

NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PRE-ARRIVAL CHECKLIST **FALL 2026**

JUNE

- Request your I-20.
- Pay the [I-901](#) SEVIS Fee.
- Apply for a Passport/Check your passport's expiration date.
- Apply for your [Visa](#) and schedule your visa interview at the embassy.
- Review the "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) on the NDMU International Student website.
- Plan your Travel.
 - ▶ If possible, have your immunization records with you.
 - ▶ Students issued an initial (new) I-20 are allowed to enter the U.S. up to 30 days before the program start date printed on their I-20.
*(International New Student Move-In is **August 26**. Students can email Housing & Residence Life at residencelife@ndm.edu with questions or exceptions)*
 - ▶ The closest airports from NDMU are Baltimore Thurgood Marshall (BWI), Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA), and Dulles International Airport (IAD).
 - ▶ Arrange transportation from the airport to the campus.
- When you enter the United States, you must carry the following documents **(in your carry-on!)**:
 - ▶ Your passport
 - ▶ Our acceptance letter
 - ▶ Your signed I-20
 - ▶ Address of your university or your place of residence in the U.S.

JULY

- Sign up for any academic orientations.
 - ▶ New Gator Registration Days
 - ▶ Mandatory International Student Orientation
- First day newly admitted students can arrive inside the U.S.
 - ▶ July 25, 2026 (*International New Student Move-In is **August 26***)

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CONTACT:

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