

# WELCOME TO TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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

# Spring 2016

# 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](https://fmjfee.com) to pay. Keep the receipt!
3. Complete the DS-160 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.

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

\*\*The DS-160 will ask for your U.S. Point of Contact. This will be the person who issued your I-20/DS-2019. Use the information on the I-20/DS-2019 to complete this question. ISEP students use the information of the ISEP Official listed on your DS-2019.

# THE STUDENT VISA PROCESS

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.

# 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

# DS-2019

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: **N0004705512**

<b>MURNAME/PRIMARY NAME</b> Doe Smith	<b>GIVEN NAME</b> John	<b>CLASS</b>  <b>F-1</b>
<b>PREFERRED NAME</b> John Doe-Smith	<b>PASSPORT NAME</b>	
<b>COUNTRY OF BIRTH</b> UNITED KINGDOM	<b>COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP</b> UNITED KINGDOM	<b>ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE</b>
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b> 01 JANUARY 1990	<b>ADMISSION NUMBER</b>	
<b>FORM ISSUE REASON</b> INITIAL APPEARENCE - Updated Form I-20 or Name Change	<b>LEGACY NAME</b>	

<b>SCHOOL INFORMATION</b>	<b>SCHOOL ADDRESS</b>
<b>SCHOOL NAME</b> SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies SEVP School for Advanced SEVIS Studies	9303 Manly Lane, Ft. Washington, MD 20744
<b>SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL</b> Rita Feet International Scholar Advisor	<b>SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE</b> BSL14F94444500 22 APRIL 2015

<b>PROGRAM OF STUDY</b>	<b>MAJOR 1</b>	<b>MAJOR 2</b>
<b>EDUCATION LEVEL</b> POSTER'S	Economics, General BS,0921	None 20,0920
<b>NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH</b> 24 Months	<b>PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY</b> Required	<b>ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES</b> Student is proficient
<b>PROGRAM START DATE</b> 05 SEPTEMBER 2015	<b>PROGRAM END DATE</b> 31 MAY 2021	

<b>FINANCIALS</b>	<b>ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS PER MONTH</b>	<b>STUDENT'S FUNDING PER MONTH</b>
	Tuition and Fees \$ 23,900	Personal Funds \$ 3,000
	Living Expenses \$ 4,900	Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship \$ 23,000
	Expenses of Dependents (if)	Funds From Another Source -
	Grants \$ 3,900	On-Campus Employment \$
	<b>TOTAL \$ 32,900</b>	<b>TOTAL \$ 32,000</b>

**REMARKS**  
Orientation begins 8/25/2015. Please report to IEEB upon arrival.

**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 § CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

**SIGNATURE OF:** Rita Feet, International Scholar Advisor **DATE ISSUED:** 05 May 2015 **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 my extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form pertains 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 § CFR 214.1(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. **Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.**

**SIGNATURE OF:** John Doe Smith **DATE:**

**SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN:** **SIGNATURE:** **ADDRESS (city/state or province/country):** **DATE:**



## CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR (J-1) STATUS

U.S. Department of State

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

<b>1. Exchange Visitor</b> <b>NAME:</b> <b>JOLLE</b> <b>ANGELINA</b> <b>Date of Birth (mm-dd-yyyy):</b> 08-05-1986 <b>City of Birth:</b> Wiesbaden <b>Country of Birth:</b> GERMANY <b>Citizenship Country Code:</b> GM <b>Citizenship Country:</b> GERMANY <b>Legal Permanent Residence Country Code:</b> GM <b>Legal Permanent Residence Country:</b> GERMANY <b>Primary Site of Activity:</b> 100 E. Normal, Kirk Building 120 Kirksville, MO 63501	<b>2. Program Sponsor:</b> Truman State University <b>Participating Program Official Description:</b> PROFESSOR; RESEARCH SCHOLAR; SHORT-TERM SCHOLAR; SPECIALIST; STUDENT ASSOCIATE; STUDENT BACHELORS; STUDENT DOCTORATE; STUDENT MASTERS; STUDENT NON-DEGREE	<b>3. Form Covers Period:</b> <b>From (mm-dd-yyyy):</b> 01-09-2009 <b>To (mm-dd-yyyy):</b> 01-08-2010	<b>4. Exchange Visitor Category:</b> STUDENT BACHELORS <b>Subject/Field Code:</b> 21-0299 <b>Subject/Field Code Remarks:</b> This student will be completing a short-term exchange at Truman State University	<b>5. During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S. \$) is to be provided to the exchange visitor by:</b> <b>Current Program Sponsor Funds:</b> \$12,032.00 <b>Personal Funds:</b> \$3,944.00 <b>Total:</b> \$16,638.00	<b>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)</b> <b>JAN 07 2009</b>	<b>7. Randee Rae Phelps</b> <b>Name of Official Preparing Visa:</b> 100 East Normal, Kirk Building 120 Kirksville, MO 63501 <b>Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer:</b> <i>Randee Rae Phelps</i> <b>Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Alternate Responsible Officer</b> <b>Title:</b> <b>660-785-4215</b> <b>Telephone Number</b> <b>11-04-2008</b> <b>Date (mm-dd-yyyy)</b>
<b>8. Statement of Responsible Officer for Releasing Sponsor (FOR TRANSFER OF PROGRAM)</b> 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.							
<b>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).</b> 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 <b>Signature of Consular or Immigration Officer:</b> <i>David T. Paradis</i> <b>Date (mm-dd-yyyy):</b> NOV 20 2008							
<b>TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER</b> (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-Trip. (1) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time <b>11/1/2008</b> <b>Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer:</b> <i>Randee Rae Phelps</i> (2) Exchange Visitor is in good standing at the present time <b>Date (mm-dd-yyyy):</b>							
<b>THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING 212(f).</b> <b>EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION:</b> 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 will need to prove that you have ties in your home country and that your true purpose in coming to the United States is to study rather than work or visit relatives.
- 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!

