



International Student Services  
Office of Admissions and Records

## PRE-ARRIVAL INFORMATION FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Congratulations on your admission to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center! Read the following information carefully. If you have any questions prior to arrival, please contact an international student advisor.

### **FORM I-20**

Enclosed in this package is your form I-20 for attendance at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC). Review the I-20 carefully and let our office know immediately if there are any errors. If the I-20 is correct, you should sign on the bottom of page 1 (item 11).

If you were admitted to multiple institutions, you may have multiple I-20s. It is important that you use only the I-20 for the institution that you plan to attend when you apply for a visa and enter the US.

### **OBTAIN A US VISA**

You must obtain an F-1 visa prior to entering the US in F-1 status. Contact your local US consulate regarding the procedure to obtain a student visa. A list of US consulates is at <http://usembassy.state.gov/>. Follow their instructions to schedule an interview for your student visa. Complete the forms required for the visa interview and pay the visa application fee by following instructions on the consular website.

You must **pay the SEVIS fee. Bring the receipt of fee payment with you to the visa interview.** Follow the instructions on the enclosed SEVIS fee information sheet.

### **ATTEND NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION**

You are **required** to attend New International Student Orientation. Orientation will be held the week prior to classes. Information will be e-mailed to you at least one month in advance. Make every effort to arrive at least two weeks before the start of the semester.

### **IMMIGRATION CHECK-IN**

You must report to the ISS office upon arrival on campus. You will not be allowed to enroll until this process has been completed. Our office is located in Room 121, Robert M. Bird Library, 1105 N. Stonewall Avenue, Oklahoma City. Bring your passport, I-20, and I-94 card.

### **EXPENSES**

All students, including those receiving University funding, should plan to arrive with sufficient financial resources for the first few weeks of their stay in order to allow sufficient time to open bank accounts, transfer money, and/or receive an initial paycheck.

Payment for tuition and fees is due when you enroll. Contact the Office of the Bursar regarding payment options. More information and contact information for the Office of the Bursar can be found at: <http://www.ouhsc.edu/financialservices/bursar/>. There is no financial aid available to incoming international students.

### **TRANSFER STUDENTS**

If you are currently attending another school in the US, you must complete a SEVIS transfer of your SEVIS record to the OUHSC. **A SEVIS TRANSFER IS SEPARATE FROM AN ACADEMIC TRANSFER.** Request that your current school release your SEVIS record to the OUHSC. Report to the OUHSC ISS office before the semester begins to complete the SEVIS

transfer from your previous school. Bring your passport, I-94 card, and any I-20s from previous schools. A new I-20 will be processed by OUHSC ISS once you are released in SEVIS from your previous school and have applied for an I-20.

### **CHANGES OF VISA STATUS**

Prospective or current students who are in the US in a visa status other than F-1 or J-1 need to contact the OUHSC ISS office if they wish to change to a visa status that permits enrollment. Some visa statuses other than F-1 or J-1 may restrict you from studying at the OUHSC. US immigration regulations prohibit tourists from beginning a degree program while in B-1/B-2 status.

### **STUDENT HEALTH PLAN**

All students at the OUHSC must maintain health insurance coverage. For more information on the student health insurance plan, please visit the Student Health Services website at: <http://students.ouhsc.edu/HealthInsurance.aspx>.

### **ENROLLMENT**

An academic advisor or mentor in your College must advise you before enrolling in courses. Undergraduate international students **must** enroll in and complete at least 12 credit hours each fall and spring semester, and graduate international students **must** enroll in and complete at least 9 credit hours each fall and spring semester.

### **AIRPORT INFORMATION**

Information on the Oklahoma City airport can be found at [www.flyokc.com](http://www.flyokc.com). We recommend that you check the airport website for ground transportation information.

For additional information about the OUHSC, visit the OUHSC website at [www.ouhsc.edu](http://www.ouhsc.edu). If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact our office. We look forward to welcoming you to the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Best regards,

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