

International Student Admission Process

Thank you for your interest in attending **Georgia State University!** If you are in F-1 immigration status (or intend to hold F-1 status), please follow the steps below to gain admission and then an I-20 document from Georgia State University.

Step 1: Apply for & Receive Academic Admission

Apply for academic admission through the Office of Undergraduate Admission or, if you are a graduate student, to the specific academic college in which you are interested. Please go to the website http://www.gsu.edu/prospective_students.html for more information on admissions.

You will need to provide the necessary test scores, academic transcripts, possibly a credential evaluation of your academic records (www.jsilny.com), as well as other information required by the admissions office.

Step 2: Submit Financial Documents

After you have been accepted into Georgia State by the appropriate admissions office, you will be asked to provide financial documentation by the International Admissions Coordinator in International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS). Note that a hold preventing you from course registration will be placed on your account until you complete the I-20 process.

Federal regulations require universities to request proof of liquid financial funds available. All students must show funds available for one year of study. The amount includes tuition and fees, room and board, personal expenses, insurance, books and supplies, and transportation expenses. The **International Applicant Immigration Form** indicates the amount of funding each program requires and explains the requirements for financial documentation.

Step 3: Receive I-20 Document & Obtain F-1 Visa

Once financial documents have been approved by the International Admissions Coordinator, a Form I-20 will be processed and sent to you. The Form I-20 makes you eligible to apply for an F-1 student visa. Go to www.travel.state.gov/visa (click on 'study') to find out more about the F-1 visa.

- If you are transferring from another U.S. college or university, your SEVIS record must be transferred to Georgia State before ISSS can issue a GSU I-20 document.
- If you are changing from one degree level to another at Georgia State (ex. BS to MBA), you will also need to provide new financial documents before a new I-20 can be issued.



If you have questions regarding academic admission, contact the appropriate admissions office.

If you have questions regarding financial documentation or immigration, contact the International Admissions Coordinator in International Student and Scholar Services.

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