As you embark on your academic journey at Tufts, you will face many opportunities and challenges. At times, you will experience frustration, homesickness and loneliness. You will also miss the support of your family as well as the familiarity of home. You may find it difficult to make good decisions which affect you. In time, however, you will adjust to college life and to the American lifestyle!

Don't try to anticipate or predict what will happen in each new situation. Be open to new and different experiences. You will gain an understanding of your own culture that you never understood before coming to the U.S.

Make sure that you take care of yourself! Remember to eat well, get plenty of exercise (there is a wonderful gym facility available), make friends, participate in extracurricular activities on and off campus, and travel to other parts of the U.S. Of course, remain focused on your academic studies as well! Study hard and know that if you feel comfortable in your environment you will perform better academically. Try out new things but don’t let friends push you into doing anything that makes you feel uncomfortable or unsafe!

Your experience, both academic and social, will shape your career choices, and will influence your goals and values. So, reach for the sky! Be open and flexible, seek help, and ask questions from friends, teachers and family when it gets too confusing!

The staff at the International Center is always available to speak with you about anything. Come by and get to know us! We wish you much success and happiness while you embark on this life journey!

Sincerely,
Jane Etish-Andrews
Director
The International Center, located on the first floor of Ballou Hall, telephone 617/627-3458, provides counseling to international students, coordinates international activities on campus, and assists students, faculty and research scholars with immigration regulations and procedures. Our services are provided to undergraduates enrolled in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Engineering, and Engineering, the School of Nutrition/HNRCA, BSOT, School of Veterinary Medicine, the Museum School, the New England Conservatory, and faculty/scholars from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

We advise and counsel on various issues including language difficulties, housing/roommate difficulties, cultural adjustment and employment regulations. Please feel free to set up an appointment to speak with the staff if you have any questions or concerns, or would just like to talk.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISING: FLETCHER SCHOOL

The Fletcher School Registrar’s Office, located in Cabot #404, telephone 617/627-3055, handles immigration and advising issues for Fletcher foreign students. Students should feel free to come by the office with any questions regarding immigration, travel, employment, academics or other personal concerns.

Fletcher School: Registrar’s Office Staff:
Nora Moser, Registrar
Ann Marie Decembrele, Associate Registrar
Judy Iammarino, Assistant Registrar/International Student Advisor
Carol Murphy, Staff Assistant

LIBRARY TOURS

Library tours for new graduate students will be held on Tuesday, August 31, from 3-5pm. During the weeks of August 30 and September 10 (except Monday, September 6), tours will be held at noon. No reservations are required.
For info on library computer training classes check out the website: www.library.tufts.edu/tisch/calendar.html

FREQUENTLY USED MEDFORD CAMPUS TELEPHONE NUMBERS

You may find the following telephone numbers useful:

- Academic Resource Center, 627-3724
- African American Center, 627-3372
- Asian American Center, 627-3056
- Bursar’s Office, 627-3258/3259
- Campus Bookstore, 627-3468
- Campus Operator, 628-5000
- Campus Police, 627-3030
- Career Planning Center, 627-3299
- Counseling Center, 627-3360
- Dean of Students, 627-3158
- Dean of the Colleges Office, 627-3164
- Dining Services, 627-3566
- Emergency Calls: (on campus) 66911
  (off campus) 627-6911
- Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Resource Center, 627-3770
- Graduate School Office, 627-3395
- Health Services, 627-3350
- Health Education/Wellness Program, 627-3350
- Latino Center, 627-3363
- International Center, 627-3458
- Office of Residential Life, 627-3248
- Programs Abroad Office, 627-3152
- Registrar’s Office, 627-3267
- Safety Shuttle, 627-3030
- University Chaplaincy, 627-3427
- Women’s Programs, 627-3184

Please note that any phone number beginning with the digits “627” is a campus phone number. When calling on a campus phone, dial 7 and the last four digits, which are known as an extension. From outside the campus, you must dial the entire seven-digit phone number.
IMPORTANT IMMIGRATION MEETINGS!

The International Center requires copies of all of your immigration documents (visa stamp, Form I-20, IAP-66 or Form I-797, I-94 card, passport with identity and expiration date page) and those belonging to your family members, as well as your current address for our files. Our office must also verify that your documents were processed properly when you entered the United States. Please be sure to bring your immigration documents to the MANDATORY Immigration Information Session listed below:

Undergraduate Students

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th
Come to one of the following sessions:
11:30-12:00 noon or 12:00-12:30
in the Olin Center, Room 011

Graduate Students

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th
Come to one of the following sessions:
1:00-1:30 or 1:30-2:00 p.m.
in the Olin Center, Room 012

OBTAINING A SOCIAL SECURITY CARD & A DRIVER'S LICENSE

If you would like information about obtaining a social security card and/or a Massachusetts driver's license please stop by the International Center in Ballou Hall to receive our handout.

DV 2001 LOTTERY

The next entry period for the green card lottery will be from noon on October 4, 1999 to noon on November 3, 1999. For more information and instructions on entering the lottery please contact the International Center after September 15, 1999. The International Center cautions students to carefully consider the risks involved by applying to the lottery.
You are presently a member of our growing international community at Tufts University! On the Tufts Medford and Grafton campuses alone during the 1998-1999 academic year there were:

- **408 Undergraduate International Students**
- **298 Graduate International Students**
- **158 International Faculty/Researchers**
- **36 Exchange or Special Students**
- **900 Total International Population on Medford/Grafton Campuses**

Last year there were 99 countries represented. The 10 countries with the largest number of foreign students, faculty and scholars at Tufts Medford and Grafton campuses were (in descending order):

- China
- South Korea
- Japan
- Canada
- India
- Greece
- United Kingdom
- Taiwan
- France
- Germany

Tufts University has affiliations with both the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston and the New England Conservatory. These affiliations provide special degrees and programs in art and music. The Summer School, Conference Bureau, and Professional and Continuing Studies also bring students to the Medford Campus.
Dear New Undergraduates:

I am happy to welcome you to the Tufts community. Your presence will undoubtedly contribute to our vibrant and diverse student body, and we are looking forward to getting to know all of you. Every single one of you has, through your unique personalities, so much to offer to life on our campus.

Coming to college is not an easy transition for anyone, although everyone deals with it in their own way. In this early stage of your college career you may feel a little “rootless”, being far away from familiar faces and cultures. I want to assure you that the next four years that lay ahead are full of new experiences, interesting people and intellectual stimulation. The world is all yours, so grab it fast! Get involved with the community and don’t be afraid to experience all of the artistic, athletic, social and academic choices that are available to you. The only limits are the ones you set for yourself.

While you are expanding your horizons and growing as a person, every decision you make is yours, but whenever you feel like you need some guidance in your independent path we are always happy to help.

So good luck! Don’t forget to enjoy yourselves. Here’s to the next four years: the most liberating of your lives!

Sincerely,

Ayesha Siddiqui
International Orientation Coordinator, 1999

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LAILA MOSHIRI YAZDI MEMORIAL FUND

This fund was established in memory of a former Tufts international student, Laila Moshiri Yazdi. Laila, who was from Iran, was a senior majoring in History at the time she passed away in 1982. She was well-known and well-liked on campus. Her father donated her spring tuition to establish a loan fund for foreign students in need of short-term help. Since its inception, the fund has been used often and is truly appreciated by students in need.

Small, short-term emergency loans ($300 or less) are available to all Medford international students (except Fletcher international students) through this fund. Applications are available at the International Center.

OLIVER CHAPMAN MEMORIAL EMERGENCY LOAN FUND

In the spring of 1993, the International Scholarship Committee established this loan fund. The fund is named in honor of Oliver Chapman, an international student from Panama who passed away in 1992. He was an International Orientation Host Advisor and was very active in the international community. The fund is intended to assist undergraduate international students with tuition payments during times of hardship in their home country. The amount of the loan ranges from $1,000-$3,000. Students in need must apply one month in advance.

If you would like more information regarding this loan, please contact the International Center.
Undergraduate Organizations at Tufts

There are over 150 clubs and organizations on campus! The following is a partial list of cultural, language and world affairs clubs on campus. For more information about these organizations, please refer to the pamphlet, "Navigator: The Guide to Student Organizations at Tufts University" or check out the website at www.tufts.edu/as/stu_act.

- African American Society
- Amnesty International
- Arab Student Association
- Armenian Club
- Asian Community at Tufts
- Tufts Association of South Asians
- Caribbean Club
- Chinese Culture Club
- Council on International Affairs
- Filipino Cultural Club
- Friends of Israel
- German Club
- Hellenic Society
- Hillcl
- Hispanic American Society
- Islamic Society
- Italian Club
- Japanese Cultural Club
- Jadi Umoja (Racial Unity)
- Korean Students Association
- Latin American Society
- Middle East Study Group
- Pan-African Alliance
- Russian Circle
- Turkish Society
- Vietnamese Students Club

The International Club (I-Club)

The I-Club is a very active cultural and social organization whose primary goal is to promote intercultural understanding and exchange throughout the Tufts community. The I-Club plans such events as barbecues, semi-formal dances, cultural evenings, foreign films and the annual Intercultural Festival. Watch for notes in "The Daily" and flyers around campus for information about upcoming events! For additional information you may contact the I-Club President, Tristan Reed at treed01@emerald.tufts.edu or the Treasurer, Mariela Martinez at mmarti02@emerald.tufts.edu

The International Scholarship Committee

The International Scholarship Committee (I.S.C.) is a student-run organization, established in 1991 and dedicated to raising financial aid money for continuing and entering undergraduate international students. Due to Tufts’ financial aid policy, international undergraduate students are eligible for very limited financial aid. ISC thus far has raised over $50,000 through fundraising activities and contributions from parents, alumni and current students.

Please contact the International Center the first week of classes for more details on ISC meetings.

Student Organizations Fair
Monday, September 13th, from 11a.m.-4p.m. at the Mayer Campus Center. If you’re interested in joining a student organization, this is the time to do it! For further information, call the Student Activities Office at 627-3212.
Graduate Organizations at Tufts

Graduate Student Council

The Graduate Student Council (GSC) was formed to address the many issues all graduate students face, regardless of discipline. The GSC serves as a liaison to the administration and faculty of the Graduate School. Additionally, the GSC organizes numerous social events and publish a newsletter called "The Grad Rag". To share your concerns or to become involved, stop by the Graduate Student Council Office at 120 Packard Ave. or contact the GSC's President, Peter Lin-Marcus, at 617/627-3576 or by email at plinma01@emerald.tufts.edu. For additional information about the GSC and how to get on the mailing list, check out their website at: www.tufts.edu/~gsc.

Chinese Students and Scholars Association

Since 1992, the Tufts Chinese Students and Scholars Association's mission has been to help foster communication and interaction among Tufts Chinese students and scholars, their families and friends, and between the Chinese and other students at Tufts. TCSSA has organized many social events, such as a celebration of the Chinese Spring Festival, Karaoke, potluck parties, Chinese movies, soccer and volleyball games.

If you have questions regarding TCSSA or would like to be updated about events, please contact Xu Xiao (President) at 617-628-0523 or at xxu@emerald.tufts.edu. TCSSA's website is http://www.tufts.edu/~wliu01/tcssa/.

Veterinary School Organizations (Grafton Campus)

Veterinarians for Global Solutions
The Veterinarians for Global Solutions (V.G.S.) organization deals specifically with international veterinary medicine. All Grafton and Boston students are invited to attend their meetings. For more information please contact the International Programs section of the Veterinary School at (508)839-5302, ext.84767.

Indian Student Association Tufts

The mission of the Indian Student Association at Tufts (ISAT) is to provide all possible help and support to incoming graduate students of Indian origin to enable them to transition comfortably into their new environment. ISAT organized a celebration for Indian Independence Day (August 15) and intends to plan a dance/concert in the Fall. For more information contact Anoop Kumar, President of ISAT, at akumar03@emerald.tufts.edu.
CONVERSATION PARTNERSHIP

For those graduate students on the Medford campus who are interested in improving their English and learning more about American culture, the International Center is offering students an opportunity to meet one hour per week with a “conversation partner” who is a Tufts staff person, faculty member or student. This is a great way in which to meet Americans outside of your academic studies as well as to have a chance to develop a friendship with an American.

Some comments from past participants might provide a better understanding of what the program is really all about:

“At first, I expected a conversation partner as an English teacher. Yet I realized it is more interesting for me to share my culture with someone who is interested in it. Since we are friends now, we’ll keep in touch... Thank you...It was fun!” -International student from Japan

“I have had a wonderful experience from the Conversation Partnership...We are both very interested in other cultures and both willing to share both the positives and negatives of our respective cultures.”-American partner

If you are interested in this program please contact Stephanie Kemna, Summer International Student Advisor Assistant, thru September 20th and Monica Rodriguez after September 20th, at the International Center (x73458) and/or sign up at International Graduate Student Orientation.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S GROUP

Formed in 1987, the International Women’s Group provides an opportunity for Fletcher/Tufts students and spouses, faculty and staff to discuss women’s issues. The group serves as a support system for foreign students and their families to help them adjust to life in the United States and to the university community. Meetings are held every Friday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Blakely Hall Lounge (Fletcher dormitory) and are open to all members of the Tufts community. Female spouses and students, both international and American are welcome to join. Call Judy Lammarino at 627-3055 for more information.

A different language is a different vision of life.
—Federico Fellini

LANGUAGE LAB

If you would like to do some self-instruction in English, stop by The Language Lab, located in the basement of the Olin Center. In addition to stocking books and audio and visual materials, the lab also receives live broadcasts of international news from such countries as China, Japan, and Italy. For more details, call 627-3036 or visit during their hours:
Monday-Thursday 8:30a.m.-10:00p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Sunday 2:00-5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Programs for Graduate Students

The International Center is busy planning several activities for graduate international students. Listed below are upcoming events, so keep them in mind if you are looking for a good way to get to know the area and fellow classmates! Reservations are required, so please call the International Center for more details if you plan to participate. We also welcome your suggestions for any trips or activities!

Saturday, September 4th: Discover Boston!
Not that familiar with Boston yet? Well, come on a walking tour and see some of the city’s many sights such as the Boston Common, the Public Garden, Faneuil Hall and the Waterfront!

September
During September we plan to hold our annual Apple Picking trip. Join us for a ride to the “countryside” as we pick apples from the orchards of a local farm. Watch for details of the trip in the mail or call the International Center for more information.

Friday, November 19th: Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner
You can’t miss this event! Bring your own favorite dish from home and share a typical American turkey dinner with us. The result is a delicious international feast for everyone to enjoy!

Your Trip Ideas
We want to help you discover New England! Please let us know what trips you want to take in the Fall or in the Spring. We would love to have your input!

"RELIGIOUS PERSPECTIVES ON THE MILLENNIUM"

CHAPLAIN’S TABLE, Fall 1999

Beginning September 16, join us every, Thursday, 5-7pm at the MacPhie Conference Room for good conversation over dinner. This fall’s theme is “Religious Perspectives on the Millennium.” Speakers will address topics such as: “How to Approach the End”, “Why the Millennium for Non-Millennials?”, and “An Orthodox View”.

Stop by the International Center or the Chaplain’s Office for more detailed information. All are welcome. No reservations required.

Co-sponsored by Tufts’ Chaplain’s Office x73427, International Center x73458, and Fletcher School x73329.
WHERE TO GET INTERNATIONAL NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

The Ginn Library: Located at the Fletcher School, this library subscribes to numerous foreign newspapers and magazines. The Ginn Library is open to all members of the Tufts Community.

The Out-of-Town News Agency: Located just outside the entrance of the Harvard Square “T” stop, this newsstand carries magazines, local and out-of-state newspapers, as well as many overseas publications.

International Center: Our office also receives several newspapers, newsletters and periodicals, including The Free China Journal, News of Norway, and Aspire Newsletter. Feel free to stop by and browse!

LOW-COST MOVIE THEATERS

Somerville Theater

The Somerville Theater, located at 55 Davis Square in Somerville, in addition to offering live entertainment, often shows movies, usually a few months after they were released nationally. Tickets to movies are sold at a discounted rate of $5.00 for adults at all times and $3.50 for children before 6:00 p.m. This is a great deal if you don’t mind waiting a little while after the movie is released to see it. To find out what is playing there, call 625-5700.

Capitol Theater, Arlington

The Capitol Theater, located at 204 Massachusetts Ave. (between Routes 2 & 16; accessible by the 77 “T” bus) in Arlington, also runs movies a few months after their release. The theater has six films showing at a time and tickets are $5.00 for adults at all times and $3.50 for children under 12, before 6:00 p.m. To find out the show times and what movies are playing, call (781) 648-6022.

DISCOUNT MOVIE PASSES!

Movie tickets, sold at a reduced rate of $5.00, are available at the Information Booth in the Campus Center. These special student tickets may be used at either Loews/Sony or Showcase cinemas. Tickets are valid for one year.
Tufts is committed to providing different religious worship services to accommodate students of varied religious backgrounds. The University Chaplaincy is the umbrella organization that advocates for all faith traditions and encourages religious life on campus.

**The Catholic Center**
58 Winthrop St., (781) 391-7272
Father Dave O'Leary is Associate Chaplain and Director of the Catholic Center

**The Tufts Orthodox Christian Fellowship**
Provides an opportunity for worship and fellowship for Russian and Greek Orthodox students. For more information contact Goddard Chapel x 73427.

**Hillel Center**
(behind Miller Hall), 627-3242
Rabbi Jeffrey Summit is Associate Chaplain and Director of Hillel.

**Protestant Ministry at Tufts**
Curtis Hall, 628-5000 x72097
Rev. Miriam Acevedo is Associate Chaplain. Also, ministers from local churches provide additional ministry for Protestant students.

**The Tufts Islamic Center**
76 Curtis St. (Contact Goddard Chapel)

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**SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Goddard Chapel**
- Protestant Worship: 6:30 p.m. Sunday
- Catholic Mass: 10:00 p.m. Sunday and 12:30 pm Tuesday & Friday
- Orthodox Christian Fellowship: 7:00 p.m., day to be announced
- "Reflections" (Interfaith Service): 12:00 p.m. Wednesday
- "Chaplain’s Table": 5:00 p.m. Thursday

**Hillel Center**
- Shabbat Services (Traditional & Reform): 6:00 p.m. Friday
- Shabbat Dinner*: 7:15 p.m. Friday

*Please call 627-3242 by Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. to reserve a place at dinner.

**The Islamic Center**
(This is a student organization which holds midday services on Fridays. The Center is open 24 hours a day.)
- Jum’ah Prayer: midday Friday

For information on religious services off campus, please refer to the “Places of Worship” handout that you received in your arrival packet. If you do not have this handout, feel free to come to the International Center and pick one up.
The Leonard Carmichael Society (LCS) is the undergraduate student-run community service umbrella organization at Tufts. Well over 900 students get involved in one or more of LCS’s 39 programs each semester. The programs focus on everything from hunger, homelessness, and work with children to health education, literacy, work with the elderly and much more!

The International Center is recommending the following nine programs for international students:
- Volunteer Construction Corps
- Volunteer Vacations
- Hunger Project
- Caring Helps In Living With Disabilities (C.H.I.L.D.)
- Junior Achievement
- Kids To College
- Lorax
- Anti-Smoking Awareness
- Somerville Urban Gardeners

To find out more, attend a general interest meeting on Monday, September 13 at 9:30 p.m. in Cohen Auditorium or call the LCS office at 627-3643.