

## International Student Pre-Arrival Checklist (F, M, and J Visas)

After you have been admitted to BCTC and received your form I-20 and acceptance letter by mail, follow the steps below to ensure successful matriculation to BCTC.

- Pay your SEVIS I-901 fee. Visit [www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com).
- Apply for your visa at the US Embassy near you. To locate a US Embassy or Consulate near you, visit [www.usembassy.gov](http://www.usembassy.gov).
- Make travel plans.
  - Your admission packet will indicate the day that you must report to the school for orientation. However, your I-20 will allow you to enter the country 30 days before the class start day. You must notify the school of your travel plans and you must report to the school immediately upon arrival.
- Report to campus and attend your International Student Orientation.
  - If you miss the orientation, you must report to the office of International Student Admissions as soon as possible.
- Review the steps to maintain status. Sign the “Maintaining Your F-1 Visa Status” form. Inform the ISS Office of changes to personal and academic information.
- Take the COMPASS placement test, meet with your academic advisor, and register for classes.
- Begin attending your classes.

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