

Wichita State University Spring 2025

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Agenda

- **Important Dates**
- **Visa Application**
- **Predeparture information**
- **Check-in & registration**
- **Money matters**





Spring 2025 Important Dates

Dec 21 – Jan 5: Winter closedown

Jan 12-14: Recommended arrival dates

Jan 15: Program Start Date

Jan 17: In-person orientation

Jan 21: First day of classes

Feb 3: Last day to make payment plan

Mar 17-23: Spring break

Apr 15: Last payment due

May 15: Last day of final exams



JANUARY 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
WINTER CLOSEDOWN						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
RECOMMENDED ARRIVAL DATES			Program Start Date		In-Person Orientation	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		First Day of Classes				
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
					Feb 3 – Last Day to Make Payment Plan	

Applying for An F-1 Student Visa



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SEVIS ID & I-20 Form

Visa Application

Visa Interview

Visa Approval / Denial





Form I-20

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement		I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status OMB NO. 1653-0038	
SEVIS ID: N0004720633			
SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME Sample		GIVEN NAME Student	Class of Admission F-1 ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
PREFERRED NAME STUDENT: Sample, TI		PASSPORT NAME	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH LAOS		COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP LAOS	
DATE OF BIRTH 04 MAY 1995		ADMISSION NUMBER	
FORM ISSUE REASON CONTINUED ATTENDANCE		LEGACY NAME	
SCHOOL INFORMATION			
SCHOOL NAME SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies		SCHOOL ADDRESS 9002 Nancy Lane, Ft. Washington, MD 20744	
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Helene Robertson		SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE BAL214F4444000 03 APRIL 2015	
PROGRAM OF STUDY			
EDUCATION LEVEL BACHELOR'S		MAJOR 1 History and Philosophy of Science and Technology 34.0104	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000
PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required		ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient.	
START OF CLASSES 01 JUNE 2016		PROGRAM START/END DATE 04 MAY 2016 ~ 30 MAY 2020	
FINANCIALS			
ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR: 9 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR: 9 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees \$ 15,000		Personal Funds \$ 19,000	
Living Expenses \$ 4,000		Funds From This School \$	
Expenses of Dependents (0) \$ 0		Funds From Another Source \$	
Other \$ 0		On-Campus Employment \$	
TOTAL \$ 19,000		TOTAL \$ 19,000	
REMARKS			
SCHOOL ATTESTATION			
I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.			
X	SIGNATURE OF: Helene Robertson, PSDO	DATE ISSUED 04 May 2016	PLACE ISSUED Ft. Washington, MD
STUDENT ATTESTATION			
I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.			
X	SIGNATURE OF: Student Sample	DATE	
X	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)	DATE

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SEVIS ID: N0004720633 (F-1)		NAME: Student Sample	
EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS			
TYPE CPT	FULL-PART-TIME PART-TIME	STATUS APPROVED	START DATE 01 JULY 2016
		END DATE 15 JULY 2016	
EMPLOYER INFORMATION			
TYPE CPT		AUTHORIZATION DATES 01 JULY 2016 ~ 15 JULY 2016	
EMPLOYER NAME SEVP applied labr	START DATE 01 JULY 2016	END DATE 15 JULY 2016	CITY & STATE Arlington, VA
CHANGE OF STATUS/CAP-GAP EXTENSION			
AUTHORIZED REDUCED COURSE LOAD			
CURRENT SESSION DATES			
CURRENT SESSION START DATE 01 JUNE 2016		CURRENT SESSION END DATE 30 JUNE 2016	
TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT			
This page, when properly endorsed, may be used for re-entry of the student to attend the same school after a temporary absence from the United States. Each endorsement is valid for one year.			
SCHOOL OFFICIAL	TITLE	SIGNATURE	DATE ISSUED
		X	
		X	
		X	
		X	
EMPLOYMENT. Unlawful employment in the United States is a reason for terminating your F-1 status and deporting you from the United States. You may be employed on campus at your school. You may be employed off-campus in curricular practical training (CPT) if you have written permission from your DSO. You may apply to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) for off-campus employment authorization in three circumstances: 1) employment with an international organization; 2) severe and unexpected economic hardship; and 3) optional practical training (OPT) related to your degree. You must have written authorization from USCIS before you begin work. Contact your DSO for details. Your spouse or child (F-2 classification) may not work in the United States			
PERIOD OF STAY. You may remain in the United States while taking a full course of study or during authorized employment after your program. F-1 status ends and you are required to leave the United States on the earliest of the following dates: 1) the program end date on your Form I-20 plus 60 days; 2) the end date of your OPT plus 60 days; or 3) the termination of your program for any other reason. Contact your DSO for details.			
EXTENSION OF PROGRAM. If you cannot complete the education program by the program end date on page 1 of your Form I-20, you should contact your DSO at least 15 days before the program end date to request an extension.			
SCHOOL TRANSFER. To transfer schools, first notify the DSO at the school you are attending of your plan to transfer, then obtain a Form I-20 from the DSO at the school you plan to attend. Return the Form I-20 for the new school to the DSO at that school within 15 days after beginning attendance at the new school. The DSO will then report the transfer to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). You must enroll in the new school at the next session start date. The DSO at the new school must update your registration in SEVIS.			

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INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS			
STUDENT ATTESTATION. You should read everything on this page carefully. Be sure that you understand the terms and conditions concerning your admission and stay in the United States as a nonimmigrant student before signing the student attestation on page 1 of the Form I-20 A-B. The law provides severe penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or concealing a material fact, or using any false document in the submission of this form.			
FORM I-20. The Form I-20 (this form) is the primary document to show that you have been admitted to school in the United States and that you are authorized to apply for admission to the United States in F-1 class of admission. You must have your Form I-20 with you at all times. If you lose your Form I-20, you must request a new one from your designated school official (DSO) at the school named on your Form I-20.			
VISA APPLICATION. You must give this Form I-20 to the U.S. consular officer at the time you apply for a visa (unless you are exempt from visa requirements). If you have a Form I-20 from more than one school, be sure to present the Form I-20 for the school you plan to attend. Your visa will include the name of that school, and you must attend that school upon entering the United States. You must also provide evidence of support for tuition and fees and living expenses while you are in the United States.			
ADMISSION. When you enter the United States, you must present the following documents to the officer at the port of entry: 1) a Form I-20; 2) a valid F-1 visa (unless you are exempt from visa requirements); 3) a valid passport; and 4) evidence of support for tuition and fees and living expenses while you are in the United States. The agent should return all documents to you before you leave the inspection area.			
REPORT TO SCHOOL NAMED ON YOUR FORM I-20 AND VISA. Upon your first entry to the United States, you must report to the DSO at the school named on your Form I-20 and your F-1 visa (unless you are exempt from visa requirements). If you decide to attend another school before you enter the United States, you must present a Form I-20 from the new school to a U.S. consular officer for a new F-1 visa that names the new school. Failure to enroll in the school, by the program start date on your Form I-20 may result in the loss of your student status and subject you to deportation.			
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NOTICE OF ADDRESS. When you arrive in the United States, you must report your U.S. address to your DSO. If you move, you must notify your DSO of your new address within 10 days of the change of address. The DSO will update SEVIS with your new address.			
REENTRY. F-1 students may leave the United States and return within a period of five months. To return, you must have: 1) a valid passport; 2) a valid F-1 student visa (unless you are exempt from visa requirements); and 3) your Form I-20, page 2, properly endorsed for reentry by your DSO. If you have been out of the United States for more than five months, contact your DSO			
AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION BY SCHOOL. DHS requires your school to provide DHS with your name, country of birth, current address, immigration status, and certain other information on a regular basis or upon request. Your signature on the Form I-20 authorizes the named school to release such information from your records.			
PENALTY. To maintain your nonimmigrant student status, you must: 1) remain a full-time student at your authorized school; 2) engage only in authorized employment; and 3) keep your passport valid. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in the loss of your student status and subject you to deportation.			
INSTRUCTIONS TO SCHOOLS			
Failure to comply with 8 CFR 214.3(k) and 8 CFR 214.4 when issuing Forms I-20 will subject you and your school to criminal prosecution. If you issue this form improperly, provide false information, or fail to submit required reports, DHS may withdraw its certification of your school for attendance by nonimmigrant students.			
ISSUANCE OF FORM I-20. DSOs may issue a Form I-20 for any nonimmigrant your school has accepted for a full course of study if that person: 1) plans to apply to enter the United States in F-1 status; 2) is in the United States as an F-1 nonimmigrant and plans to transfer to your school; or 3) is in the United States and will apply to change nonimmigrant status to F-1. DSOs may also issue the Form I-20 to the spouse or child (under the age of 21) of an F-1 student to use to enter or remain in the United States as an F-2 dependent. DSOs must sign where indicated at the bottom of page 1 of the Form I-20 to attest that the form is completed and issued in accordance with regulations.			
ENDORSEMENT OF PAGE 2 FOR REENTRY. If there have been no substantive changes in information, DSOs may endorse page 2 of the Form I-20 for the student and/or the F-2 dependents to reenter the United States. If there have been substantive changes, the DSO should issue and sign a new Form I-20 that includes those changes.			
RECORDKEEPING. DHS may request information concerning the student's immigration status for various reasons. DSOs should retain all evidence of academic ability and financial resources on which admission was based, until SEVIS shows the student's record completed or terminated.			
AUTHORITY FOR COLLECTING INFORMATION. Authority for collecting the information on this and related student forms is contained in 8 U.S.C. 1101 and 1184. The Department of State and DHS use this information to determine eligibility for the benefits requested. The law provides severe penalties for knowingly and willfully falsifying or concealing a material fact, or using any false document in the submission of this form.			
REPORTING BURDEN. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement collects this information as part of its agency mission under the Department of Homeland Security. The estimated average time to review the instructions, search existing data sources, gather and maintain the needed data, and complete and review the collection of information is 30 minutes (1.50 hours) per response. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to an information collection unless a form displays a currently valid OMB Control number. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Office of the Chief Information Officer/Forms Management Branch, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 801 I Street NW Stop 5800, Washington, DC 20536-5800. Do not send the form to this address.			



Understand Your I-20

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Sample

PREFERRED NAME
Student Sample, II

COUNTRY OF BIRTH
LAOS

DATE OF BIRTH
04 MAY 1995

FORM ISSUE REASON
CONTINUED ATTENDANCE

GIVEN NAME
Student

PASSPORT NAME

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP
LAOS

ADMISSION NUMBER

LEGACY NAME

Class of Admission

F-1

**ACADEMIC AND
LANGUAGE**

Needed for SEVIS
fee payment

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL
Helene Robertson
PDSO

SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE
BAL214F44444000
03 APRIL 2015

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL
BACHELOR'S

MAJOR 1
History and Philosophy of Science
and Technology 54.0104

MAJOR 2
None 00.0000

PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY
Required

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES
Student is proficient

EARLIEST ADMISSION DATE
04 APRIL 2016

START OF CLASSES
01 JUNE 2016

PROGRAM START/END DATE
04 MAY 2016 - 30 MAY 2020



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EDUCATION LEVEL BACHELOR'S	MAJOR 1 History and Philosophy of Science and Technology 54.0104	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000
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START OF CLASSES 01 JUNE 2016	PROGRAM START/END DATE 04 MAY 2016 - 30 MAY 2020	



Understand Your I-20

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X		
SIGNATURE OF: Student Sample		DATE
	X	
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)
		DATE

Sign your I-20
and date it.



F-1 Visa Application



Pay SEVIS fee (I-901) US\$350



Visa application form DS-160



Pay visa application fee US\$160



Schedule a visa appointment





Required Items for Visa Application

- ☒ **A valid passport**
- ☒ **Form DS-160 confirmation**
- ☒ **Visa application fee payment receipt**
- ☒ **Photo**
- ☒ **Form I-20**
- ☒ **Additional relevant documents:
academic credential, test scores,
financial proof, etc.**



Preparation for Visa Interview

- ☑ **Meet with EducationUSA Advisor**
<https://educationusa.state.gov/find-advising-center>
- ☑ **Reasons for choosing WSU**
- ☑ **About Wichita, WSU, your major**
- ☑ **Chat with current WSU students**
<https://wichita.edu/chat>
- ☑ **Your family's financial status**
- ☑ **Your plan after graduation**
- ☑ <https://wichita.edu/visatips>



The Visa Interview

- A consular officer will interview you
- Very short interview
- *You must establish that you meet the requirements under U.S. law to receive a student visa.*
- You must show ***genuine interest*** in Wichita State University



The Visa Interview

- **Why Wichita State? Why this major?**
- **Your post-graduation plans**
- **Job opportunities in your home country with the program qualification**
- **Your financial support**
- **Be honest, friendly, confident**
- **Do not talk too much, but not too little**
- **Do not recite data/information**



Visa Interview Result



Approved



Denied



Administrative processing



Reasons for Visa Denials

- **Intention of staying in the U.S. after graduation**
- **Insufficient financial support**
- **Missing or incorrect documents**
- **Behavior during the interview**
- **Background check failed
i.e. administrative processing**



Reapply for A Visa

- Check the soonest appointment dates
- Prepare new evidence/documents
- Apply for readmission to get an updated Form I-20
<https://www.wichita.edu/readmission>
- Submit new visa application and pay the fee (no need to pay SEVIS fee again within 12 months)



Useful Links

- **US Department of State – Student Visa**
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/study/student-visa.html>
- **SEVIS Fee (I-901 Fee)**
<https://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901>
- **Visa appointment wait times**
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wait-times.html>
- **Visa denials**
<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/visa-denials.html>
- **EducationUSA**
<https://educationusa.state.gov/>

After Visa Approval



To-Do-List

- ☒ **Book your flights to arrive by Jan 14**
- ☒ **Sign up for airport pickup**
- ☒ **Book campus housing**
- ☒ **Sign up for our next pre-departure meeting**
- ☒ **Prepare official documents: transcripts, test scores, etc.**
- ☒ **Take an English test if needed**



Check-in & Registration

Email international@wichita.edu
notify us of your arrival in the U.S.

An online form and checklist will be
sent to you to complete partial check-in

Attend an in-person check-in
on campus





Money Matters

- **Campus housing & meals charges**
- **Tuition & fees billed upon enrollment**
- **Global Select Scholarship, if awarded, applied upon enrollment**
- **Last day to make payment plan: Feb 3**
- **Avoid late fee \$100**
- **Sending money to the U.S. – Flywire vs. wire transfer**

Any Questions?