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: issscomm@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

ISSS will be presenting a required immigration presentation on Tuesday, August 9th. This will be part of the Sturm College of Law Fall Orientation.

Law students are also invited to attend the Graduate International Student Orientation, which will provide more resources about life at DU and in the U.S. The Graduate International Student Orientation will be Thursday, September 1st and Friday, September 2nd.

The location and details for these Orientation sessions will be announced soon on our International Student Orientation website.
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!

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

Preventing 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

Temporary Accommodations
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 Neighborhood Guides
Map of Denver
Public Transportation-RTD

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