

# Immigration and the Visa Interview

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# Immigration & Documents

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# SEVIS and USCIS

## 1. SEVIS- Student and Exchange Visitor

**Information System.** An online database that allows USCIS and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to assist all international students.

## 2. USCIS-United States Citizenship and

**Immigration Services.** Approves VISA status and changes, OPT, and Economic Hardship.



**Maintain a valid passport at all times while in the U.S.**



# I-20

Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status  
OMB NO. 1653-0038

SEVIS ID: N0031595426

SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME	GIVEN NAME	<b>F-1</b>  ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
PREFERRED NAME	PASSPORT NAME	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH SPAIN	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP SPAIN	
CITY OF BIRTH Famplona, Spain	DATE OF BIRTH	
FORM ISSUE REASON INITIAL ATTENDANCE	ADMISSION NUMBER	

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME Middle Tennessee State University Middle Tennessee State University	SCHOOL ADDRESS International Affairs-Peck Hall 216, 1901 East Main Street, Murfreesboro, TN 37132
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Cynthia Habara International Specialist	SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE NOL214F10167000 10 APRIL 2008

## PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL BACHELOR'S	MAJOR 1 Engineering Technology, General 15.0000	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000
PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient	EARLIEST ADMISSION DATE 15 SEPTEMBER 2020
START OF CLASSES 15 OCTOBER 2020	PROGRAM START/END DATE 15 OCTOBER 2020 - 15 MAY 2024	

## FINANCIALS

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR: 8 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR: 8 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees	\$ 28,500	Personal Funds	\$ 0
Living Expenses	\$ 8,000	Athletic Scholarship	\$ 36,500
Expenses of Dependents (0)	\$	Funds From Another Source	\$
Other	\$	On-Campus Employment	\$
TOTAL	\$ 36,500	TOTAL	\$ 36,500

## REMARKS

## SCHOOL ATTESTATION

I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

X	DATE ISSUED 17 September 2020	PLACE ISSUED Murfreesboro, TN
SIGNATURE OF: Cynthia Habara, International Specialist		

## STUDENT ATTESTATION

I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.

X		
SIGNATURE OF: Your Name Here	DATE	
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (city/state or province/country) DATE

- ✓ Issued to allow you to get a visa appointment.
- ✓ Shows your start date (Red)
- ✓ Shows your major (Blue)



# Visa



- ✓ A visa is a permit to enter the United States.
- ✓ You must make sure that your visa is valid for your entry or re-entry.





# Maintaining Legal Status 1

Be enrolled full-time every semester.

1. Undergraduate Students-
  1. 12 minimum credit hours each semester
  2. 9 hours must be on campus
  3. Maintain a 2.0 GPA
  
2. Graduate Students-
  1. Nine (9) minimum credit hours each semester
  2. 6 hours must be on campus
  3. Maintain a 3.0 GPA



# Maintaining Status

- Remember, you are responsible for maintaining your immigration status.
- You must enroll every semester.
- You must maintain full-time enrollment of at least 12 credit hours throughout the semester. (9 Graduate)
- Check travel documents often and keep valid. Immigration regulations are serious but don't panic.





# The Visa Interview

The visa interview finishes in about 4 minutes. The visa officer must make a decision in a short time.

- Show you have a command of English
- Know about your academic program
  - Where will you study
  - What will you study
  - Why do you need to study in the U.S.
- Have your financial documents in order



# The Visa Interview cont.

- Make sure that you show the visa officer that you will return to your home country and use your education.
- Be proactive- It is your responsibility to show you deserve to get the visa.
- Help the visa officer- make the decision an easy one by telling the visa officer what he/she needs to know
- Honesty is always best. Trust is related to authenticity



# The Visa Interview cont.

- Be clear you do not plan to immigrate to the U.S.
- If you do not understand, ask to have the question repeated
- Be natural. No need to buy a new suit. Dress for your role. If you are a student, dress as a student, presentable, and comfortable
- The visa record is for life
- Do not get in trouble!!!





The image features three large, fluted stone columns of varying heights, standing in a landscaped area with greenery. The background is a dramatic sunset sky with orange and red clouds. A street lamp and some trees are visible in the distance to the right.

We look forward  
to seeing you on  
campus

I AM *true*BLUE

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