



# WILLIAM JESSUP UNIVERSITY

## F-1 Visa & I-20

### Visa Process

When you have been accepted into WJU, you will receive the admission letter and SEVIS Form I-20. You must proceed to schedule your visa appointment online in order to apply for the F-1 student visa. **Please follow the Visa Application instructions carefully.** They may vary for different U.S. Embassy or Consulate where you apply. Here is the link to the nearest [United States Embassy or Consulate](#) near you.

### Processing a F-1 Student Visa

When you receive your Form I-20, you must pay the **SEVIS I-901 Fee**. You will need **both your Form I-20 and proof of payment of your SEVIS 1-901 fee** to present to the consular officer when you attend your visa interview. If your spouse and/or children intend to reside with you in the United States while you study, they must obtain their own individual Form I-20s, but they do not need to pay the SEVIS fee.

### Fees involved with processing a F-1 student visa

There are two separate fees and you will need to pay both to apply for your F-1 visa.

**SEVIS I-901 FEE** - To pay for the SEVIS I-901 Fee please go to <https://fmjfee.com>. After you have paid the SEVIS I-901 fee, please print or save a copy as proof of payment.

**VISA APPLICATION FEE** - You must: 1) **complete the online visa application Form DS-160** and 2) **print the application form confirmation page** to bring to your interview. You will also need to upload your photo while completing the online Form DS-160.

You should make an appointment to obtain the visa as soon as you are eligible. Wait times for interview appointments vary by location, season, and visa category, so you should apply for your visa early. However, the United States embassies or consulates will not issue a visa more than 120 days before the start of your program. Consulates will allow you to apply prior to this, but may not issue your visa until the 120-day time frame occurs. Review the interview wait time for the location where you will apply.

### Documents required for your Visa Interview

- **Passport** - valid for at least six months beyond your period of stay in the United States
- **Form I-20, and admission letter** received from WJU
- **SEVIS I-901 payment receipt**
- **Form DS-160 Visa application confirmation page**
- **Application fee payment receipt**, if you are required to pay before your interview
- **Photo** – You will upload your photo while completing the online Form DS-160. If the photo upload fails, you must bring one printed photo that meets the Photograph Requirements on the website

Make sure your surname and given name match on all your documentation and that all other information is correct and up-to-date. **You should be prepared to prove that you do not intend to immigrate.** If you have ties to your home country, you will need to bring documentation to prove the ties, such as a letter to continue employment upon your return, documentation of economic, social and/or family ties to your homeland, and/or post graduation plans for the future in your homeland.

**Note:**

- If you need to reschedule an appointment for the visa, you must make a request prior to the date of the interview and show good cause for rescheduling.
- Use the I-20 for the school you will attend, because regardless of how many I-20s you are issued, only the I-20 used to obtain the visa will be activated.

**Entering the United States**

Upon visa approval you will not be allowed to enter the United States in F-1 status any earlier than **30 days** before your start date.

**A visa does not guarantee entry into the United States.** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials at the port-of-entry have authority to permit or deny admission to the United States. If you are allowed to enter the United States, the immigration official will provide an admission stamp or paper Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record. Your Form I-94 can also be retrieved electronically online after you have entered the United States.

For air travel, be sure to check the Transportation Security Agency's (TSA) website for current travel regulations. Carry your WJU admission letter, Form I-20, I-901 receipt, passport (valid for at least 6 months), proof of funds and visa with you.

It would also be useful to have names and contacts for the International Programs Office at WJU. You should make a full declaration using the Customs Declaration Form (obtained during your flight). If you are bringing more than \$10,000 in cash, you must fill out a report with the customs official. Remember that certain articles are forbidden or restricted. Visit the Transportation Security Agency's website for a list of prohibited items.

If you have any further questions, please contact us at:

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