



GUIDE TO U.S. STUDENT VISAS

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION
EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

YOU'VE BEEN
ACCEPTED (YAY)!
NOW WHAT?

- You must apply for a student visa
- Make sure you received the following documents from the Office of International Education (OIE)
 - Acceptance letter
 - I-20 or DS-2019
- If you plan to bring your dependents, be sure to ask the OIE to issue their I-20 or DS-2019 (you will have to show additional funds)!

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement		I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status OMB NO. 1653-0038	
SEVIS ID: N0032400531			
SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME		GIVEN NAME	Class of Admission
PREFERRED NAME		PASSPORT NAME	F-1
COUNTRY OF BIRTH		COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	
CITY OF BIRTH		DATE OF BIRTH	ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
FORM ISSUE REASON (INITIAL ATTENDANCE)		ADMISSION NUMBER	
SCHOOL INFORMATION		SCHOOL ADDRESS	
SCHOOL NAME Emporia State University Emporia State University		1 Kollogg Circle, Emporia, KS 66801	
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Date Austin Director of International Student Scholar Services		SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE F0014800271000 22 NOVEMBER 2002	
PROGRAM OF STUDY			
EDUCATION LEVEL	MAJOR I	MINOR I	
PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Not Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student will attend Intensive English program	EARLY START ADMISSION DATE	
START OF CLASSES	PROGRAM START/END DATE		
FINANCIALS			
ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR 9 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR 9 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees \$		Personal Funds \$ 0	
Living Expenses \$		Funds from This School \$	
Expenses of Dependents (0) \$		Family \$	
Books, Insurance \$		On-Campus Employment \$	
TOTAL \$		TOTAL \$ --	
REMARKS			
SCHOOL ATTESTATION			
I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of current status and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(b)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.			
SIGNATURE OF:		DATE ISSUED	PLACE ISSUED
STUDENT ATTESTATION			
I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(a) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.			
SIGNATURE OF:		DATE	
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN		SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)

U.S. Department of State CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J NONIMMIGRANT)		OMB APPROVAL NO.1605-0119 EXPIRES 10/01/2020 STANDARD BUSINESS TIME 45 min Visa Page 1	
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4. Program Sponsor		Emporia State University Program Number: P-1-00042	
5. Exchange Program (Initial Description)		RESEARCH SCHOLAR, SHORT-TERM SCHOLAR, SPECIALIST, STUDENT ASSOCIATE, STUDENT BACHELORS, STUDENT DOCTORATE, STUDENT INTERNS, STUDENT MAINTENANCE, STUDENT NON-DEGREE	
Purpose of this form: Begin new program; accompanied by number (0) of immediate family members.			
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TYPES OF VISAS

- A visa is a required document to enter the U.S.
- If you received an **I-20**, that means...
 - You are a **degree-seeking student**
 - You will apply for an **F-1 visa**
- If you received a **DS-2019**, that means...
 - You are a **non-degree seeking/visiting/exchange student**
 - You will apply for a **J-1 visa**

STEP 1: SEVIS FEE

- Remember I-20 and DS-2019?
 - Created and monitored on the U.S. government's system called Student and Exchange Visitor Information Program (SEVIS)
- Before you apply for a visa, you must pay the SEVIS fee (I-901 fee)
 - **\$350** if you are an F-1 visa student
 - **\$220** if you are a J-1 visa student
 - No need to pay SEVIS fee for dependents
- Go to [this website](#) and click on the “Pay I-901 Fee” button

STEP 2: ONLINE VISA APPLICATION

- You must submit the online visa application called DS-160
- Go to [this website](#) to start the application
 - Pay attention to the photo requirements
 - It may take up to 90 minutes to complete
- **Print the application confirmation page and bring it to your visa interview**

STEP 3: SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW

- Schedule a visa interview at your nearest U.S. embassy or consulate
 - There will be country specific instructions. Check yours [here](#).
- Do not wait!
 - F-1 and J-1 visas can be issued up to 120 days in advance of your program start date on your I-20 or DS-2019
 - Wait times for interviews vary by location, season, and visa category
 - You can check the estimate wait time at your nearest embassy/consulate [on this page](#)
- When you have scheduled your visa interview, please email the OIE at oisa@emporia.edu to let us know the date of your interview

STEP 4: PAY VISA APPLICATION PROCESS FEE

- Visa application process fee is usually \$160, HOWEVER,
 - There might be country specific instructions on how to pay the fee
 - There might be additional fee, such as a visa issuing fee, depending on the country
 - Again, be sure to follow the country specific instructions!
 - You can find the website of the embassy of your country [here](#)

STEP 5: GATHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Passport
 - Must be valid for at least six month beyond your period of stay in the U.S.
- DS-160 Confirmation Page
- Application fee payment receipt
- I-20 or DS-2019
- Photo
 - You will upload a photo while completing DS-160
 - If the photo upload fails, you must bring a printed photo to your interview

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

- The following proof might be required
 - **Your academic preparation**
 - i.e., Transcripts, diplomas, degrees, or certificates from your schools you attended in your country
 - **Your intent to depart the U.S. upon completion of the course of study**
 - i.e., job offer letter
 - **How you will pay all educational, living, and travel costs**
 - Your bank statement

STEP 6: ATTEND YOUR VISA INTERVIEW

- The interview will be conducted in English
- Interviews are generally very brief (3 minutes or less)
- Keep your answers short and to the point
- Always answer truthfully
- Organize your documents so that you can present them to the consulate officer smoothly
 - Put all of them in one folder
- Relax and smile!

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL VISA INTERVIEW

- You are requesting for a permission to stay in the U.S. TEMPORARILY to study
 - You are expected to go back to your home country after completing your studies in the U.S.
 - Do not tell the consular officer that you intend to work or stay in the U.S. after completing your studies
- Show your financial statement to prove that you have enough financial resources
- Share information about your academic achievements in your home country, if any
- Be prepared to explain why you chose ESU, not somewhere else, and how your studies at ESU will benefit you