



SEVIS CLEARANCE

For ESL Students

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MAINTAIN F-1 VISA STATUS

How can I maintain my F-1 visa status?

- ✓ Register for classes as a full-time student -
up to 20 credits
- ✓ Go to class every day
- ✓ Do your homework
- ✓ Make progress
- ✓ Do not get in trouble with the university or
police



TRAVEL

What documents do I need to travel **outside** of the USA?

- ✓ Passport (valid for at least 6 months)
- ✓ I-20 endorsed (signed) on page 3 by a DSO (Lupita)
- ✓ I-94 - print online

What about travel **inside** the USA?

Same as above.



WORK

Can I work ON campus?

ESL students do **NOT** work during 1st semester at Saint Mary's

Can I work OFF campus?

No, ESL students can **NOT** work off campus.



SOCIAL SECURITY

Do I need a Social Security number or card?

No.



HEALTH INSURANCE

Do I need health insurance?

YES!!

Healthcare is **EXPENSIVE** in the USA.

With no insurance, ambulance transportation to hospital is \$1000!!! →

You can buy online:

www.isoa.org

www.istudentinsurance.com

www.internationalstudentinsurance.com



CHECKLIST

Bring these documents to International Center:

- Check-in form
- I-20
- I-94 (print online)
- Passport with F-1 visa stamp
- Saint Mary's student ID card
- Copy of health insurance



CHECKLIST FOR SUCCESS

DO

- ✓ Meet your classmates
- ✓ Eat in the cafeteria
- ✓ Do your homework
- ✓ Go to class
- ✓ Attend campus events
- ✓ Exercise
- ✓ Speak English
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Keep immigration documents safe
- ✓ Travel
- ✓ Check your email and mailbox
- ✓ Enjoy nature at SMU
- ✓ Join the International Club



DO NOT

- x Drink alcohol if you are under 21 (this is illegal in Minnesota)
- x Drink alcohol in the dorms
- x Miss class
- x Sleep all day
- x Smoke inside buildings
- x Throw cigarettes on the ground
- x Lose your keys
- x Lose your student ID





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