



Pre-Arrival Checklist

International students who plan to apply for an F-1 visa and study under the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) must first request and receive a **Form I-20**. After your I-20 is issued, all items on this checklist must be completed **before arriving in the United States (U.S.)** and **no later than the first day of classes (your I-20 program start date)**.

Important: Failure to complete these requirements will make you ineligible to enroll, which may result in a delayed start date or the inability to attend. **Late arrivals are not permitted—there are no exceptions or waivers.**

To prepare successfully:

- Follow all [Admissions deadlines and important dates](#).
- Use the **blue underlined hyperlinks** in this checklist to access forms, instructions, and additional resources.
- Stay informed about current [U.S. Travel Advisories](#) that may affect your arrival.

Required Pre-Arrival Tasks

Important: Failure to complete all required tasks will make you **ineligible to enroll in classes** and may result in a **delayed start date**.

___ **Pay the [I-901 SEVIS Fee](#) online:** Fee must be paid prior to applying for F-1 visa.

___ **Apply for the F-1 Visa:** Visit the travel.state.gov website for steps to apply.

___ **Complete all your Admissions [Next Steps Tasks](#):**

___ **Complete the [F-1 Pre-Arrival Onboarding Course](#) in CANVAS.**

- You must have an active Florida Poly student email account to access the course.
- To be assigned a student email, you must have paid your enrollment deposit or received a deposit waiver.

___ **Purchase [Health Insurance](#):**

- All F-1 students are required to maintain continuous health insurance coverage from their program start date through program end date, including during school breaks (spring, summer, winter).
- Coverage must remain active even if you temporarily depart the U.S. for vacation.

___ **Submit confirmation of your U.S. arrival date to ISS.**

- Provide a copy of your travel itinerary showing both departure and arrival dates