

Accepted International Student Checklist

Once You Have Received Your Acceptance Letter, Complete the Following Items:

- ☐ Pay your Mercy enrollment deposit fee [HERE](#).
- ☐ Complete the [SEVIS I-20 Application Form](#) – do not forget to submit the [Affidavit of Support Form](#) WITH your I-20 application.
- ➡ **If you are a transfer student,** you will need to submit the following items in addition to the documents above:
 1. Copies of ALL previous I-20s
 2. Copy of [I-94](#) Arrival/Departure Record
 3. Copy of picture page of visa
 4. F-1 Transfer Form and get SEVIS record transferred
 5. Copies of any previous EAD, SS card or miscellaneous
- ☐ Once you obtain your I-20 from International Students Services complete Form I-901 [here](#) and pay the mandatory I-901 SEVIS fee of \$350 ([pay by check – click here for more information](#)).
- ☐ Complete the Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application (DS 160)* electronically at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>.
- ☐ Schedule a visa interview appointment with the [U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#) in the country you live in.
- ☐ Pay the visa application processing fee **BEFORE** your interview.
- ☐ Do not book your flight to New York before your visa is approved. You can enter the U.S. no earlier than 30 days before your program start date.

* Citizens of Canada, Bermuda, the Bahamas and British subjects resident in certain islands are not required to obtain an F-1 visa.



To Enter the U.S. You Will Need:

- A valid passport and F-1 visa.
- Printed and signed copy of SEVIS Form I-20.
- Documentation proving your intent to return to your country after completion of your academic degree.



After Arrival:

- Complete [Post Arrival Form](#).
- F-1 Statement of Understanding <https://forms.office.com/r/ZTDT9hFacr>.



Contact Us:

If you have any questions concerning the above-mentioned information, feel free to email international@mercy.edu.