



New International Student Checklist

Students coming directly from their home country

Accept admission offer.

Prepare documents to receive I-20 or DS-2019.

Submit completed documentation to unit.

Once your academic department receives your package, they will enter your information into the University database. Once this process is finished (2 weeks to 1 month, but could be longer) your file is submitted to OIA where your visa eligibility document is prepared (approximately 2 weeks assuming your file is complete).

Receive I-20 or DS-2019.

Pay SEVIS fee (<http://fmjfee.com>)

Make a visa interview appointment no more than 120 days before your document start date (see website of closest embassy/consulate for instructions).

*Canadian students **do not** need to apply for or obtain a visa; however, you should complete all other steps in the process.*

Go to U.S. embassy or consulate to obtain visa.

Enter the U.S. no more than 30 days before start date.

Submit an online check-in form within three business days of arriving in Chicago

Complete OIA and other mandatory orientations.

Begin class!