



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.

Check in at OIA one business day after arriving in Chicago.

Complete OIA and other mandatory orientations.

Begin class!