



Arriving at a U.S. Port of Entry

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has issued important reminders to assist international students and exchange visitors expected to arrive in the United States.

These reminders for international students and exchange visitors registered in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (**SEVIS**) are intended to ensure that legitimate students and exchange visitors are quickly processed at ports of entry.

A comprehensive list of answers to frequently asked SEVIS questions has also been posted online at www.ice.gov and www.cbp.gov. DHS offers the following recommendations for international students and exchange visitors:

1. Hand carry (do not check with your baggage) the following documents:
 - Your passport
 - Your SEVIS Form I-20
 - Evidence of financial support
 - Evidence of student or exchange visitor status such as: tuition receipts, transcripts, letter of acceptance
 - Paper receipt of paid SEVIS fee
 - Name and contact information of your school Designated School Official (DSO) **SEE YOUR ADMISSION LETTER**
2. Inform the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Officer at the port of entry that you will be a **new or returning** (in case you previously attended school in the US and are transferring to De Anza College) international student in the United States.
3. Report to your school or program upon arrival so that your school official can validate your participation in SEVIS
4. Maintain contact with your designated school official (DSO) throughout your stay to ensure your SEVIS data is updated and accurate.



[Study in the States](http://www.studyinthestates.dhs.gov) is a very resourceful site from the Department of Homeland Security that provides up-to-date information regarding all F-1 Visa students.

This is their website: <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/getting-to-the-united-states>