



Student Visas to the USA

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Student visa Information and appointments:
<https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/default.aspx>

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The USA Welcomes Iraqi Students!

- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Summer school
- Undergraduate
- Graduate
- 2-year / Community Colleges
- Vocational / Career (M)
- Boarding Schools / Pre-University



Types of Student Visas

F - Academic Students (I-20)

M - Vocational Students (I-20)

J - Exchange Visitors (DS-2019)



How to Qualify for a Student Visa

- 1. Show acceptance at a school**
SEVIS form -- www.FMJDSEE.com
- 2. Show ability to pay for education and living expenses**
- 3. Show student is prepared to pursue the course of study**
- 4. Show intent to leave the United States at the conclusion of study**



How to Apply – 5 Steps

- Complete the Forms
- Collect documents
- Make an Appointment
- Pay the Application Fees
- Interview

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Form DS-160

- DS-160 is an online Nonimmigrant visa (NIV) application form

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Other Documents

Application Forms – and what else?

- SEVIS proof of payment www.fmjfee.com
- I-20 (F visa) or DS-2019 (J visa)
- Scholarship
- Passport & Identity Card
- Academic Records & life situation (ties)
- Pre-paid DHL Delivery form/envelope

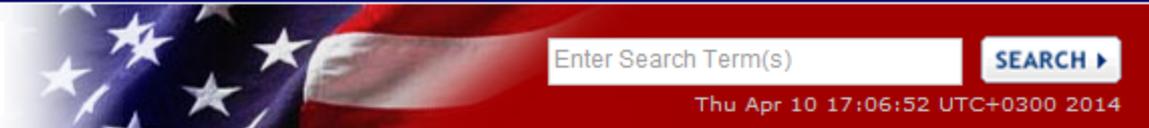


Make an Appointment

To make an appointment, please go to:

<http://erbil.usconsulate.gov/>

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- Nonimmigrant Visas
- Immigrant Visas
- Visa & Travel Links
- Contact Us
- Travel & Tourism in the U.S.



U.S. Denounces the Murder of Mohammed al-Shammari

The U.S. Mission in Iraq condemns the murder of journalist Mohammed Bdaiwi al-Shammari. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family and colleagues.

LSO: Story

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State Department Daily Press Briefing

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Heightened risk of violence on and around April 9

On the eve of the anniversary of the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime on April 9, 2003, the U.S. Embassy advises American citizens to restrict movements around Baghdad, including travel through Baghdad International Airport. U.S. Government and Embassy-affiliated personnel are restricting their use of the Baghdad International Airport through April 12. Beyond this date, American citizens are encouraged...



RECENT AND CURRENT CONSULATE ACTIVITIES
First Pizza Hut in Iraq



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CG Attends Opening of



Time for the Interview

Pay the Fee

- US\$160
- Paid at Bank of Baghdad

What is involved?

- Document review
- Finger-scanning
- Interview



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Then what?

- ..may be a few weeks
- If your case requires administrative processing, you can check the status online at <http://ceac.state.gov>
- DHL pass back

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“DOs and DON’Ts” for Successful Nonimmigrant Visa Applicants

- Do remember that honesty is the best policy.
- Do learn more about the visa application process at:
<http://erbil.usconsulate.gov/howtoapply.html>
- Do complete your forms fully and accurately

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“Dos and Don’ts” for Successful Nonimmigrant Visa Applicants

- **Do review your application for accuracy if someone prepared it for you.**
- **Do not rely on friends, travel agents & visa brokers for info about visas.**
- **Do explain your travel plans and tell us about yourself at the interview.**
- **Don’t plan to use your visa for a reason other than its intended purpose.**



Q: What Rules Apply to my Student Visa?

In order to legally use your student visa, you must:

- Apply **as soon as possible**
- Arrive **within 30 days prior to the start** of your studies as shown on your I-20 (F or M visas) or DS 2019 (J visas)
- Be in continuous full-time status as a student
- Depart the United States no more than 30 days (M or J visas) or 60 days (for F visas) after completion of study



Q: When am I Required to Get a New Student Visa?

You need to re-apply for a new student visa if:

- You need to return to the U.S. and your student visa has expired
- you are out of the U.S. for more than 5 months
- You need to return to the U.S. after receiving a new I-20 with a different SEVIS number



**We look forward to your studies
in the United States!**

Questions?

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