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Student Visa

→ I want to study in the US, how can I do that?

If you want to study as a full-time student in the US, you will need to apply for a student visa, generally an F-1 visa.

→ What is an F-1 visa?

Allows you to enter the US as a full-time student at an accredited college, university, seminary, conservatory, academic high school, elementary school, or other academic institutions or in a language training program. You must be enrolled in study that concludes with a degree, diploma, or certificate.

→ What do I need to file for an F-1 visa?

- 1- Be enrolled in an academic educational program, a language training program, or a vocational program
- 2- Your school must be approved by the Student and Exchange Visitors Program (SEVP)
- 3- You must be enrolled as a full-time student at the institution
- 4- You must be proficient in English or be enrolled in courses leading in English proficiency
- 5- You must have sufficient funds available to self-support during the entire proposed course of study
- 6- You must maintain a residence abroad which you have no intentions of giving up.

→ Can I work while on the F-1 visa?

F-1 students may not work off-campus during the first academic year, but may accept on-campus employment (subject to conditions and restrictions). After the first academic year, F-1 students may work in one of three types of off-campus employment but must be related to their area of study and authorized by SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) and USCIS prior to starting:

- a- Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
- b- Optional Practical Training (OPT) – pre or post completion
- c- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Optional Practical Training Extension (OPT).

*Students may also be able to work off-campus on a case-by-case basis due to special situations (ex. severe economic hardship, special student relief)