

# Pre and Post Arrival Planning

# Pre Arrival to the U.S.A.

- ❖ Ensure your passport is valid at least 6 months into the future.
- ❖ After you receive your Form I-20, pay the [SEVIS I-901 Fee](#). (*print your receipt and keep with your I-20 as proof of payment*)
- ❖ Apply for your [F-1 visa](#)
  - *Canadian citizens do not need to apply for a visa, but must pay the SEVIS fee and will need to show proof of payment at port of entry to the United States.*
  - *Click [HERE](#) to locate the American Embassy/Consulate near you*
- ❖ Pay close attention to the [EARLIEST ADMISSION DATE](#) on your I-20. This date refers to the earliest date you can enter the U.S.A.
  - You must have the most updated Form I-20 for the quarter you are planning on entering the U.S. for. You may **not** enter the U.S. with a *previous* quarter issued I-20!

# What to bring with you when traveling to the U.S.

- ▶ Passport
- ▶ Form I-20 for the quarter you are attending in person for.
- ▶ Copy of your admission letter from De Anza
- ▶ Proof of financial support (bank letter)
- ▶ Copy of your enrolled classes

# Housing

De Anza does not have dormitories or student residences. Most students look for apartments or homes to rent in the area around campus.

- ❖ Click [HERE](#) for housing resources.
- ❖ Homestay Program: International Student Placement also known as ISP (*not to be confused with De Anza College ISP*), is a homestay program which arranges "homestays" with local residents. Go to their [website](#) for more information, cost and how to submit an application.
- ❖ We encourage all F-1 visa students to join De Anza's [International Students Facebook Group](#). This is a good place to share information with fellow students and to find notices about apartments and roommates near campus.
- ❖ Additional housing resources: <https://www.deanza.edu/housing/>

# Post Arrival to the U.S.A.

- ❖ After arrival to the U.S. log onto your [admission portal](#) and submit any document marked by a **red X** or **Form Required** such as:
  - A copy of your F-1 visa page
  - A copy of your I-94 record (download from <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/> and click on Get Most Recent I-94. For Documents number, enter your passport number)
  - A copy of De Anza I-20 with your signature
  - De Anza SEVIS U.S. Address Update Form
  - De Anza International Student Contract
  - De Anza Emergency Contact Information
  
- ❖ **NOTE:** Failing to submit the items above will result in the cancellation/termination of your form I-20
  
- ❖ Report in person to the **Mandatory Check In** event. Dates are/will be posted [HERE](#)
  
- ❖ Review the Reporting to ISP CANVAS module [here](#) if you have questions about the Post Arrival process.
  - *Click on Go to the Course >Modules> scroll down to Reporting to ISP > SEVIS Activation*

# Useful links and resources

- ❖ Applying for your F-1 visa: [https://www.deanza.edu/international/new-students/visa\\_information.html](https://www.deanza.edu/international/new-students/visa_information.html)
- ❖ Study in the States: a website from the Department of Homeland Security <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/>
- ❖ Join De Anza's [International Students Facebook Group](#) and [Instagram](#)
- ❖ How to contact the ISP Admission team: *(non-academic related questions please)*
  - email: [daintladmissions@deanza.edu](mailto:daintladmissions@deanza.edu)
  - Schedule a 15-minute zoom appointment using this link: <https://international-f1-admission.appointlet.com/s/new-hours>
  - Visit us **via zoom on Thursdays** from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (California Time Zone!) by using this link <https://fhda-edu.zoom.us/j/94843007550>
  - In-person Walk-In Tuesdays: 3pm - 4pm @ the ISP office: 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the [Student & Registration Building](#) (above Bookstore)

**NOTE:** hours subject to change without notice