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Welcome to the Cowboy Family

Congratulations! You have been admitted to Oklahoma State University, and you just need to complete a few steps before your journey begins. We have put together this handy checklist so you can keep track of what you need to do. Completing the steps listed here will ensure you are on your way to becoming an OSU student.

You will find more information on each topic in the following pages, but remember we are always just a click or call away.

- Use your SEVIS number on your OSU I-20 to pay the SEVIS fee and apply for an F-1 visa
- Activate your O-Key account
- Check your OSU email at least once a week
- Apply for housing and select a meal plan
- Register for New Student Orientation
- Book your flight and transportation to OSU
- Complete your immunization form and learn about OSU student healthcare
- Plan for university payments
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- Get involved!
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How to apply for a visa

It's important to apply for your student visa as soon as possible. Processing times for visa issuance vary and may require additional time due to security checks.

1. Your Form I-20 can be found in the front of this package. Pay the SEVIS fee if this is your first time applying for an F-1 student visa (some students with a previous Form I-20 and F-1 visa will also have to pay this fee).

Be sure to print out a copy of your SEVIS fee receipt at the time of payment and keep it with your OSU I-20. The printed confirmation will serve as proof of payment for the I-901 SEVIS fee.

2. Follow the US Embassy/Consulate's instructions to schedule an interview for your F-1 student visa at usembassy.state.gov.

3. Complete the Form DS-160 nonimmigrant visa application.

4. Pay the visa application fee.

5. Read all information on the Form I-20 carefully and sign the first page of the Form I-20, and provide the information requested if under 18 years of age.

6. Attend your scheduled visa interview.

SEVIS fee payment options

1. You may pay electronically by completing Form I-901 (Fee Remittance for Certain F, M and J Nonimmigrants) through the internet (FMJfee.com) using a credit card.
   • You may pay through the mail by submitting Form I-901, along with a check or money order drawn through a U.S. bank and payable in U.S. currency.
   • School/Sponsors/Third party payments are allowed.

To ensure electronic verification of the fee payment at the consular office, you must submit the fee at least three business days before your scheduled visa interview. This will allow time for the fee to be deposited and payment recorded in SEVIS.

Documents needed for VISA interview

1. Valid Passport
2. Form I-20
3. Evidence of admission at OSU (letter provided in the front of this package)
4. Evidence of your financial ability to pay for your education (bank statement)
5. SEVIS fee receipt
6. Any other documentation your embassy/consulate requires (check their website)

Activate your O-Key account

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Your O-Key account is your connection to OSU. You have to set it up before you can access your OSU email account, sign up for housing, New Student Orientation & Enrollment and more. It’s important to activate your O-Key account as soon as possible. To set it up, go to okey.okstate.edu. Click on “Activate Your O-key Account” and use your personalized pin sent to you via email to complete the activation process.

For help setting up your O-Key, visit it.okstate.edu or contact the IT Help Desk at helpdesk@okstate.edu or +1 405.744.4357.

Check your OSU email regularly

orangemail.okstate.edu or cowboymail.okstate.edu

Once you have your O-Key account set up, you can access your OSU email account. OSU will send updates including scholarship information, housing selection and enrollment dates to this email. Check it at least once a week to stay informed. You can forward your OSU email to an existing account.

For additional information on these steps, visit admissions.okstate.edu/email or contact the IT Help Desk at +1 405.744.4357.
You must make arrangements for permanent housing before you arrive in Stillwater. Freshmen are required to live in residence halls UNLESS they are married, 21 years of age or older, or have completed 28 college credit hours. All students are encouraged to live on campus. OSU offers a variety of housing options, including suites, apartments and community style housing. Whatever your preference, you will find your home at OSU. There are also several living-learning programs, where you live alongside others who share common interests or fields of study. Sign-up for housing begins Dec. 1 at reslife.okstate.edu. You will also choose your meal plan, which is required, at that time. OSU offers more than 30 dining options on campus.

You must register for orientation before making travel plans to Stillwater. All students are required to attend and complete a New Student Orientation & Enrollment session. Orientation will include such topics as academic information, immigration regulations, housing, food, Stillwater community, transportation, banking practices, legal issues, health care and American customs.

Your orientation is the best time for you to become familiar with OSU. For students entering OSU in the spring 2019 semester, New Student Orientation & Enrollment will take place January 7-10, 2019. For students entering OSU in the fall 2019 semester, New Student Orientation & Enrollment will take place August 12-15, 2019. All days are mandatory. Please be advised that a $32.50 orientation housing fee will be billed to your student account.

Airport information
Stillwater is located in the north central part of Oklahoma. Stillwater Regional Airport provides daily nonstop flights to and from Dallas/Ft. Worth International Airport on American Airlines and we strongly encourage you to book one of these flights. The Stillwater airport is located less than five miles from OSU’s campus. Visit flystillwaterok.com for more information.

The nearest international airports are in Oklahoma City and Tulsa (located 70 miles/110 kilometers from Stillwater).

Greeter service
(Stillwater Regional Airport only)
OSU representatives will assist you with ground transportation from the Stillwater Regional Airport to the OSU campus at no additional cost on the predetermined arrival dates found on the final page.

You can register for OSU greeter services at okla.st/TravelToOSU.

Non-greeter service
from Stillwater Regional Airport
If you arrive on a date not covered by our greeter service, you must arrange your own transportation to campus. You may use the option below to travel to the OSU campus.

• OSU-Stillwater Community Transit (Blue Route): OSU provides transit service from 6:20 a.m. to 7 p.m., Central Time, Monday through Friday, throughout the academic year. The fare is $.75 per trip. Live bus tracking and detailed bus arrival times can be found at thebus.okstate.edu.

Travel from Tulsa Airport to OSU
If you choose to fly into Tulsa, you must arrange your own transportation to Stillwater. You may choose one of the options below for travel. These services are NOT FREE and require cash in U.S. currency or a credit card.

• Taxi service (Yellow Cab):
  Phone: +1 918.582.6161
  Cost: Between $110 and $130.

Travel from Oklahoma City Airport to OSU
If you choose to fly into Oklahoma City, you must arrange your own transportation to Stillwater. You may choose one of the options below for travel. These services are NOT FREE and require cash in U.S. currency or a credit card.

• Oklahoma City Airport Express (blue van):
  This is a charter service and thus available at any time of the day. Their office is located near the baggage claim area. The cost is approximately $115 for travel to Stillwater. If there is more than one passenger in the van, the cost will be split among the passengers.
  Phone +1 405.681.3311

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Documents needed for entry to the U.S.

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• Form I-20
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Complete your immunization form and learn about OSU Student Healthcare

The State of Oklahoma has immunization requirements for college and university students that include Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Hepatitis. Tuberculosis (TB) testing is also required and available at the Student Health Center. For more details and information, visit uhs.okstate.edu.

University Health Services requires students to fill out a health history and immunization form. This form is included in this welcome package and can also be found online at: uhs.okstate.edu/forms. It is recommended that you complete this form before your arrival on campus. Students should note that they will not be allowed to enroll in their second semester at OSU until this form has been completed. You can submit the form in person upon your arrival at University Health Services.

Medical Insurance

Medical Insurance is required for all international students at Oklahoma State University and their dependents as U.S. medical care is extremely expensive. Medical insurance will be provided upon arrival. Fees for insurance will be applied to the first tuition billing statement you receive.

Plan for university payments

You are responsible for paying all incurred expenses while at OSU. You need to become familiar with your government’s regulations for obtaining foreign currency and transferring money. Please make arrangements in advance to have available funds that will cover your expenses for at least one full academic year. Advance preparation is necessary because fund transfer, check clearance and bank drafts may take several weeks. This will also help you avoid possible currency fluctuations or devaluations.

Payment Methods

• Web-Check/bank draft (online payment through bank draft)
• Credit card payment
• Western Union/International Wire Transfer (more information available at bursar.okstate.edu/payment-methods)
• Cable transfer

Employment

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Check for any enrollment holds

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Submit any updated test scores and your final official transcript(s) as soon as possible. Please note, official transcripts must be translated to English and mailed directly from your institution or hand-delivered in a sealed envelope. Visit okla.st/SealedEnvelope to see examples of properly sealed envelopes.

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(Opens April 1 for students coming to OSU for the fall semester)

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For students entering OSU in the spring 2019 semester, move-in dates are January 4-7, 2019. For students entering OSU in the fall 2019 semester, move-in dates are August 9-12, 2019. You must move in on the dates provided.

Once you arrive on campus and finish unpacking your belongings, follow the next steps email. Register at University Health Services and submit your immunization records. Then, register at the Office of International Students and Scholars (ISS).

You will need your I-20 and passport when registering at University Health Services and ISS.

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*All days are required.

If you are unable to arrive on campus to complete your enrollment by 5 p.m. (Central Time) on the final day of enrollment, you must contact OSU to have your application considered for a future semester. Please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at international@okstate.edu to move your entry term at OSU.

Get involved!
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To enrich your college life and help you develop leadership skills, OSU has more than 500 student organizations that students can join, meet people and have fun. Visit campuslink.okstate.edu to find out what student organizations are available on campus. Check out international student programs as well at iss.okstate.edu/international-programs.

Important Contacts

We look forward to making your transition to Oklahoma State University as smooth as possible. Visit with our experienced staff when you have questions or just want to talk about your next steps. We are here to help!

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Undergraduate Admissions and International Students & Scholars are located in the Student Union.

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