

California State University, Northridge International and Exchange Student Center Information on F-1 Visa Requirements

General Information: International students who meet all eligibility criteria will receive a travel signature on their I-20.

Students who need to or apply for a new F-1 visa or revalidate their expired student visa are responsible for all procedures, application deadlines and fees. A Visa is a stamp or sticker placed in your passport at a U.S. consulate or embassy outside the U.S. A visa is only a permit to enter the United States. Once you are here, your I-20 becomes the relevant document that helps you to maintain legal immigration status.

You must make sure that your visa is valid for your entry or re-entry. An expired visa must be renewed at a U.S. consulate/embassy outside of the U.S. prior to re-entry.

Information on visa applications and US embassies is available at <http://www.travel.state.gov/>

Preparing for Travel: Students who plan to travel outside the US and need to renew their F-1 visa must do the following:

- ✓ Check with the US Embassy/Consulate in their home country for appointments, required documents and processing times.
- ✓ Request IESC for a travel signature on page 3 of their I-20 and
- ✓ Request IESC for a Certificate of Enrollment to support visa renewal.

Required Documents: To be taken with you to your visa interview.

- A valid passport
- Current I-20 form (with valid travel signature for continuing CSUN students)
- All previous I-20 forms
- A Certificate of Enrollment from IESC
- Official Transcripts from all schools attended and
- Affidavit of Financial Support and Bank Statement
- SEVIS I-901 fee receipt if applicable. The SEVIS I-901 fee of \$200 is to be paid at <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/> For more information, please review the section on fees.
- Additional evidence may be required to establish non-immigrant intent.

Fees:

IESC does not require ANY fees for the services it provides to international students. No fees, under any circumstances, shall be submitted to IESC.

- Visa application fee. Please visit <http://www.travel.state.gov/> to locate the website of the US Embassy/Consulate in your home country for information on visa application fees and forms.
- The new SEVIS I-901 fee of \$200 for F-1 applicants went into effect on October 27, 2008. Please verify whether you need to pay this fee when applying for your visa. Information on the SEVIS I-901 fee is available at <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/>

Acknowledgement: I have read and I understand the above information on entry visas provided by the International and Exchange Student Center (IESC) at California State University, Northridge. I understand that the decision to approve an F-1 student visa is solely at the discretion of the U.S. consular official and that the IESC has no authority in the visa application or renewal process, and therefore cannot guarantee the outcome.

Print Name: _____

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____