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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FACT SHEET

In order to seek approval to study, you must be admitted to the institution and attend on a full-time basis. You must provide the required financial information to demonstrate you have the available financial resources to meet all tuition/fee obligations on time. The sponsor must certify that he/she will be responsible for the payment of all required fees.

Being a student with F-1 status, you are responsible for learning, understanding, and complying with the U.S. laws and regulations that apply to you. If you fail to do so, you could be deported from the United States and barred from returning from an extended period of time, thereby jeopardizing your academic career. It is extremely important that you read and fully comprehend the following information:

To apply for a F-1 Student Visa from overseas (New Application)

Please carefully read the instructions first before completing your application.

- * Fill out the Application form, found online at: <http://www.amnc.edu/internationalStudents>
- * Fill out the Financial Support form and provide the required proof of ability to support yourself and any dependents, found online at: <http://www.amnc.edu/internationalStudents>
- * Provide copies of your passport identification page. (Take your passport with you.)
- * Download the forms below from the U.S. Department of State and fill out forms listed below.
http://travel.state.gov/visa/forms/forms_1342.html

DS-157 (Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application)

DS-158 (Contact Information and Work History for Nonimmigrant Visa Applicant)

Note: Do NOT pay the visa application processing fee to the US consulate until we send you a Form I-20. Use American National College's information for the contact person or organization in the United States Section if you don't have a contact person in the US.

Make a Visa fee payment to the US Consulate in your country and make a reservation for an interview after you received a form I-20 from us.

If you can, call the consulate to make an appointment to interview for your F-1 Visa. Some consulates will not make appointments by phone and require applicants to appear in person.

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Go to the appointment and take all original documentation and any fees to the interview.

* You will receive a visa within 4 - 10 weeks.

Note: The consular officer may need to get special clearances depending on the course of study and nationality of the student. This can take some additional time.

You can enter the United States 30 days prior to the first day of your class.

To enroll in at American National College, you will need the following:

- 1) Passport
- 2) High School Diploma or equivalent, officially translated to English
- 3) Minimum age: 17

If you do not have a student visa, we are approved by U.S. Homeland Security to process your student visa. The following are the steps required:

- 1) Fill out the Admission Application. (Please print)
- 2) Send the required deposit, \$100.00, in the form of a Cashier Check in U.S. Funds, payable to American National College.
- 3) Send color copies of your passport and high school diploma.

FOREIGN STUDENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- **WHAT IS AMNC'S APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS?**

American National College has rolling admissions, which means there are many start dates throughout the year. Therefore, there is not one specific deadline.

- **DOES AMERICAN NATIONAL COLLEGE REQUIRE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO SUBMIT A TOEFL SCORE?**

No, but American National College does require that you are proficient in English since all classes are taught in English. English as a Second Language courses are offered to assist students in learning the English language.

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- DO YOU OFFER HOUSING OPTIONS?

No. American National College will provide local information on area housing opportunities.

- DO I HAVE TO ATTEND SCHOOL FULL-TIME?

Yes. All international students must attend school fulltime while on the F-1 Visa. Full-Time is defined as 18 hours per week.

- WILL I BE ABLE TO TRANSFER CREDITS FROM A SCHOOL IN MY COUNTRY?

No. American National College is a non-degree granting institution. Credits from other schools are not transferable to American National College

- WHAT IS THE F-1 VISA?

The F-1 Student Visa is a non-immigrant visa which allows international students wishing to pursue academic studies to enter in the United States such as ESL programs and university level programs.

- DO NON-IMMIGRANTS NEED A VISA TO BECOME A STUDENT IN THE UNITED STATES?

Yes, most non-immigrants need a student visa. The exceptions are those who are exempt from visa requirements or are already in the United States and plan to file for a change of status.

- HOW DO NON-IMMIGRANTS OBTAIN A STUDENT VISA?

Visas can only be obtained outside the United States. After receiving a Form I-20 from a school, the prospective non-immigrant must apply to the local consulate or embassy for a visa appointment and interview. The SEVIS I901 fee must be paid prior to the interview. As part of the visa application process, an interview at the embassy or consular section is required for visa applicants from age 14 through 79.

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- **WHAT IS AN I-20?**

The Form I-20 is an official U.S. government form. A prospective non-immigrant student must have a Form I-20 issued by an SEVP-certified school in order to become an M-1/F-1 student.

- **WHAT MUST BE DONE AFTER THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ARRIVES IN THE UNITED STATES?**

After the student arrives at American National College, they must attend the International Student Orientation at least three days prior to the class start date. Remember, Orientation is required and you cannot start your classes unless you attend Orientation.

- **CAN I WORK WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES ON AN F-1 VISA?**

No, according to the United States Customs and Immigration Service (USCIS) regulations students attending school on an F-1 Visa are prohibited from working. (F-1 visa holders can be considered for work under certain circumstances.)

DOCUMENTS TO BRING

On the day of Orientation, bring the original and a photocopy of each of the following documents:

Passport identification pages

M-1/F-1 and all other U.S. Visas Form 1-94 Departure

Record American National College I-20 Form (if it was sent to you). I-20s from all schools you have attended in the U.S.

A “Request for Transfer Information” Form (if it was sent to you rather than American National College).

PLEASE NOTE: Be sure to protect your legal documents. Make extra photocopies.

Never destroy your I-20 Forms; keep them in a safe place. Only an SEVP-certified school can issue a Form I-20 to students that have been accepted for enrollment. It acts as proof of acceptance and contains the information that is needed to pay the SEVIS I-901 fee.

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Apply for a visa or change of status, and admission into the United States.

The Form I-20 has the student's unique SEVIS identification (ID) number on the upper right hand side directly above the barcode. SEVIS ID numbers are an N followed by 9 digits.

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