International Student Pre-Arrival Checklist

The information below is intended to help international students prepare for their trip to the United States.

Before Leaving Your Country

☐ Visit the New International Students page of the International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) website at www.du.edu/isss/new-students.html

☐ Pay the SEVIS fee at www.fmjfee.com.

☐ Make an appointment at your local U.S. consular office or embassy to apply for an F-1 or J-1 visa, unless you are exempt (Canadian citizens do not need a visa) or will be attending DU in another immigration status.

☐ Request copies of your immunization records from your doctor certifying that you have received all required vaccinations. http://www.du.edu/health-and-counseling-center/medical/immunization.html

☐ Speak to your doctor about treatment for conditions that will require management while you are in the U.S. Ask if the medication you are taking will be available, and how to obtain it.

☐ Secure temporary or permanent housing in Denver.

☐ Arrange transportation from Denver International Airport to your housing accommodations.

Traveling to the United States

☐ Keep your immigration documents (passport, U.S. visa, I-20/DS-2019, SEVIS fee receipt) with you at all times while traveling. Do not place your documents in checked baggage or in any location other than personal belongings that you will keep on your person.

☐ The officer at the airport will review your passport, I-20/DS-2019, and stamp a page of your passport with the date of entry, F-1 or J-1, and D/S (duration of status).

Arriving in Denver

☐ Report your arrival in the United States by updating your address and emergency contact in myWeb and bringing your immigration documents to our office to be scanned. Complete instructions for check-in are available on our website at: http://www.du.edu/isss/new-students/orientation/check-in.html.