



Congratulations on your acceptance to Niagara University!

Attached is your SEVIS I-20 Certificate of Eligibility for F-1 Student Status. Please follow the instructions below to ensure proper validation of your I-20.

1. Please review the information appearing on this document for accuracy and notify us of any errors immediately. If everything is correct, please sign item #11 at the bottom of the first page of the I-20.
2. If you were instructed to fax us any financial documentation, replace the faxed copies with the originals.
3. Pay the SEVIS fee at: www.fmjfee.com (see next page) **PRINT OUT RECEIPT OF PAYMENT**
Payment must be made prior to your appointment at the U.S. Consular Office or Embassy!!!
4. When applying for your student visa with the appropriate U.S. Consular or Embassy, you will need to present this I-20 for processing along with your SEVIS fee receipt, as well as any other information they instructed you to bring when you made your appointment. The I-20 we have issued you is only a Certificate of Eligibility and it is the consular official that determines if a student visa will be granted or not. (Please notify us when you have been granted or denied your student visa).
5. **IMPORTANT!!** You must complete the International Student Check-in Process during the first week of classes, and you must have your I-20 endorsed on page three at that time. **Please come to the Records Office to complete the check-in process and get this endorsement during the first week of each semester.** Please bring the completed "Niagara University International Student Check-in" form (provided to you with this packet) along with your I-20 and passport when you come for the check-in process. Failure to do this step could result in the termination of your I-20 document and would require you to leave the U.S. immediately!!!!

***NOTE:** If you are not registered as a full time student by the end of the first week of school each semester, you will not be maintaining your F1 visa status and **your I-20 will be terminated.** Once you fall out of status for any reason, it is difficult and expensive to reinstate your student visa status. Please see us with any questions concerning your F1 visa status.

**PLEASE BE CERTAIN TO UNDERSTAND YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES OF MAINTAINING
STATUS ACCORDING TO YOUR STUDENT VISA;
YOUR STUDENT VISA STATUS IS ULTIMATELY YOUR RESPONSIBILITY!**

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CAUTION!!! Due to our proximity to Canada, please do not plan to travel to Canada without first learning what documents are required to enter into Canada and what documents are required for you to re-enter the United States. **Failure to understand the all the regulations could result in your detainment by government officials, and denial of re-entry to the United States.**

REMINDER: All Health Services documentation should be submitted to the Niagara University Health Service Office 30 days prior to the start of classes. More information can be found at: <http://www.niagara.edu/healthcenter/> Failure to meet all Health Service requirements will **result in you being withdrawn from classes and your I-20 will be terminated.** Please ensure this is taken care of prior to your arrival for classes! If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Health Service Office at 716-286-8390.