



International Student Checklist

It is important to begin the Pacifica admissions process as early as possible in order to receive the necessary documents for visa issuance. Visa application, interview and issuance can take some time if you are not organized and prepared. This checklist is to give you a step-by-step look into the order of the process. The F1 visa can be issued up to 120 days before the intended start date.

- Research F1 Policies and guidelines with [US State Dept](#) and [US Immigration & Customs](#).
- [Apply](#) to Pacifica Graduate Institute
- Submit Admissions [Documents](#)
- International Students must provide copy of current passport, and proof of financial standing.
- Interview with Pacifica faculty for acceptance.
- Become Accepted at Pacifica; sign enrollment documents, plus pay deposit.
- Form I-20 is sent to student in home country from Pacifica.
- Apply for F-1 visa [online](#) (application fee required)
- Make appointment at Embassy nearest you; find the nearest Embassy by searching [here](#).
- Pay [SEVIS I-901](#) fee to activate your I-20 prior to interview at US Embassy.
- Attend F1 visa interview. Bring the following:
 - 1) Current, valid passport
 - 2) Visa Application and fee payment confirmation
 - 3) Current photo
 - 4) Form I-20 from Pacifica
- US Embassy approves you for F1, full-time student status in USA.
- You may enter USA 30 days before start date.

*A visa does not guarantee entry into the United States. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officials at the port-of-entry have authority to permit or deny admission to the United States.