



- ❖ Please become familiar with the **Form I-20** and ensure **ALL** the information is correct.
- ❖ **Apply early!** Your student visa (F-1) may be issued up to one-hundred twenty (120) days from the start of classes (August 25, 2008), so start the process early to avoid delays. Contact the Consular Section of the U.S. Embassy in your home country to schedule your interview as soon as possible. For more information, please visit <http://usembassy.state.gov/>.
- ❖ In regard to travel planning, once your visa is issued, you may arrive in the country as early as **thirty days** prior to the start of classes, but you may **NOT** arrive on campus until **Wednesday, August 20** for the start of move in and the New Student Orientation Program. Please note that the required **International Student Orientation** will be held at **9:00 a.m.** on **Thursday, August 21** in the **Cinema**, of the Connelly Center.
- ❖ Please visit the following sites in order to learn how to prepare and what to take to the U.S. Consulate for your interview:
 - **PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:** www.educationusa.state.gov/predeparture.htm
 - **SEVIS HOMEPAGE:** www.ice.gov/graphics/sevis/index.htm
 - **VISA INFORMATION:** www.travel.state.gov/visa/visa_1750.html

Below is a list with some of the documents you need to take for your interview.

- ☞ Villanova University acceptance letter
- ☞ The Villanova University issued Form I-20
- ☞ Valid passport valid for at least six months after arrival to the U.S.
- ☞ Proof of financial support showing evidence that you have sufficient funds to cover your tuition and living expenses during the period of your intended study. The bank statement should be from within the last three months. In addition, if you have received financial assistance and/or scholarships, be prepared to provide this information.
- ☞ The following completed visa application forms:
 - **DS-156** (which you must complete electronically on-line at <http://evisaforms.state.gov/>)
 - **DS-158*** (a copy is enclosed)
 - In addition, some applicants (males between the ages of 16 - 45) are also required to complete the **DS-157*** form (please check with the Consular Office in your home country for details)
- ☞ **Receipts** for the following non-refundable fees:
 - Visa application processing fee
 - SEVIS **Form I-901** fee (you may pay the fee on-line at <https://www.fmjfee.com/index.jhtml>)
- ☞ A photograph (2 by 2 square inches or 50 mm square)
- ❖ You should also have available to show to the Consular Officer:
 - ☞ Results of standardized test scores (SAT, ACT, TOEFL, IELTS, etc.)
 - ☞ Academic records, such as secondary school grades/marks, transcripts, national exam results (if available) and diplomas from previous institutions attended.

* You may print additional copies through www.state.gov/m/a/dir/forms/ OR complete the form on-line <http://evisaforms.state.gov/>



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