

Visa & Embassy Information

F1 Students

Once you have received your I-20 and acceptance letter from Columbus State:

- Make your VISA appointment at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country
- Pay I-901 Fee at least 3 days before your VISA appointment at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate in your country. Information on paying the fee can be found at: <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/>
- Apply for VISA at U.S. Embassy or Consulate – consult the U.S. Department of State's website for information on what you will need for your appointment and how to apply: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html> (not all countries require a VISA please consult your Embassy or Consulate)
- You can arrive up to 30 days prior to the program start date on your I-20 however you cannot reside in the campus dorms until the Monday prior to classes starting.
- Please view tips on how to prepare for your VISA interview [here](#).

J1 Students

Your Visa and Embassy process will vary based on your exchange program. You will receive specific instructions from your university or by e-mail from our office.