



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Visa Applications and Immigration Information

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Immigration Process

- Form I-20
- Visa Information
- Preparing to enter the United States



Paying your I-901 SEVIS fee

- Once you have received your I-20 or DS-2019, you will need to log on to fmjfee.com to pay the \$200 (1,381 RMB) SEVIS fee before you apply for your U.S. visa
- Fee is being increased from \$200 to \$350 (2,418 RMB) as of June 24.
- For more information on the SEVIS fee, please visit ice.gov/sevis/i901, and to pay, visit fmjfee.com



U.S. Visa Appointment

- Once you have scheduled your U.S. visa appointment, you will need to bring the following documents:
 - DS-160 confirmation page
 - Valid passport
 - I-20/DS-2019
 - Financial documents
 - Evidence of English ability (example: TOEFL or IELTS score)
 - Evidence of intent to depart U.S. after program completion
 - SEVIS fee receipt
 - Photograph
- For a complete list, see <http://www.ustraveldocs.com/cn/cn-niv-typefandm.asp#ApplicationItems>



When interviewing for your visa...

- Speak English
- Speak for yourself
- Be brief
- Know how your program fits into your long-term plans
- Speak of ties to home country

After your Visa has been issued

- Confirm your travel arrangements to John Glenn International Airport (CMH)
- Enter the U.S. no sooner than 30 days before the start date on your I-20 (no sooner than July 21, 2019)



Immigration restrictions and benefits



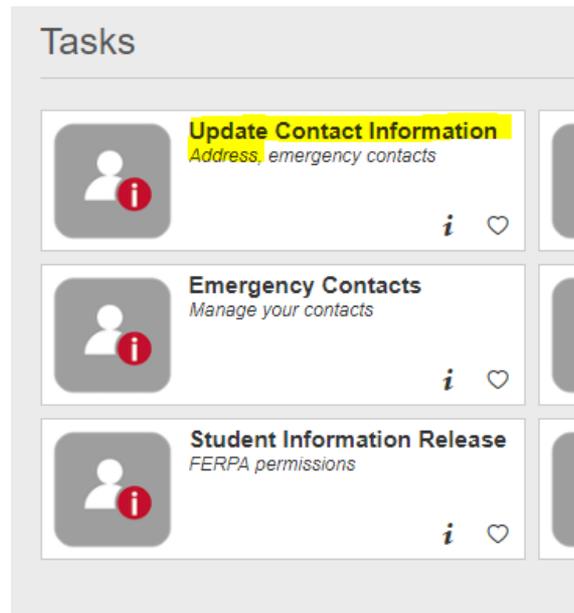
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- 1) Report your local Columbus address in Buckeyelink
 - upon arrival and within 10 days of any address change you must update your address in your student record
 - go to buckeyelink.osu.edu; click on "Personal Information," then:





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2) Enroll in a full course of study during the academic year

- 12 credit hours each semester
- At least 9 out of the 12 must be in-person credits (not "distance learning"/online)
- Summer: a "vacation term" when enrollment is not required (some exceptions apply)
- NEVER drop below full time enrollment without discussing first with OIA!



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3) Abide by employment restrictions

- you may work on campus up to 20 hours per week while classes are in session
- you may work more than 20 hours per week on campus during official breaks
- you may only work off campus if approved by OIA
- be careful with "volunteer" work that could be seen as unpaid employment
- even unpaid internships require prior approval by OIA



Frequently Asked Questions

- What do I have to do bring when I travel in and out of the U.S.?
- When would I have to get an updated I-20?
- Can I ever drop a class during the semester?
- What if there's an emergency at home and I have to withdraw temporarily—what will happen with my F-1 status?
- How soon after starting my program can I do a job or internship off campus?
- Are there restrictions on the type of off campus work I could do?
- Can I work in the U.S. after graduation?