

Visa Checklist

Degree Seeking Students

Please apply for a visa promptly, however note that the earliest you can obtain an F-1 Visa is 90 days before the program start date issued on your I-20. For more info on F-1 Visas see: <https://travel.state.gov/content/visas/en/study-exchange/student.html>

1. Send the following to the International Student Advisor for I-20:

- Proof of Financial Resources - for first year of study
- Passport Bio Page
- Permanent Foreign Address and Phone Number
- Evidence of Financial Ability to meet expenses
[Official bank statement listing amount of funds]
- Signed financial certification showing funding source [scholarship, government, family, etc]

2. Create account at fmjfee.com:

- Pay \$200 Sevis fee
- Email ISA with receipt [also called I-901]

3. Please bring the following to the U.S. Consulate for an interview:

- I-20 [issued by MCAD Int'l Student Advisor and mailed to you]
- I-901 [<http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/index.htm>]
- Printed copy of DS-160 Online form [Non-Immigrant Visa Application] <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>
- Valid Passport [good for at least 6 months after program end date]
- One 2x2 inch Photograph
- Financial evidence of sufficient funds during period of intended study [i.e. tax documents and original bank books or statements, business registration, or licenses]
- Scores from standardized TOEFL test
- Evidence of intent to depart the U.S. after completion of study
- [round-trip ticket]
- Machine Readable Visa (MRV) fee receipt
- Visa Reciprocity Fee [if applicable]
- Transcripts or diplomas from previous institutions attended
- Letter of Acceptance from MCAD Admissions

4. Once you are approved and receive a visa stamp in your passport:

- Make a Copy OR Scan and send an email to Int'l Student Advisor

5. In the Airplane:

- Carry all documents with you

6. At the Port of Entry/Airport give the Customs and Border Protection official the following:

- Passport with Visa
- I-20
- Any other information they request

7. Current copies of all documents are required for your student file.