

Immigration Document Inspection and Next Steps

Congratulations on your admission to Bowling Green State University! Attached to this letter is your original Form I-20. You will use the SEVIS ID in the upper right corner of your Form I-20 and the BGSU SEVIS School Code which is CLE214F0006000 to pay your SEVIS I-901 fee and make an appointment with the nearest US Embassy or Consulate to obtain your visa. The School Official is listed in the School Information Section of your Form I-20. Please, also see the information sheets with this immigration packet. You will need this information to apply for a Visa. Read the information provided in this welcome packet carefully.

International Student Orientation is Mandatory

International Student Orientation will be held before the official start of the semester and is listed on your Form I-20 and in your acceptance letter. Do not make appointments during the orientation times. Arrive to BGSU on-time. Check the BGSU website link below for specific information about the orientation for your start date.

<http://www.bgsu.edu/international-programs-and-partnerships/international-student-services/future-students/orientation.html>

Review of Your Form I-20

First, check your name and birthdate on your Form I-20. These items must match your passport precisely. If you find any information that may need changing, contact iss@bgsu.edu immediately.

Student Financials Section of Your Form I-20

The Form I-20 is an immigration document. It is not a contract with Bowling Green State University. The costs indicated for tuition, living, books and insurance are only an estimate of one academic year of attendance (August through May) as published by the BGSU Office of the Bursar for the minimum eight credit hours required to be a full-time student. Your Department may require you to enroll in additional hours in order to complete your program within the specified time period. Please note that the Board of Trustees may change the tuition rates at their discretion. You have received this Form I-20 because you have submitted evidence that you have the resources required to attend the university that were published as required at the time of your admission.

Student's Program of Study Section of Your Form I-20

Please check Education Level of your Form I-20. It should state "Master's" or "Doctoral". Please make sure the level matches your Program level. Major 1 provides information about your specific area of study. We make every effort to match your program name to the code in the federal system. If your program does not match perfectly, it is likely because there is no perfect match in the government system.

While you may report up to 30 days prior to your Program Start Date, we recommend that **you arrive one or two days prior to Orientation**. All Master's level students will be given 24 months on the Form I-20. The Form I-20 will show that Doctoral students have 60 months to complete their program. Your Department may require you to complete the Program prior to these general guidelines provided on the Form I-20.

What if I applied for Tuition Assistance but it doesn't show on this Form I-20?

The admission process is separate from the process of granting tuition scholarships and stipends. Students will be notified separately about their contract awards, if any. If you received any type of award notification of assistance after you were issued this Form I-20, please take your notification and contract with you to the US Embassy or consulate to further support your application for an F-1 visa. Make sure that you communicate with your Department whether you will be accepting the award. Possessing financial support of your family and BGSU assistance will enhance your case in obtaining a visa.

Sign your Form I-20

After reviewing the information on your Form I-20 and reading page 3, ensure that you sign the bottom of the first page.

Check your BGSU Email for Important Announcements and To-do List from ISS

Our staff will send you important information about immigration, orientation, registration, housing, and health issues. Please make checking your email daily a habit for preparing for your international education experience.

Thank you and welcome to our global community of learners at
Bowling Green State University!