94 or printed I-94 verification
 - One other form of identification, such as your MarquetteCard
 - \$28 fee
- More information can be found [here](#).



It is recommended that all students have a cell/mobile phone while attending Marquette. You can determine if your current mobile phone will work in the United States by reviewing [Will My Phone Work](#). These are national carriers should you need to set up cell/mobile service once you arrive:

AT&T/U.S. Cellular

250 North Water Street
(414) 882-4778

Verizon

249 North Broadway
(414) 375-4279

Sprint/T-Mobile

2210 West Wisconsin Avenue
(414) 982-4298

Boost Mobile

707 West Wisconsin Avenue
(414) 763-7898

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

These are U.S. immigration laws and regulations that are important for you to remember:

- You are responsible for maintaining valid F-1 status while in the United States.
- You must always maintain a valid passport. It is your responsibility to renew your passport at least six months before it expires.
- You are required to report changes to your name or address to the Office of International Education within 10 days of the change.
- If you are unable to complete your program of study by the date listed on your I-20, you must request an I-20 extension from OIE **before** your I-20 expiration date.
- You are not allowed to work off campus in the United States without authorization. F-1 students are allowed to work on campus up to 20 hours per week when school is in session and 40 hours per week during semester breaks. F-1 students may only work at the school that maintains their current SEVIS record.

Your DSOs from the Office of International Education will help you understand and keep your F-1 status by sending important information to you. However:

- You are responsible for knowing and understanding the information that a DSO sends via postal mail to your U.S. address listed in SEVIS.
- You are responsible for knowing and understanding the information that a DSO sends to your Marquette University email address. You are required to activate your Marquette email account and check it regularly.
- You are responsible for knowing and understanding the printed information that a DSO provides for you, such as the contents of this booklet: Maintaining Your F-1 Student Status.

EMPLOYMENT

F-1 regulations allow students to work part time (up to 20 hours) during the academic term at approved on-campus jobs, and more than 20 hours during holidays, vacations and university breaks. Teaching assistants and research assistants should obtain permission from the Graduate School for work that is in addition to their assistantship. Students must be sure they do not work more than 20 hours per week at any on-campus job or combination of jobs during the academic semester. **Working more than 20 hours per week during the term can result in a loss of F-1 status.** You can review on-campus information and opportunities in Marquette's [JobX student employment database](#).

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS

Social Security numbers are required for F-1 students who will be employed in the United States. This includes if you have a teaching, research or graduate assistantship at Marquette. You will need to apply for a Social Security number **AFTER** you arrive in the United States. The Social Security Administration can be reached at (800) 772-1213 or [ssa.gov](#).

The Social Security Administration recommends that you wait at least 10 days after you arrive in the United States before applying for a number. This allows time for your arrival data from the port of entry to be entered in the database that is used to authorize the issuance of your card. If approved, your official Social Security card will be sent to you via postal mail within two to eight weeks.

HOW TO APPLY FOR YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

1. Request a certification letter from the Office of International Education (OIE), located in Holthusen Hall, fourth floor.
2. Take the certification letter to your supervisor or employer in the department where you will work. Your employer will complete the sections of the letter regarding job duties, expected starting date, and the names of your supervisor and employer.
3. Return with your letter to OIE to request the signature of an OIE adviser. You can return to OIE to collect your signed letter within two business days.
4. Visit the Social Security Administration, Room 260, at 310 West Wisconsin Avenue, to submit your application for a Social Security number.

The following items are needed to apply:

- Passport
- Form I-20
- Printed I-94 verification
- Certification letter from OIE

Your Social Security number should be kept private and in a safe place. You do not need to share your Social Security number with OIE, the Graduate School or your academic department.



ALL ABOUT Academics

At Marquette University's Graduate School, we know that the highest standards of academic excellence create remarkable results. So here is some important academic information to help you have a successful start to your educational journey at Marquette.

GRADUATE BULLETIN

Our [Graduate Bulletin](#) is an online resource where you can find our academic calendar, degree requirements, fees, regulations and course offerings. As a Marquette student, you are responsible for reviewing the rules and regulations of the Graduate School and your program, which can be found through this website.

ACADEMIC CALENDARS

- [University Academic Calendar and Exam Schedules](#)
- **The Graduate School Calendar** provides important dates and reminders for graduate students, especially for those who plan to graduate during the academic year. You are encouraged to subscribe to this calendar. See [Outlook on the Web instructions](#) under the first "Subscribe to a Calendar" section.

REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

Graduate students have many course requirements in their specialized areas of study. Graduate students should contact their academic department for registration advice. Graduate students register for classes via [CheckMarq](#). As an international student you are required to register as a full-time student, which is at least 7 credit hours per semester (fall and spring).

- [Complete Preregistration Cheq in CheckMarq.](#)
- [Learn how to register for classes in CheckMarq.](#)
- [Register for courses.](#) This website includes additional information on the basics of registration, special cases, student registration responsibilities and additional assistance with registration.
- [Drop/withdraw from a class.](#) Removing a class from your schedule is either considered a drop or withdrawal, depending on when the class is removed relative to drop and withdrawal deadlines of the session in which the class is scheduled.
- [Graduate School forms](#) includes general registration forms, add a course, audit request, credit overload request and drop/withdrawal course forms.

MARQUETTE GRADING SYSTEM

Marquette University uses a 4.00 grade point system. All graduate students must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.00 to graduate. Receiving an A is typically considered superior, a B is good, F is a failure and WF is a withdraw failure. Graduate students may not be assigned a C-, D+ or D grade in any course. More information can be found in the [Graduate Bulletin](#).

Grade	Grade Points
A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	
D+	
D	
F	0.00
WF	0.00



LIBRARY SERVICES

[The Raynor Library](#) offers more than 1.8 million volumes, hundreds of research databases, computer access, laptops on loan, a multimedia collection, group study spaces, 24-hour access and library staff members who help researchers from around the world. Graduate students are provided [specific services and resources](#) throughout their program of study. You will learn more about library services during your first semester on campus.

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

Marquette offers information technology assistance to graduate students. You can access help online at [TechSquad](#) or visit the TechSquad in person on the first floor of Raynor Library.

- **Computers:** You are not required to own a desktop computer or laptop, but it is strongly encouraged. All Marquette students have access to computers at Raynor Library if needed. **Here are some [tips for purchasing a computer](#).**
- **Wi-Fi:** [MU Secure Wi-Fi](#) is the safest way to use the internet on and around campus. MU Secure offers encrypted wireless network access for students.
- [PrintWise](#) allows students to print on several machines across campus. Students receive an allocation on their MarquetteCard (student ID).

Taking Care of Yourself

We have a culture of holistic wellness here at Marquette, and we take the time to make sure our students are supported not only academically, but physically, mentally and spiritually. Our environment and resources reflect that — from how our professors treat you to how we meet your health and wellness needs. Here is some useful information to keep you at your best:

MEDICAL INSURANCE

All Marquette students with F-1 visa status are required to have acceptable health insurance throughout the duration of their program. Marquette University has established a student group insurance program for our F-1 students, and you will be automatically enrolled in this plan upon entry to the United States with a Marquette Form I-20. You are responsible for paying the health insurance fees starting your first semester on campus. Additional information will be presented during New Student Orientation.

NON-EMERGENCY CARE

Students are encouraged to use our on-campus Marquette University Medical Clinic for non-emergency needs such as minor illnesses, women's and men's health care, and immunizations. [Marquette University Medical Clinic](#) is in Schroeder Health Complex, 540 North 16th Street, Lower Level, (414) 288-7184.

EMERGENCY CARE

If you are experiencing a serious medical issue when on campus, call the Marquette University Police Department emergency line at (414) 288-1911. If off campus, call 911. Dispatchers will help you get emergency care. Emergency rooms are reserved for serious health issues and can be very expensive. Examples of when to seek emergency care include breathing problems, broken bones, head injury, allergic reaction, heavy bleeding and suicidal thoughts. Local emergency facilities include:

- [Aurora Sinai Medical Center](#)
located at 945 North 12th Street | (414) 219-2000
- [Ascension Columbia St. Mary's Hospital](#)
located at 2301 North Lake Drive | (414) 585-1000
- [Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center](#)
located at 2900 West Oklahoma Avenue | (414) 649-6000

IMMUNIZATIONS

All students are required to submit their immunization history on the Marquette University [patient portal](#). You will be required to submit proof of immunizations for:

- [MMR \(measles, mumps, and rubella\)](#)
- [Varicella \(chickenpox\)](#)
- [Adult Tdap \(tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis\)](#)
- TB risk questionnaire
- [COVID-19 vaccine](#) (recommended, not required)

PHARMACIES

The Marquette University Medical Clinic on campus offers limited pharmacy services. Prescriptions can be filled locally at:

- [Walgreens](#)
1600 West Wisconsin Avenue | (414) 344-1833
- [Aurora Sinai Pharmacy](#)
945 North 12th Street | (414) 219-3100
- [Other pharmacies](#)

MENTAL HEALTH CARE

[Marquette University Counseling Center](#) provides mental health services through appointments, video conferencing and/or crisis needs. It's located in Holthusen Hall, Room 204, at 1324 West Wisconsin Avenue, (414) 288-7172.

DENTAL HEALTH CARE

[Marquette University Dental Clinic](#) is a full-service dental clinic housed within our School of Dentistry. It's committed to providing quality dental care while training the next generation of dental health care providers.

PHYSICAL THERAPY NEEDS

[Marquette University Physical Therapy Clinic](#) is a full-service physical therapy and rehabilitation clinic open to the public. Appointments are available to students. The clinic is located in Cramer Hall, Room 215, at 604 North 16th Street, (414) 288-1400.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

[Marquette University Fitness Center \(Rec Plex\)](#) is a workout facility that includes cardio machines, weights, pool, racquetball courts, jogging track, fitness rooms and locker rooms. Our Rec Center is currently undergoing major renovations and will reopen in early 2025 as our [Wellness + Helfaer Recreation facility](#). More [temporary recreation spaces](#) are available as this project continues.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

[Campus Ministry](#) engages students through worship, retreats, works of justice, reflection, interfaith dialogue and cross-cultural immersion opportunities. Throughout the year, it offers several programs, ministries and services to students from all faith backgrounds. Our campus has 20 [sacred spaces](#), including several chapels, the Islamic Prayer Room, the Center for Jewish Life, and the Interfaith Meditation and Prayer Space.



SAFETY

[Marquette University Police Department \(MUPD\)](#) is dedicated to maintaining a safe environment supportive of learning, living and working at Marquette. Our commissioned police department includes 80 trained professionals and sworn officers who ensure the safety and security of campus and the surrounding neighborhood 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The university has more than 1,220 video cameras located throughout campus and in the near-campus neighborhood, and more than 450 Blue Light phones that allow an immediate connection to MUPD.

- **Text and email safety alerts:** MUPD issues safety alerts through text message and emails to Marquette students, faculty and staff to inform the campus community of immediate action steps that will preserve the safety of campus and the community. Be sure to verify your mobile phone number in CheckMarq.
- **EagleEye app** hosts many Marquette safety resources and can be downloaded via the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).
 - The Mobile BlueLight feature connects you directly to MUPD and sends your device's location in real time.
 - Receive safety alert push notifications.
 - Download the free [Marquette University EagleExpress safe rides service](#) app operating 365 days a year from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the "Safety Toolbox."

ALCOHOL/SMOKING/DRUGS

The legal drinking age for alcohol in the United States is 21 years. It is illegal to consume or buy alcohol for anyone under the age of 21 years.

[Marquette University is a tobacco-free campus.](#) This means that smoking or use of other tobacco-related products is prohibited in or on all campus property including all interior spaces on Marquette's campus, all outdoor property or grounds controlled and/or maintained by Marquette, all university-owned or leased vehicles, and all outdoor athletic facilities.

Students may not illegally use, sell, possess, manufacture or distribute any substance prohibited by local, state or federal law, whether on or off campus. Additional information can be found by reviewing our [campus drug policy](#).

CLEANLINESS/PERSONAL HYGIENE

To most Americans, personal hygiene is very important. Most shower daily, wash their hair often, and wear clean clothes each day. Daily use of deodorant is also preferred.

LIVING IN Milwaukee

Marquette University is located just west of downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is a vibrant, diverse and welcoming city with plenty of opportunities to have fun, eat well, explore the outdoors and make memories. We encourage you to learn more about your new home away from home at [Visit Milwaukee](#).



WEATHER IN MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, experiences four distinct seasons: winter, spring, summer and fall.

SPRING

March | April | May

Average Temperature: 46 F, 8 C

SUMMER

June | July | August

Average temperature: 75-80 F, 23-27 C

FALL

September | October | November

Average temperature: 45-60 F, 7-15 C

WINTER

December | January | February

Average temperature: 26 F, -3C



Because the temperature can be so cold in the winter, you will need to purchase or bring with you a winter jacket, scarf, hat, gloves, mittens, wool socks and winter boots. It often snows in winter, so make sure to prepare ahead of time. Many of these items can be purchased locally from Goodwill, Target and Walmart, or through Amazon.

FINDING A PLACE TO LIVE

As you consider where you will live while earning your graduate degree, here are some things to consider. [On-campus apartments](#) fill up very quickly, so if you are interested in living on campus, we recommend you begin looking as soon as possible. There are also many [off-campus housing](#) options throughout the Marquette community.

An **unfurnished apartment** includes appliances and may include on-site laundry. All other items needed for an apartment would need to be purchased. A **furnished apartment** means that it includes most items that allow you to live comfortably such as a bed, dresser/wardrobe, lamp, couch, desk and some appliances. Keep in mind that a furnished apartment is less common in Milwaukee than an unfurnished apartment.

Temporary housing in the Marquette residential halls may be available for two weeks prior to the start of the semester for a daily fee. If interested, email Michael Groen, assistant director of international education, at michael.groen@marquette.edu.

Local hotels can also provide a temporary place to stay while you search for more permanent living arrangements. View this [link](#) for Marquette-related discounts on rooms.

SIGNING A LEASE

When you find an apartment/house/room to rent, you will need to sign a lease. A lease is a contract that outlines the terms of renting a property, including monthly payment and length of rental period. The most important thing that you can do as a renter is to thoroughly read and understand all paperwork that you will sign. The "Lessee/Tenant" is the person renting the apartment; "Property Owner/Landlord" is the person or company who owns the apartment being rented.

FURNISHING YOUR APARTMENT

Here are some local stores that offer home furnishings and accessories:

- [Target](#) | 1501 Miller Park Way
- [Walmart](#) | 4140 West Greenfield Avenue
- [Goodwill](#) | 1716 Miller Park Way
- [Ikea](#) | 7500 South Ikea Way, Oak Creek
- Facebook Marketplace or groups
- Iggy's Market (Marquette-sponsored resale pop-up shop)

ADAPTERS

The United States uses type A and B power plug sockets. The standard voltage is 120 V and the frequency is 60 Hz. We advise that you purchase power adapters so you can continue to use your electronic devices upon arrival.



Dining and Groceries

AFRICAN GROCERS

- Abobo African Market | 5707 West North Avenue
- Adom African Market | 8084 North 76th Street
- [J&S African Center](#) | 8522 West Brown Deer Road

ASIAN GROCERS

- Asian International Market | 3401 West National Avenue
- Mo's Food Market | 2404 West Clybourn Street
- New Asian Supermarket | 10704 West Oklahoma Avenue
- Pacific Produce | 5455 South 27th Street

GREEK GROCER

- Parthenon Foods/European Market | 8415 West Greenfield Avenue

INDIAN AND PAKISTANI GROCERS

most have halal foods

- Attari Supermarket | 3042 South 13th Street
- [Best Food Store](#) | 3405 South 13th Street
- Bharat Mart | 1556 North Farwell Avenue
- Holy Land Grocery & Bakery | 2755 West Ramsey Avenue
- Indian Groceries & Spices | 10701 West North Avenue

ITALIAN GROCER

- Glorioso's Italian Market | 1011 East Brady Street

LATINO GROCERS

- Carniceria La Hacienda | 820 South Cesar Chavez Drive
- [El Rey](#) | 916 South Cesar Chavez Drive

MIDDLE EASTERN GROCERS

- Al-Yousef Supermarket & Restaurant | 6329 South 20th Street
- Amanah Food Market | 1301 West Edgerton Avenue
- Attari Supermarket | 3042 South 13th Street

POLISH GROCER

- A&J Polish Deli | 1215 West Lincoln Avenue

RUSSIAN GROCER

- Russian Food & Gifts | 3557 North Oakland Avenue

LARGE GROCERY STORES

- Cermak Fresh Market | 1541 Miller Park Way
- [Sendik's Fresh2Go](#) | 824 North 16th Street
- [MetroMarket](#) | 1123 North Van Buren Street

TIPPING AND GRATUITY

Tipping involves providing a small amount of money to another person for their service. Examples of the most common types of tipped services include:

- Server at a restaurant: 15–20% of the bill
- Barber/hair stylist/nail salon: 15–20% of the bill
- Food delivery person: 15% of the bill
- Taxi driver: 10% of fare
- You **do not** tip bus drivers, employees at fast food restaurants or stores.

TRANSPORTATION

Milwaukee's compact downtown and Marquette's walkable campus make getting around easy. Here are some other alternatives to getting around campus and Milwaukee:

- [Marquette University EagleExpress](#) is managed by our Department of Campus Safety. Students can receive free rides throughout campus from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m., 365 days a year, by requesting rides through a convenient app.
- [Milwaukee County Buses](#): Several public bus lines frequently run through or near campus seven days a week and can connect you to other routes throughout Milwaukee County. Fares can be paid with cash, weekly or monthly passes, or digitally through the Umo Mobility app. [Purchase a U-Pass for \\$50 per semester](#) as a Marquette student.
- [Uber](#) and [Lyft](#): Request a ride by downloading either app or visiting their websites.
- Taxis: Taxi services are available throughout the Milwaukee area. Companies include: [TaxiMKE](#) and Yellow Cab.
- [Bublr Bikes](#): This Milwaukee-based nonprofit bike share program allows people to take a bike from one Bublr station, enjoy a ride and return the bike to any nearby Bublr station.
- [Milwaukee Streetcar – The Hop](#): This free streetcar connects much of downtown Milwaukee.
- [Wisconsin Driver's License/State ID](#): Learn about your eligibility to obtain a Wisconsin driver's license or state ID.
- Car rental: Car rental is available for short periods to individuals 25 years or older who hold a valid U.S. driver's license or international driver's license. Typical fees to rent a car range from \$50 to \$200 per day depending on the vehicle.
- [Amtrak trains](#) travel throughout the United States, and the Milwaukee Intermodal Station is close to campus. EagleExpress provides pickups and drop-offs to this station.



Finding community at Marquette

As a new graduate student, you will attend new student orientations based on your program and assistantship if applicable.

- **Teaching Assistant Orientations:** If you have accepted a teaching assistant position you are required to attend two in-person orientations and can expect to receive invitations via email in July.
 - International Teaching Assistant Program (ITAP) is a three-day intensive preparation program that provides workshops designed to introduce and review the skills needed to successfully interact with U.S. undergraduate students. The topics covered include U.S. university culture, teacher/student roles, presentation skills, classroom management and culture shock. This orientation is held two weeks before the fall semester begins.
 - Teaching Assistant Orientation is a full-day, in-person training session hosted by the Graduate School that covers pedagogy and classroom management; academic integrity; program assessment; and diversity, equity and inclusion; as well as working with students with accommodations — all directed at creating a culture of learning. There is also an online component that will need to be completed prior to the in-person session. This orientation will be held one week before the fall semester begins.
- **New International Student Orientation** is a required in-person orientation offered one week before the semester begins. This orientation is hosted by the Office of International Education and will include important information about acclimating to the U.S., the campus, visa regulations and health insurance. You will receive information about this via email.
- **The New Graduate Student Orientation** will be offered in-person the week prior to the fall semester. You will receive information about this via email.
- **Academic Program Orientation:** Most programs provide a program-specific orientation at the start of the semester. If your program hosts an orientation, you will be notified via email prior to the start of the semester.

MARQUETTE STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND CLUBS

Marquette fosters a culture that values, respects and promotes a sense of belonging to our community. Part of this is participating in opportunities to develop intellectual, personal and physical growth outside the classroom. We encourage you to review Marquette's many student clubs and organizations that are offered for undergraduate and graduate students.

- [African Students Association](#)
- [Arabic Culture & Language Club](#)
- [Ballet Folklorico of Marquette University](#)
- [Bangladesh Student Association, Marquette University](#)
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- [Orthodox Christian Fellowship](#)
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- [Polish Student Alliance](#)

RESOURCES

707 Hub

A space designed to foster collaboration and innovation. Open to all students.

Campus Ministry

Includes information and resources regarding faith, justice, service, worship, pastoral care and sacred spaces.

Career Services Center

Provides career education and professional preparation services and resources for all students.

Center for Engagement and Inclusion

Provides a space of engagement for all underrepresented and marginalized populations while also being a space for all students at Marquette.

Graduate Student Organization (GSO)

Serves as a channel for graduate students to voice concerns, resolve difficulties and provide feedback on issues that directly affect graduate student life at Marquette University. The GSO provides opportunities for community service and fostering social connections between graduate students.

Graduate Student Success

A central website for academic resources, financial support and student support for graduate students at Marquette.

Information Technology Services

Access technology help online at [IT Services TechSquad](#) or visit the TechSquad in person on the first floor of Raynor Library.

Krueger Child Care Center

Marquette's on-campus child care center dedicated to quality care for children of students, staff, faculty and alumni.

LGBTQ+ Resource Center

Focused on support and advocacy for the needs of our students, staff and faculty with gender, romantic and sexual minority identities.

Marquette Backpack Program

A free and confidential student-led effort to provide support to any Marquette student who is having difficulty accessing affordable, nutritious food and other essential household items.

Office of Disability Services

Provides various services for students with a range of disabilities including physical, attention, learning, psychological and medical.

Ott Memorial Writing Center

Offers writing assistance for graduate students. Appointments are available in person or online.

SWELL Program (Speaking and Writing for English Language Learners)

Supports multilingual students by providing support from trained tutors who help students improve their English communication skills.

Union Station

A multipurpose office in the Alumni Memorial Union where you can purchase a bus pass, ship items, mail letters, obtain your Marquette student ID and do many other things.

Holidays

RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

HOLI

February/March, dates vary

A Hindu celebration known as the festival of colors that celebrates the arrival of spring.

ASH WEDNESDAY

February/March, dates vary

The first day of Lent (commemoration of the 40 days Jesus Christ spent in the desert, for which people receive ashes on their foreheads).

RAMADAN

February/March/April, dates vary

A holy month of fasting, prayer, reflection and community observed by Muslims.

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday before Easter

A Christian holiday that commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

EASTER

A Sunday in March/April, dates vary

A Christian holiday that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Children decorate Easter eggs and hunt for Easter baskets.

PASSOVER

March/April, dates vary

A weeklong Jewish holiday that commemorates the exodus of the Jews from slavery in Egypt.

EID AL-FITR

Dates vary

A celebration of the end of Ramadan.

ROSH HASHANA

September/October, dates vary

The celebration of the Jewish New Year.

YOM KIPPUR

September/October, dates vary

The holiest day of the Jewish year that means "Day of Atonement," in which people fast, pray and repent for 25 hours.

DIWALI

October/November, dates vary

An Indian holiday known as the festival of lights that celebrates the spiritual victory of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance.

HANUKKAH

December, dates vary

An eight-day Jewish holiday known as the "festival of lights," celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting and prayers.

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25

A Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.

KWANZAA

December 26–January 1

A celebration of African American families, culture and heritage.

FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

NEW YEAR'S DAY

January 1

Celebrates the beginning of a new year.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Third Monday in January

Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and achievements as an influential American civil rights leader.

PRESIDENTS DAY

Third Monday in February

Celebrates the birthdays and lives of all U.S. presidents.

MEMORIAL DAY

Last Monday in May

Remembers the people who died while serving in the United States armed forces.

JUNETEENTH DAY

June 19

Commemorates the end of slavery in the United States.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 4

Celebrates the birthday of the United States, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776. It is a very patriotic holiday celebrated with parades, parties and fireworks.

LABOR DAY

First Monday in September

Pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers.

COLUMBUS DAY AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

Second Monday in October

Commemorates the anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the Americas. A recent presidential proclamation also recognizes Indigenous Peoples Day to honor Native American history and culture.

VETERANS DAY

November 11

Recognizes the service of all American veterans.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Fourth Thursday in November

A day to give thanks and spend time with family and friends while sharing a meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing and pumpkin pie.

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25

A Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.



IMPORTANT MARQUETTE

TERMS TO KNOW

Alumni Memorial Union (AMU)

The AMU is a gathering place on campus for students and offers a space for the community to engage in campus activities, meet with others, seek out dining options, study with friends or simply relax between classes.

Assistantship

Graduate assistantships are a form of financial aid. Assistantships are not fellowships or university employment. Assistantships can be full (20 hours per week) or partial (prorated). Types of assistantships include Research Assistantships, Teaching Assistantships and Graduate Service Assistantships. Funding sources for assistantships primarily include Marquette University and faculty grants.

Bursar

The Office of the Bursar produces semester bills, processes student payments and credits student accounts with financial aid. Semester bills include tuition, housing charges and other applicable fees.

CheckMarq

Marquette's Student Information System. Students will log in to and utilize [CheckMarq](#) to register for classes, review and pay their tuition bill, update their personal information, and keep track of academic information. Contact IT Services at (414) 288-7799 to retrieve or reset your login credentials.

Commencement

An annual ceremony that celebrates graduating students. It is not required that graduating students participate in Commencement. Those who choose to do so are welcome to invite family and friends to participate in the festivities. Commencement is held in mid-May, usually at an off-campus venue.

D2L

D2L — also known as Desire2Learn and D2L Brightspace — is Marquette University's e-learning system. Students can log in to D2L using their CheckMarq username and password. Students will have a course page in D2L for every Marquette course in which they enroll. Faculty and instructors will determine what content and assignments occur via D2L. Commonly, faculty will post the course syllabus, required texts, reading assignments, weekly schedule and office hour information to their D2L course page. Students may engage in discussion posts and upload assignments via D2L.

Fellowships

Scholarship awards funded by gifts from private individuals, corporations and foundations.

Marquette Central

Your primary source for information related to course registration, financial aid and student accounts.

Marquette Email

EMarq is your Marquette University email account and the official means of communication between you and the university (professors, offices, students, etc.).

MarquetteCard (MUID)

Every student is required to have an MUID card that allows for access to the library, recreational facilities, computer labs and other areas on campus.

Notarization

An identity-based, anti-fraud measure performed by a government-authorized person called a notary public. Legal, banking or health care documents may need to be notarized. [Marquette Central](#) provides this service for students.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Additional information will be provided via email

GRADUATE SCHOOL ORIENTATION

A Graduate School hosted orientation required for all new students.

INTERNATIONAL TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM (ITAP)

A three-day orientation required for international students who will serve as teaching assistants.

TA ORIENTATION

A one-day orientation required for students who will serve as teaching assistants.

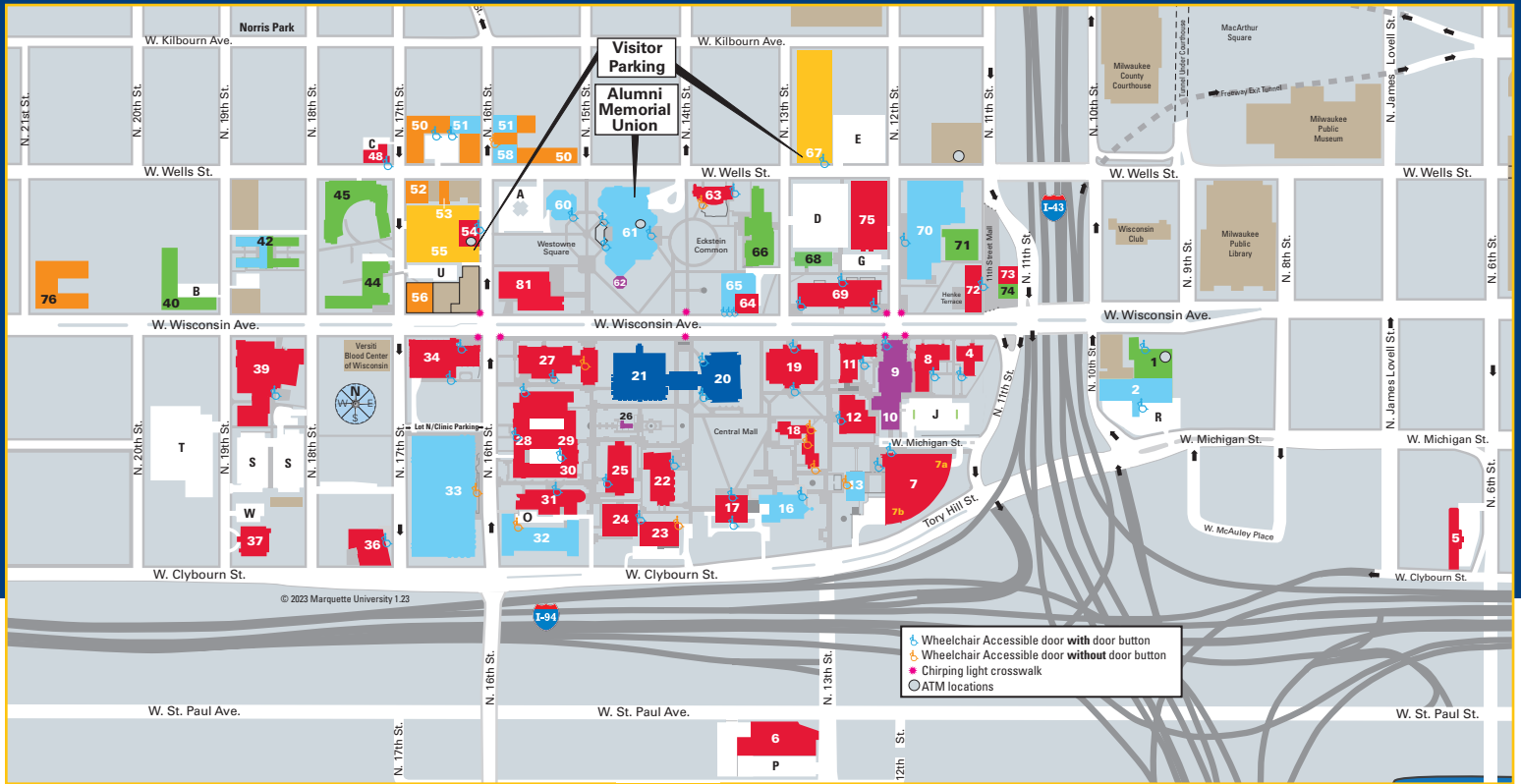
OIE ORIENTATION

A three-day orientation required for all new international students.

PROGRAM DEPARTMENT ORIENTATION

Many programs host program orientations. If your program hosts an orientation, you will receive information via email a month before classes begin.

Marquette University Campus Map



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