



# Pre-Arrival Checklist

This checklist identifies all required tasks new F-1 students **must** complete **before** the first day of classes.

- **All items on this checklist must be completed before you arrive in the United States (US).**

Select the blue underlined hyperlinks to access required forms, email addresses, and websites for additional information needed to complete checklist requirements, and be aware of university deadlines, health, and travel advisories:

- [COVID 19 Country Specific Information](#)
- [International Travel Advisories](#)
- [University Calendars & Deadlines](#)

**IMPORTANT:** Failure to complete all tasks by the required deadlines will **prevent enrollment in classes** and result in the required deferment of your program start date.

## PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST TASKS

Review, complete, and check off each task after you have completed them.

### REQUIRED TO BE ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST THE FORM I-20:

- \_\_\_ Confirm your intent to enroll by paying the required [Enrollment Deposit Fee](#).
- \_\_\_ Log into your [University Email Account](#) and make sure to use it for all future university communications and check it frequently for important notices – this is the university’s [primary method of communication](#).
  - If you have issues logging in, e-mail [Admissions](#) and request a password reset.
- \_\_\_ Complete [F-1 Pre-Arrival Onboarding](#) via the CANVAS learning management system (LMS):
  - The Initial I-20 Request Form will be available for download once you complete onboarding; you must review, complete, and submit it via email to [ISS](#) with (and any additional items required, as listed on the form):
    - A color copy of your Passport ID Page (expiration date cannot be any less than 6 months away).
    - Financial evidence to confirm your ability to cover your estimated cost of attendance (COA)

### REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR THE F-1 VISA (complete all steps above to be eligible to receive Form I-20):

- \_\_\_ Pay the [I-901 SEVIS Fee](#) online **before** requesting a visa interview.
- \_\_\_ Complete the [DS-160 Online Visa Application](#) to request a visa interview.



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## REQUIRED TO BE ENROLLED IN CLASSES (complete all tasks above AND the following):

- \_\_\_ Submit confirmation of [Health Insurance Coverage](#) via email to [ISS](#).
- \_\_\_ Submit completed [Health and Immunization Forms](#) via email to [Immunizations](#).

## MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE ARRIVING IN THE US AND THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES:

- \_\_\_ [Sign up for New Student Orientation](#) (Student Affairs will notify you when signup is available).
- \_\_\_ Sign the Student Business Services (SBS) Financial Agreement electronically via your [CAMS Account](#).
  - If you cannot access this agreement via your CAMS account, please contact SBS directly via [email](#).
- \_\_\_ Submit confirmation of Housing via email to [ISS](#) (you must confirm your housing plans and provide evidence).
  - **On-Campus Housing & Meal Plan:** See [Student Living](#) | [FAQs](#) | [On-Campus Move-In](#) | [Meal Plans](#).
  - **Off-Campus Housing:** Florida Poly **does not** offer off-campus housing. If you choose to live off-campus, it is essential to be prepared to [research housing options](#) and calculate an additional budget that will cover **all** off-campus living costs, which includes transportation to and from campus (See [Off-Campus Housing](#))
- \_\_\_ Submit confirmation of your arrival date by submitting a copy of your travel itinerary, receipt, or ticket to [ISS](#).
  - **Early Arrivals:** If you arrive before you are authorized to move into on/off-campus housing, you must secure [temporary accommodations](#) at **your choice and expense**.
  - **Local Airports:** [Tampa International Airport \(TPA\)](#) | [Orlando International Airport \(MCO\)](#)
  - **Airport Shuttles:** [MCO Airport Shuttles](#) | [MCO Airport Southwest Florida \(Lakeland Area\) Shuttle Service](#)
- \_\_\_ Review and bookmark the [International Student Handbook](#) for helpful resources and information.