Pre and Post Arrival Planning
Pre Arrival to the U.S.A.

- Ensure your passport is valid at least 6 months into the future.

- After you receive your Form I-20, pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee. (print your receipt and keep with your I-20 as proof of payment)

- Apply for your F-1 visa
  - Canadian citizens do not need to apply for a visa, but must pay the SEVIS fee and will need to show proof of payment at port of entry to the United States.
  - Click HERE to locate the American Embassy/Consulate near you

- Pay close attention to the EARLIEST ADMISSION DATE on your I-20. This date refers to the earliest date you can enter the U.S.A.
  - You must have the most updated Form I-20 for the quarter you are planning on entering the U.S. for. You may not enter the U.S. with a previous quarter issued I-20!
De Anza does not have dormitories or student residences. Most students look for apartments or homes to rent in the area around campus.

- Click [HERE](#) for housing resources.

- Homestay Program: International Student Placement also known as ISP (*not to be confused with De Anza College ISP*), is a homestay program which arranges "homestays" with local residents. Go to their [website](#) for more information, cost and how to submit an application.

- We encourage all F-1 visa students to join De Anza's [International Students Facebook Group](#). This is a good place to share information with fellow students and to find notices about apartments and roommates near campus.

- Additional housing resources: [https://www.deanza.edu/housing/](https://www.deanza.edu/housing/)
Post Arrival to the U.S.A.

- After arrival to the U.S. log onto your admission portal and submit any document marked by a red X or Form Required such as:
  - A copy of your F-1 visa page
  - A copy of your I-94 record (download from https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/ and click on Get Most Recent I-94. For Documents number, enter your passport number)
  - A copy of your Port of Entry stamp in your passport
  - A copy of De Anza I-20 with your signature
  - De Anza SEVIS Address Update Form
  - De Anza International Student Contract
  - De Anza Emergency Contact Information

- **NOTE:** Failing to submit the items above will result in the cancellation/termination of your form I-20

- Report in person to the Mandatory Check In event. Dates are/will be posted HERE

- Review the Reporting to ISP CANVAS module here if you have questions about the Post Arrival process.
  - Click on Go to the Course >Modules> scroll down to Reporting to ISP > SEVIS Activation
Useful links and resources

- Applying for your F-1 visa: [https://www.deanza.edu/international/new-students/visa_information.html](https://www.deanza.edu/international/new-students/visa_information.html)


- Join De Anza’s [International Students Facebook Group](https://www.facebook.com/deanza.international/) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/deanza.international/)

- How to contact the ISP Admission team: *(non-academic related questions please)*
  - email: daintladmissions@deanza.edu
  - Schedule a 15-minute zoom appointment using this link: [https://international-f1-admission.appointlet.com/s/new-hours](https://international-f1-admission.appointlet.com/s/new-hours)
  - Visit us via zoom on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. (California Time Zone!) by using this link [https://fhda-edu.zoom.us/s/94843007550](https://fhda-edu.zoom.us/s/94843007550)
  - In-person Walk-In Tuesdays: 3pm - 4pm @ the ISP office: 2nd Floor of the [Student & Registration Building](https://www.deanza.edu/registration) (above Bookstore)

**NOTE:** hours subject to change without notice