

# **WELCOME TO TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**International Student Pre-  
Orientation Information  
How to get a student visa**

**Fall 2015**

# STUDENT VISAS – WHICH ONE SHOULD YOU APPLY FOR?

The most common student visas are F-1 and J-1.

## F-1

- Apply for an F-1 visa if you are a degree-seeking student or visiting student. The F-1 student visa program is designed for students who wish to improve their personal and professional skills by completing a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree or visitor program.

## J-1

- Apply for a J-1 visa if you are participating in an exchange program between your home university and Truman. The purpose of a J-1 visa program is to promote cultural exchange and understanding.



# THE STUDENT VISA PROCESS

1. Acceptance! You will receive a form I-20 (for an F-1 visa) or DS-2019 (for a J-1 visa) when you are accepted to Truman. \*
2. Pay the SEVIS fee (sometimes called the I-901 fee)– go to [fmjfee.com](http://fmjfee.com) to pay. Keep the receipt!
3. Complete the application for an F-1 or J-1 visa. You will need to go to the US Embassy website for your country to do this.
4. Bring copies of all of the materials you submitted to Truman, your passport, your I-20 or DS-2019, and your SEVIS fee payment receipt to the visa interview.
5. If you pass the visa interview, the embassy or consulate will keep your passport for a few weeks and return it to you with your F-1 or J-1 visa stamp.

\* ISEP students will receive their DS-2019s directly from ISEP, Truman is not involved with that process.

# YOUR PASSPORT

## DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT

- Proof of your identity
- Proof of your citizenship
- Must not be expired at **any** time while you are in the U.S.
- If it expires while you are in the United States, most countries will allow you to renew it at your embassy
- Keep it safe
- Never travel in the U.S. without your passport

Make a copy of your biographical and visa pages to carry with you at all times.



# YOUR VISA

YOU ONLY NEED IT TO ENTER THE US!

Once you're in the U.S., your visa can expire and you may still be legal.\*

**HOWEVER**, you must maintain your legal status by going to school, keeping your I-20 or DS-2019 up to date (not expired), not working illegally, and obeying all U.S. laws.

\*For J-1 students, this is true as long as your category does not change. For more information, contact the International Student Affairs Office.

# YOUR I-20 OR DS-2019

- F-1 students have an I-20
- J-1 students have a DS-2019
- Your most recent one **cannot be expired**
- **Don't lose them!**
- **Don't throw them away!**



Keep every I-20/DS-2019 you are given. They are proof of your immigration history. You may need them in the future!

# I-20

U.S. Department of Justice  
Immigration and Naturalization Service

Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student  
Status - For Academic and Language Students (OMB NO. 1653-0038)

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Please read Instructions on Page 2  
This page must be completed and signed in the U.S. by a designated school official.

1. Family Name (surname): <b>JOLIE</b>		Middle Name: <b>ANGELINA</b>	
Country of birth: NEPAL	Date of birth (mo/day/year): 10/05/1990	Admission number: [REDACTED]	
2. School (School district) name: Truman State University Truman State University			
School Official to be notified of student's arrival in U.S. (Name and Title): Randee Rae Phelps International Student Advisor			
School address (include zip code): 100 East Normal, KB 120 Kirksville, MO 63501-4221			
School code (including 3-digit suffix, if any) and approval date: KAN114F10183000 approved on 02/03/2008			

For Immigration Official User		Student's Copy N0005868800
Visa issuing post: <b>AMEMB, KDU</b>	Date Visa Issued: <b>17 DEC 2008</b>	
Reinstated, extension granted to:		

3. This certificate is issued to the student named above for:  
Initial attendance at this school.

4. Level of education the student is pursuing or will pursue in the United States:  
BACHELOR'S

5. The student named above has been accepted for a full course of study at this school, majoring in Ecology/Biological Sciences, General. The student is expected to report to the school no later than 01/09/2009 and complete studies no later than 01/08/2014. The normal length of study is 60 months.

6. English proficiency:  
This school requires English proficiency.  
The student has the required English proficiency.

7. This school estimates the student's average costs for an academic term of 9 (up to 12) months to be:

a. Tuition and fees	\$ 11,308.00
b. Living expenses	\$ 6,280.00
c. Expenses of dependents (0)	\$ 0.00
d. Other (specify): books, fees, etc.	\$ 2,728.00
Total	\$ 20,326.00

8. This school has information showing the following as the student's means of support, estimated for an academic term of 9 months (Use the same number of months given in item 7).

a. Student's personal funds	\$ 0.00
b. Funds from this school	\$ 5,000.00
Specify type: <u>academic scholarship</u>	
c. Funds from another source	\$ 15,326.00
Specify type: <u>parents</u>	
d. On-campus employment	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 20,326.00

9. Remarks:  
ISL

10. School Certification: I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above in items 1 through 9 was completed 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; the student will be required to pursue a full course of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6); I am a designated official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

Randee Rae Phelps International Student Advisor  
Signature of Designated School Official Title Date Issued 12/02/2008 Place Issued (city and state) Kirksville, MO

11. Student Certification: I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay as specified on page 2. 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 course of study at the school named on page 1 of this form. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records which is needed by the INS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status.

ERICA NANANDHAR  
Signature of Student Date 16th Dec 2008

Name of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Address (city) \_\_\_\_\_ (State or Province) \_\_\_\_\_ (Country) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
If student under 18

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# DS-2019

U.S. Department of State  
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR (J-1) STATUS

OMB APPROVAL NO. 1405-0119  
EXPIRES: 07-31-2011  
ESTIMATED BURDEN TIME: 45 min  
\*See Page 2

1. Exchange Visitor Name: <b>JOLIE ANGELINA</b>		Middle Name: <b>ANGELINA</b>	Gender: <b>F</b>	SEVIS ID: <b>N0005795633</b>
Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy): 08-05-1986	City of Birth: Wiesbaden	Country of Birth: GERMANY	Citizenship Country Code: GM	Citizenship Country: GERMANY
Legal Permanent Residence Country Code: GM	Legal Permanent Residence Country: GERMANY	Position Code: 215	Position: UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS	
Primary Site of Activity: 100 E. Normal, Kirk Building 120 Kirksville, MO 63501		Exchange Visitor Program Number: P-1-01227		
2. Program Sponsor: Truman State University		Participating Program Official Description: PROFESSOR; RESEARCH SCHOLAR; SHORT-TERM SCHOLAR; SPECIALIST; STUDENT ASSOCIATE; STUDENT BACHELORS; STUDENT DOCTORATE; STUDENT MASTERS; STUDENT NON-DEGREE		
Purpose of this form: Begin new program; accompanied by number (0) of immediate family members.				
3. Form Covers Period: From (mm-dd-yyyy): 01-09-2009 To (mm-dd-yyyy): 01-08-2010	4. Exchange Visitor Category: STUDENT BACHELORS Subject/Field Code: 21-0299 Subject/Field Code Remarks: This student will be completing a short-term exchange at Truman State University.			
5. During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S. \$) to be provided to the exchange visitor by: Current Program Sponsor Funds: \$12,032.00 Personal Funds: \$3,944.00 Total: \$21,638.00				
6. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE/DHS USE OR CERTIFICATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OR ALTERNATE RESPONSIBLE OFFICER THAT A NOTIFICATION COPY OF THIS FORM HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (INCLUDE DATE)		7. Randee Rae Phelps Name of Official Preparing Visa: 100 East Normal, Kirk Building 120 Kirksville, MO 63501 Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: <u>Randee Rae Phelps</u> Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer		Alternate Responsible Officer Title: 660-785-4215 Telephone Number 11-04-2008 Date (mm-dd-yyyy)
8. Statement of Responsible Officer for Releasing Sponsor (FOR TRANSFER OF PROGRAM) Effective date (mm-dd-yyyy): _____ Transfer of this exchange visitor from program number _____ sponsored by _____ to the program specified in item 2 is necessary or highly desirable and is in conformity with the objectives of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended.				
PRELIMINARY ENDORSEMENT OF CONSULAR OR IMMIGRATION OFFICER REGARDING SECTION 212(c) OF THE IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL 94-484, AS AMENDED (see item 1(a) of page 2). The Exchange Visitor in the above program: 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not subject to the two-year residence requirement. 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Subject to two-year residence requirements based on: A. <input type="checkbox"/> Government financing and/or B. <input type="checkbox"/> The Exchange Visitor Skills List and/or C. <input type="checkbox"/> PL 94-484, as amended. <u>David T. Paradis</u> Vice Consul of the United States of America Signature of Consul or Immigration Officer Date (mm-dd-yyyy) <u>NOV 20 2008</u>			TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (Maximum validation period is 1 year*) *EXCEPT: Maximum validation period is up to 6 months for Short-term Scholars and 4 months for Camp Counselors and Summer Work/Travel. <u>11/11/2008</u> Date (mm-dd-yyyy) <u>Randee Rae Phelps</u> Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer (2) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time Date (mm-dd-yyyy)	
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING 212(f). EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION: I have read and agree with the statement in item 2 on page 2 of this document.				

# THE STUDENT VISA PROCESS - INTERVIEW

The interview for your student visa determines whether or not you are legally admissible into the United States, your true motives for wanting to come to the United States, and whether or not you will be able to follow all of the student visa rules.

- Intent – all people wanting to enter the United States are assumed to be immigrants (people who never plan to return home) unless they can prove otherwise. You must prove that you intend to study once you enter the U.S. by thoroughly explaining why you chose your program and how you plan to use it in your future.
- What if I want to live in the United States after I complete my studies!? – That is fine, the key phrase is that you want to complete your studies. You must prove that you do not intend to work or engage in other non-permissible activities while you are in the United States on a student visa.
- Ties to your home country can be established in various ways, bank accounts, documentation of family business, anything that shows that you will maintain close connections to your home country while you are a student.



# THE STUDENT VISA PROCESS – THE RULES

Once you have arrived in the United States, you must continue to follow the rules for student visa holders. Following the rules means that you are “maintaining your student status.” If you do not follow the rules, you will not be legally allowed to remain in the United States.

## Know Your Responsibilities

## Staying Legal Is Up To You!

