International Student Checklist

Below are two checklists. The first is for things you should do before you arrive at BYU-Idaho, and the second is a list of things to do after you have arrived. Please read each item carefully and visit the listed website for more information on each topic.

Checklist of things you should do before you arrive at BYU-Idaho.

☐ Pay the I-901 SEVIS fee
The SEVIS I-901 fee is required of F, M and J students and scholars. The fee is non-refundable and is currently $200 for students on the F-1 student visa and $180 for the J-1 exchange visitor visa. You should pay your fee online at the website below after you receive your I-20 or DS-2019 and before you apply for your visa. If you are from Nigeria, Ghana, Cameroon, or if you are having trouble paying the SEVIS fee, please contact our office at international@byui.edu or by phone at 208-496-1320. Canadians must pay the fee before crossing the border.

www.fmjfee.com

☐ Apply for a student visa
To apply for a student visa, locate the nearest U.S. Consulate or embassy and schedule an appointment. Use the website below and click on your country. From there you will find instructions on how to apply. Please remember that you must have your I-20 or DS-2019 and pay your SEVIS fee before you can apply for a visa. Canadians do not need to apply for a visa.

www.usembassy.gov

☐ Register for classes
Please visit the websites below to learn how and when you can register for classes, and to find out who your academic advisor will be during your studies. You can contact the academic advising center to find out more information on what classes you need to take for your major.

www.byui.edu/registrarsoffice - General registration information
www.byui.edu/registration/registration-schedule - Shows when you can register
my.byui.edu - Log in to find out who your advisor is and to register for classes

☐ Find housing
You may live either on or off-campus. Reservations for on-campus housing are made on a first-come-first-served basis and you must apply to be considered. Students desiring to live off-campus must live in approved housing and must make arrangements directly with the landlords.

www.byui.edu/housing - General housing info
www.byui.edu/housing/on-campus-apartments - On campus housing info
web.byui.edu/tis/search - Approved off campus housing info
Things you should do after you arrive at BYU-Idaho.

☐ Get Connected
The new student orientation, Get Connected, will help you meet new people, make friends, get a feel for campus and better understand the wide array of opportunities made available to you at BYU-Idaho. Visit the website below to find out the specific dates for Get Connected.
www.byui.edu/getconnected

☐ Check in with International Services
You are required to report to the International Student Office located in the Manwaring Center room 276 within two weeks of arriving on campus so we can get you registered with immigration. Please bring your I-20 or DS-2019, I-94 card, passport, visa, and current address when you check-in. Failure to register could put you out of status.
www.byui.edu/International

Additional Information

• Student Employment
International students may begin work on campus no more than 30 days before the program start date listed on the I-20 or DS-2019, and may work up to 20 hours per week on campus while school is in session. Please visit the website below for more information on working as an international student.
www.byui.edu/human-resources/employment

• Financial Information
• The University is unable to become your financial sponsor; however, there are limited scholarships, grants and some on-campus employment opportunities. Even with these opportunities the ultimate responsibility for your financial well-being rests with you. The website below contains valuable information on the various ways you can help finance your education. You will find information on applying and qualifying for grants and scholarships, a chart showing potential earnings through on-campus employment and helpful links to additional financial information.
www.byui.edu/financialaid/fa/international.htm

• International Student Deposit
The deposit is considered a prepayment of your first two semesters of tuition and is held for you in an interest bearing account and used as follows:
• In your first semester, half of your deposit or $2000 ($3000 for Non-LDS) may be credited towards tuition, fees, books, insurance, document shipping, and the I-901 fee. If you cover these expenses by other means, any remaining balance from this half of your deposit will be available for withdrawal or can be left to cover future expenses.
• In your second semester, the remaining half of your deposit or $2000 ($3000 for Non-LDS) will be credited towards tuition, books, insurance and so forth. If you pay these expenses by other means, the remaining balance will be available for withdrawal or can be left to cover future expenses.
• Any remaining deposit money that you choose to leave in the account will be returned to you or your sponsor when you enter your last semester, transfer, or otherwise leave the university.