



First-time F-1 Visa Student Immigration Procedures

BEFORE YOU RECEIVE YOUR MILLIGAN UNIVERSITY I-20

- **ADMISSION:** You must be accepted for Admission by the degree program you wish to study at Milligan. Admission requirements vary by program and there may be special requirements for international students such as providing proof of English proficiency and having transcripts translated and/or evaluated by an evaluation service. Admission procedures can be found here:
 - Undergraduates: www.milligan.edu/admissions/apply/international-students/admissions@milligan.edu
 - Graduate: www.milligan.edu/gps/gps@milligan.edu
 - Emmanuel Christian Seminary: <https://ecs.milligan.edu/admission/ecsadmissions@milligan.edu>
- **PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES:** The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service requires that international students show proof that adequate financial resources are available to meet educational and living expenses. Therefore you must prepay your first semester balance to Milligan University before we issue the I-20.
- **AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT:** You must submit a notarized Affidavit of Support with the required financial documentation proving adequate support for one full year in your program. The form can be found at www.milligan.edu/admissions/apply/international-students/.
- **PASSPORT:** You must submit a copy of your valid passport.
- **MOU:** You must submit the signed International Student Memorandum of Understanding. Signing this form involves being familiar with the International Student Handbook. The form and handbook can be found at www.milligan.edu/admissions/apply/international-students/.

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- Pay SEVIS/ I-901 fee at <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html>
- Apply for the F-1 visa at the local [U.S. Embassy or Consulate](#). You can enter the U.S. with your I-20 and F-1 visa no earlier than 30 days before the I-20 start date.
 - You should make your appointment at the US Embassy as soon as possible after receiving your I-20 and paying your SEVIS fee
 - For detailed tips and a list of needed documents for your visa appointment, see <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/2018/08/students-prepare-for-your-visa-interview>
 - Please check with your local embassy for required documentation for your appointment
- Plan travel to the U.S.
- Submit Enrollment Confirmation & Residency Form.
- Submit Vaccination Records including Tuberculosis Skin Test.

AFTER YOU ARRIVE AT MILLIGAN UNIVERSITY

- Check-in with Becky Robertson **as soon as you arrive on campus** at the Registrar's Office located on the first floor of Derthick Hall. For this meeting remember to bring the following documents:
 - passport with F-1 visa
 - I-94 "Arrival/Departure" card
 - I-20 form
- Attend International Students Luncheon, Orientations, and/or Welcome week sessions as instructed. (Date & Time to be communicated via email)
- Get student ID made at IT Department at McMahan Student Center
- Useful information on maintaining your status can be found here <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/maintaining-your-status>

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