Pre-Arrival Checklist for New International Students

___ 1. Received I-20/DS-2019 and obtained F-1 or J-1 entry visa

___ 2. Make housing arrangements on or off campus (see website for specific instructions)

___ 3. Make travel plans to arrive at Southeastern during business hours and within 30 day arrival window as stated by USCIS

___ 4. Obtain a small amount of U.S. currency to cover initial travel expenses (about $300 for buses, taxi, meals, etc)

___ 5. Obtain traveler’s checks, credit cards, etc (in U.S. currency) for settling larger initial expenses (housing, telephone, etc.)

___ 6. Contact International Services Office and inform them of arrival date and that you have made housing accommodations

___ 7. Don’t forget to pack: passport, I-20/DS-2019, proof of funding, SEVIS fee receipt, ISO contact information (make copies of all documents and keep a set in suitcase and one in carry-on luggage)