

Ψ F-1 VISA STAMP INFORMATION

We have created an important immigration document, called the I-20, and it is enclosed. This means that you will enter the United States with F-1 student status. Your I-20 is an important immigration document. You need to keep it for all immigration purposes, and after you arrive in the United States, you'll need it for a number of other reasons, such as receiving work authorization.

You will need to bring your I-20 with you when you come to the United States and present it, along with your valid F-1 visa stamp and passport, when you enter the country.

Applying for a Visa

Before you can travel to the United States, you need to apply for an F-1 visa stamp. This is a necessary step in preparing for your travel.

To apply for an F-1 visa stamp, follow these steps:

- Pay the SEVIS fee
- Schedule a visa appointment at the U.S. Embassy or consulate in your home country
- Prepare your documentation
- Prepare for your interview

Our website has detailed instructions for each of these steps. See the full details at <http://ois.iu.edu/applyf1visa>.

When to Travel to the United States

Item 5 on your I-20 indicates that you need to arrive in Bloomington, Indiana no later than **August 9, 2015**. Although this is the latest that you can arrive, you are able to enter the country up to 30 days before, which is July 10, 2015. Thus, you can enter the United States any day between July 10 and August 9.

You are only allowed one entry into the United States before August 9. After you arrive in the United States, you should not plan any travel outside the country until after classes start.

Costs for Summer

Before we created your I-20, you provided financial documentation that indicated you had enough funds to study at IU. The amount that we indicated was only enough to cover the fall and spring semesters.

If you want to stay in the United States during the summer or enroll in summer classes, keep in mind that you will need additional funds to cover living costs and tuition.