



HARVEST
PRE-ARRIVAL
INFORMATION
GUIDE





WELCOME!

Congratulations, and welcome to the United States of America.

We look forward to welcoming you at one of our campuses. This guide was put together to assist you in preparing for your international experience!

Inside, you will find important information and tips that will help you transition into this experience smoothly, but please let us know if you feel there is anything else you need that you do not find in this package.

Please read this guide and the "Student Handbook" before you travel.

We wish you safe travels and hope to see you soon!

IMMIGRATION

When you arrive in the United States, you will go through immigration inspection. You will need to present the following items to a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) official:

- Your Passport with an F-1 visa;
- Your I-20 Form;
- Sevis fee payment receipt;
- Proof you have the financial ability to pay for your school costs plus living expenses (the amount shown on the I-20 form).

I-94 FORM

The I-94 Form is evidence of a nonimmigrant's term of admission and used to document legal status in the United States including length of stay and departure.

When you arrive, the CBP official will create an electronic automated arrival I-94 Form during your admissions process.

To retrieve your I-94 Form, please visit:
<https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/request.html>



FLIGHTS AND TRANSPORTATION

Some airlines offer student fares and discounts, so make sure to check if you are eligible before you make your purchase. You should always book your trip for the closest airport to the school. If you are unable to, make sure transportation to where you will be staying is secured prior to departure from your country.

Airports close to us:

If you are coming to **New Jersey:**

(EWR) Newark International Airport

Approximately 10 minutes

(JFK) John F. Kennedy Airport

Approximately 45 minutes

If you are coming to **Orlando:**

(MCO) Orlando International Airport

Approximately 30 minutes

(TPA) Tampa International Airport

Approximately 1 ½ hours

If you are coming to **California:**

(LAX) Los Angeles International Airport

Approximately 35 minutes

Transportation to and from the airport can be booked through the school, but in order to secure airport pickup, you must request it at least 7 days prior to arrival or departure. The Institute cannot guarantee rates, availability, changes, and cancellation. Charges are based on provider's policies and procedures. Please call us for further details.





INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that students who are coming to the US have appropriate health insurance coverage. The Institute is not a provider, but we can provide students with a list of insurers for health and life insurance which will cover your stay while in the US. Health costs can be extremely high and being preventive is important.



Departure Checklist

Carry these items with you:

- ✓ A valid passport
- ✓ The I-20 form
- ✓ Proof of financial support
- ✓ Inoculation cards
- ✓ National Driver's license (if you have one)
- ✓ Transportation arrangements
- ✓ Addresses and phone numbers of where you will be staying
- ✓ Emergency numbers
- ✓ Medications you are taking
- ✓ List of allergies you may have
- ✓ Our contact in case of an emergency

WHAT TO PACK?

LOS ANGELES

Summer are warmer and dryer. Bring t-shirts, shorts, water bottles, light clothing, sunscreen, and hats to protect you from the sun.

Winter the temperature is pleasant specially in the mornings, with warm afternoons. Bring jackets, closed-toe shoes, scarves, and sweaters.

NEW JERSEY:

Summer is hot and humid. Bring t-shirts, shorts, water bottles, light clothing, sunscreen, and hats to protect you from the sun.

Winter is very cold. Bring heavy coats, pants, sweaters, long-sleeve shirts, gloves, hat, boots, and scarves.

ORLANDO:

Summer is hot and humid. Bring t-shirts, shorts, water bottles, light clothing, sunscreen, and hats to protect you from the sun.

Winter is not usually very cold. Bring jackets, closed-toe shoes, scarves, and sweaters.





ARRIVING

Welcome to the USA

First time visitors may be concerned about customs and immigration. To make sure you are prepared for border inspection, we suggest that you:

- Have your documentation in order.
- Do not bring fruit or vegetables.
- Do not bring cheeses or processed meats.

**For further information please consult
https://help.cbp.gov/app/answers/detail/a_id/1272/~/-/food--general-food*



YOU HAVE ARRIVED

Please come to the Institute as soon as possible to take your Placement Test and arrange your schedule. You will also need to show proof of tuition payment and purchase the set of books for the level indicated on your Placement Test.

International Student Orientation: You must attend orientation in person. International Student Orientation clarifies immigration rules and regulations, and Harvest policies. It also helps you to understand your role and responsibilities as an F-1 visa student. Harvest staff provides assistance with immigration, personal, and cultural adjustment. In addition, Harvest PDSO is available for immigration concerns, information, and assistance on how to maintain legal status in the United States. You will receive Your Orientation date upon arrival, after the Placement Test is taken.

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