

The **MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS** is responsible for advising on F-1 international student regulations. The following is a list of important steps to prepare for your arrival at Minot State. We look forward to meeting you!



Carefully review the Minot State Office of International Programs website

It has answers to most of your questions, including detailed information on arriving in the U.S., health insurance, taxes, and social security numbers.

MinotStateU.edu/international/services.shtml



Pay the SEVIS Fee

SEVIS (Student Exchange Visitor Information System) is an internet-based system in which the U.S. Department of Homeland Security maintains information on non-immigrant visitors holding F visas. You can pay the SEVIS fee to the Department of Homeland Security by mail or online. The fee can be paid by you or by a third party, inside or outside the U.S. **The fee must be paid at least three business days BEFORE crossing at a U.S. port of entry.**

To pay the SEVIS fee online:

- Find the Form I-901 at www.Fmjfee.com.
- Complete the form online and pay the fee. Be sure to write your name on the form I-901 exactly as it appears on your I-20.
- After paying the fee, print your SEVIS fee receipt by entering your SEVIS ID number, last name, and date of birth. Your SEVIS ID number can be found at the top of your I-20.
- Make copies of your receipt, and keep it with your other important immigration documents.



Print and sign your I-20 on the bottom of page 1

Review the regulations on page 3.



Speak to your insurance providers

Make sure everything is in order with your insurance providers to continue coverage while you are a student in the U.S. Download the required forms for each provider and send them to the Minot State Registrar's Office for verification of enrollment, if necessary.

- **Provincial Health Insurance** – each province has its own form. Contact your Provincial Health Office.
- **Private Health Insurance** – if you have insurance coverage through a private provider, contact that company for information on what is needed from Minot State to continue your coverage.
- **Auto Insurance** – if bringing your car to the U.S., you must maintain liability insurance on your car at all times. You do not need to get a North Dakota license or register your car in the U.S., as long as you maintain valid F-1 student status.

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Fill out a Canada Student Loan application

Minot State is an eligible recipient institution for Canada Student Loans. Student loan applications are available online starting in June of each year. Start the process early as loans are usually processed at a date later than tuition and fees are due. You can send your Program Information Form directly to the International Student Coordinator by email.



Submit health records

Official immunization documentation must be submitted to the Minot State Student Health Center prior to your arrival in Minot. For more information regarding immunizations or health records, contact the center at **+1-701-858-3371** or visit MinotStateU.edu/health.



Complete the online International F-1 Regulations Workshop

The online workshop is **MANDATORY for all new international and Canadian students at MSU, including transfer and graduate students.**

During this online workshop, you will learn about U.S. federal F-1 student regulations that you must follow in order to remain in legal F-1 student status. Directions for the Online F-1 Regulations Workshop and your reporting responsibilities will be sent out by email about a month before your first semester at Minot State.



*The International F-1 Regulations Workshop is considered to be so important that **if you fail to attend, an administrative "Hold" will be placed on your Minot State student record, and you will not be able to add or drop classes.** Your registration in SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) could also be delayed, which could create future concerns with the Department of Homeland Security.*



Entry into United States

You must bring all of your documentation regarding Minot State University in order to successfully obtain entry into the U.S. Without proper documentation and identification, you will be denied entry until all documentation is present.

- **Form I-20**
- **Passport**
- **Admission letter** – sent by Enrollment Services with your I-20
- **I-901 SEVIS fee receipt**
- **Financial documentation** – the same documents you sent to Enrollment Services to prove eligibility to receive an I-20



When to arrive

You may enter the U.S. up to 30 days before the Program Begin Date listed on your I-20. We recommend that you arrive in Minot at least one to two days before the beginning of New Student Registration so you have time to get settled.

If you will live on campus, please note that you are responsible for informing the Minot State Housing Office of your arrival date and time. International students are given a special allowance to arrive prior to the official check-in dates so that you can attend New Student Registration, and to get settled over the weekend. However, you **MUST** notify the Housing Office of your expected arrival date and time **AT LEAST THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE** in order to ensure that staff will be available to assist you when you need them.

As soon as you know your arrival details, contact the Housing Office at **+1-701-858-3363** or msu.housing@MinotStateU.edu.



Enjoy life as a Minot State Student!

QUESTIONS? Contact the Office of International Programs!
International@MinotStateU.edu
MinotStateU.edu/international