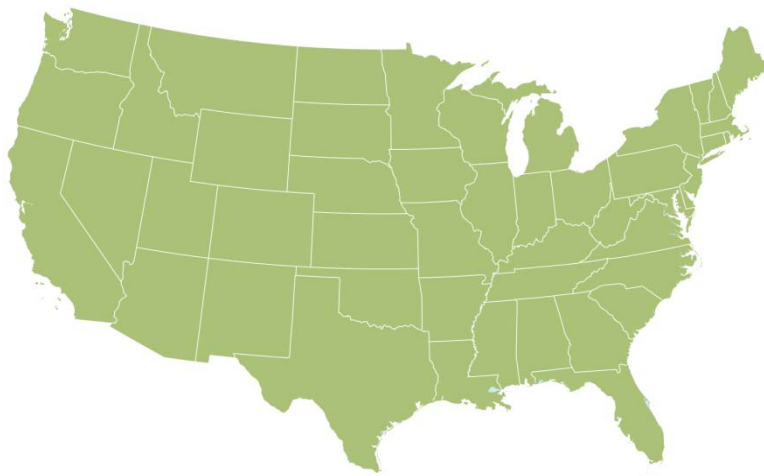


F-1 VISA STATUS & I-901 FILING INFORMATION



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What is an F-1 Visa What is SEVIS?

An **F-1 Visa** allows you to enter the United States as a student.

SEVIS stands for Student and Exchange Visitor Information System. It is a computer system used by the US government to keep track of foreign students in the USA. Follow the steps below to pay your SEVIS fee and apply for your F-1 Visa.

1

Pay your SEVIS fee:

The easiest way to pay your SEVIS fee is to submit your Form DS-160 and payment at: <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/>

Make sure you have a printer connected to your computer.

2

Select the region you are applying from and then click "Start Application"

3

On the next page, follow a

You will be given an application
You will need it if you cannot

Select the location where you will be applying for your visa.

Region

All ▾
Africa
East Asia & Pacific
Europe & Eurasia
Middle East & North Africa
Central & South Asia
The Americas

RUSSIA, MOSCOW ▾

Select a tooltip language
РУССКИЙ (RUSSIAN) ▾

4

Fill out Form DS-160

Use the checklist on the back of this b

 Your Application ID is:
AA002BIE8F
Date
03-MAY-2012
[Print Application ID](#)

5

Print your SEVIS fee receipt

After you finish filling out Form DS-160 and pay the fee you can print your SEVIS fee receipt. You will need this receipt to get your F-1 Visa.

6

Sign and date your I-20

On the form I-20 that we sent to you, sign item number **11** at the bottom and enter the current date.

7

Schedule your Visa interview

Check the website of the US Consulate for your country for instructions on how to make an appointment. Bring all the required documents, including your **signed I-20** and **SEVIS fee receipt**.

8

Enter the United States

After you receive your F-1, immigration officials will seal your I-20 in an envelope. **DO NOT OPEN THIS ENVELOPE!** Bring the envelope with you when you travel to the US. At the border, the official will stamp your I-20. **KEEP YOUR I-20 IN A SAFE PLACE AND DO NOT LOSE IT.**

- You ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND the A.C.E. Language Institute. F-1 visa students cannot enter the U.S. with an I-20 from one school and then go immediately to another school.
- You are required to follow all A.C.E. rules: You must attend class regularly and on time; you must pay your tuition; you must complete all your assignments on time; you must make progress with your English studies.
- You may not take a vacation until you have completed 9 months, or seven 5-week sessions, at the A.C.E. Language Institute as a full-time student. At that point, you may take a vacation of no more than 3 months, or 2 sessions, if you are enrolled for the term following your vacation.
- You may NOT work without proper authorization. Students may apply to work on-campus with proper documentation.
- You MUST KEEP YOUR PASSPORT VALID AT ALL TIMES. You should apply for an extension 6 months prior to your passport's expiration date.

Please use the Form I-901 Checklist below to ensure that you complete the process correctly:

Form I-901 Checklist

- Fill out Form I-901 clearly (clearly and easy to read).

Make sure that:

- Your **SEVIS ID NUMBER** is correct and matches your Form I-20 (this number is located on the top right corner on your I-20. It begins with the letter "N".)
- Your **last name** is entered **exactly** as it appears on your I-20.
- You have provided the address where you want your receipt sent (unless you filed online).
- If you have chosen expedited delivery, your address must be a **street address** and **NOT** a post office box.
- Your **date of birth** is entered **exactly** as it appears on your form I-20.
- You have **correctly** indicated the fee amount (\$200).
- You have selected expedited delivery if you want to pay the optional \$30 fee for delivery by courier.
- Your **total** includes the fee and the delivery charge if you requested expedited delivery.