Welcome to DU

International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS) would like to welcome you to the University of Denver!

ISSS is here to answer questions that you have about maintaining your immigration status and adjusting to life in the US.

Contact ISSS

International House (I-House) Address:
2200 S. Josephine Street, Denver, CO 80208
New Student email: isssscomm@du.edu
Phone: 303-871-4912
Fax: 303-871-4910
Website: http://www.du.edu/isss/

When Can You Enter the US?

The earliest you can enter the US:
- 30 days prior to program start date
  - F-1 visa: See the “Program of Study” section of your I-20
  - J-1 visa: See item 3 of your DS-2019

The latest you can enter the US:
- The start date indicated on your I-20 or DS-2019.

Recommendation:
We strongly recommend you arrive at least a few days before your start date to allow yourself time to rest, familiarize yourself with Denver and the DU campus, and arrange housing if needed.

International Student Orientation

The ISSS International Student Orientation is Required for all new international students beginning their academic program during the fall quarter. International Student Orientation is separate from department Orientations.

International Student Orientation is for 2 days:

Thursday, September 1st
AND Friday, September 2nd

The location and details will be announced soon on our International Student Orientation website.

NOTE: There is also an Immigration Check-in that is required. Group Check-in sessions will be offered. Details will be announced in a future newsletter.
New Students at DU

The ISSS New Student Webpage contains information that will help you as you prepare to travel to and establish your life in Denver.

Start learning about the DU campus and community by clicking HERE!

Preparing for Your Arrival at DU

⇒ Complete the Pre-Arrival Checklist
  • Obtain a Student Visa
  • Arrange temporary accommodations and long-term local housing
  • Coordinate transportation from the Denver International Airport
⇒ Navigate the DU campus

Obtaining a US Visa

When Can You Make a Visa Appointment?
You can apply for a student visa as early as 120 days prior to the program start date indicated on your I-20 / DS-2019.

You must:
• First—Obtain an I-20 or DS-2019 from DU
• Second—Sign the I-20/ DS-2019 at the bottom of the 1st page
• Third—Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee and print the receipt
⇒ Plan ahead and allow several weeks to complete the visa application process.

Where Should You Make a Visa Appointment?
The US Department of State recommends applying for a US visa at a consulate or embassy within your home country.

Scheduling and Preparing for your Visa Appointment
• Review general student visa application requirements for an F-1 visa or J-1 visa on Study in the States website.
• Consult U.S. Embassy/Consulate’s webpage for additional application requirements and instructions on how to schedule a visa interview HERE
• Review the nonimmigrant visa interview tips provided by NAFSA: Association of International Educators HERE
• Contact DU if you encounter visa processing delays

TEMPORARY ACCOMODATIONS
Information about DU-area hotels to stay at if you do not have housing arranged (click HERE)

LOCAL HOUSING
Information about finding off-campus housing, signing a lease, renter's insurance, and more (click HERE)

DENVER RESOURCES

• Denver Neighborhood Guides
• Map of Denver
• Public Transportation-RTD

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