

# INTERNATIONAL APPLICANT FACT SHEET

## FOR STUDENTS APPLYING FROM OVERSEAS

### STEP 1 APPLY TO USV

After completing the application process and being accepted by USV, the College is authorized to issue you a Form I-20.

- Prior to issuing a Form I-20, international applicants must fulfill all admission requirements.

### STEP 3 TRAVEL TO THE U.S.

You may enter the U.S. no more than 30 days prior to the program start date listed on your Form I-20.

- After you receive your F-1 visa you should make travel arrangements.
- Students applying from a foreign country must pay their deposit before arriving to the U.S.

### STEP 2 APPLY FOR YOUR F-1 VISA

<https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

Nonimmigrant Visa Application: Form DS-160  
Check with your local consulate for its specific requirements

- Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System). This may be paid online at the SEVIS Fee Payment information page (<http://www.fmjfee.com/>).
- Make an appointment at the U.S. Embassy (<http://www.usembassy.gov/>) or Consulate for an interview. Many branches now use an online booking system.
- At the interview, you will be asked to show your relevant documents. Interview requirements may vary based on country.
  - Completed Form DS-160, nonimmigrant Visa Application and Proof of I-901 fee payment
  - A passport valid for travel to the U.S. and with a validity date at least six months beyond your intended period of stay
  - Two photographs (2"x 2" or 51x51mm), showing full face, without head covering, against a light background
  - The letter of admissions from USV
  - Signed Form I-20 issued by USV
  - Proof of financial support to cover your education and living expenses for one year (bank statements, affidavits of support, scholarship award letters, etc.)
  - You will be asked about your educational plans and your plans for returning to your home country. Visit the U.S. Department of State's website ([http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types\\_1268.html](http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html)) for more information about the visa interview.

- If the consular officer determines that everything is in order, the officer is authorized to issue you an F-1 student visa.

### STEP 4 CHECK IN AT USV

- Check in with the Designated School Official at USV. Bring your I-20, passport, Student Visa and I-94.
- The office will provide you with more information about orientation session, placement testing and your responsibilities as an F-1 international student.
- Meet with an advisor to review your test results and to register for your classes.

### STEP 5 BEGIN YOUR EDUCATION

After following these steps you will be ready to launch your college career and join our community of innovators and aspiring professionals. We can't wait!

