

The F-1 Visa Process

For information on F-1 Visa:

Visit the website of the US consular visa office where you will interview for its instructions on:

- how to schedule the interview
- the documents required (such as the **on-line Form DS-160**)
- how to sit for the interview

You may also visit Education USA's website www.education.state.gov for practical and official information about coming to the U.S. as a student. It offers "advising centers" in most countries.

The "I-20 packet" you receive from BSK contains several **essential documents** for your student visa interview:

- the I-20
- your BSK admissions letter
- signed copies of all your Financial Support documents.

I-20

Your I-20, which is our certification of your academic and financial eligibility for the student visa, contains your "SEVIS" number on the top right corner, for example, "N0001234567." This number is necessary for you to **complete the on-line Immigration Form I-901 at www.fmjfee.com for paying the required "SEVIS" fee of \$200.** This fund helps to fund the "Student and Exchange Visitor Information System." This secure US Government website will instruct you how to pay the fee by credit card, and direct you to print out the receipt/confirmation to serve as a "ticket" to your student visa interview.

The very **earliest you can interview for the F-1 visa is four months before classes begin.** You can enter the U.S. no sooner than one month before classes start. Ideally, if your deposit and financial evidence reach the seminary's Admissions Office within 4 to 5 months before classes start, you will have ample time to make arrangements for the student visa and for travel. If you are granted the visa, very likely the US visa office will affix the visa into your passport within a day or two of your interview, ready for delivery or your collection.

Initially, it is possible to enter the seminary for the fall or spring semesters only.

After you have read this guide, we welcome you to contact the
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