

## **F1 STUDENT VISA - INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**



8 CFR 214.3 (J) – This school is authorized under Federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students.

### **Application Requirements:**

#### **OBTAINING YOUR F1 VISA FROM YOUR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN**

Applicants must prove that sufficient funds demonstrating full-tuition funds available along with living expenses capability to cover a minimum of one year (12 months) of tuition, fees, books, supplies, living, and any other necessary expenses during your studies. (Amounts must be in or converted to USD currency).

Affidavit of support form in case of a sponsor.

Present to school a photocopy of passport and I-94 if applicable

Persons applying for F-1 visa with the initial I-20 will require payment of SEVIS fee of \$350.  
Payable to the Immigration and Naturalization Service online.

Students are eligible to apply for an Optional Program Training (OPT) Status, which allows them to work for a period of one year in the United States after completion of their undergraduate and or graduate Programs.

Admission process:

- A complete International Admission Form signed and dated.
- A non-refundable application fee of \$80 made payable to San Ignacio University.
- Financial statement or certified bank letter in English demonstrating full-tuition funds available along with living expenses capability to cover a minimum of one year (12 months) of tuition, fees, books, supplies, living, and any other necessary expenses during your studies. (Amounts must be in or converted to USD currency).
- Affidavit of support form in case of a sponsor.

**For Undergraduate Programs:**

Proof of High School diploma or a copy of GED (General Education Diploma) translated into English. Official transcripts in a sealed envelope must be submitted. All documents and educational credentials, if they are not in English and or don't come from a USA institution, must be translated and evaluates by companies that are members of the national association of credential evaluation services (NACES). For a complete list of approved evaluation services, please visit: [www.naces.org](http://www.naces.org)

**For Graduate Programs:**

Copy of Bachelor degree diploma or transcripts. Official transcripts in a sealed envelope must be submitted. All documents and educational credentials, if they are not in English and or don't come from a USA institution, must be translated and evaluates by companies that are members of the national

association of credential evaluation services (NACES). For a complete list of approved evaluation services, please visit: [www.naces.org](http://www.naces.org)

If a student's native language is not English, proficiency in English must be established by one of the following options:

- Satisfactory Standardized Test Score as PTE (54), TOEFL (70 - IBT) or IELTS (6.0).
- San Ignacio University English Test.
- Proof of graduating from a college or high school where English is the primary mode of instruction.
- Completing an ESL program at an institution that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Copy of a valid passport (upon admissions).

Copy of SEVIS / I-901 Receipt [www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com).

### **OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)**

Students who successfully finish an undergraduate and graduate programs are eligible to receive a work permit and a social security number through an Optional Practical Training (OPT). The international student advisor of SIU will recommend an OPT as long as the student has met the following requirements:

- Student has been lawfully enrolled as a full time student at SIU for at least one year
- Student has maintained an F-1 status
- Student will work in a field directly related to the studies

\*For OPT Full list of requirements, please contact the registrar office / international student coordinator.

## **TRANSFERRING YOUR I-20 TO SIU**

Transfer students are always welcome to San Ignacio University. Students who wish to transfer to SIU must meet the admission requirements (Listed under admission process):

- Applicants must prove that sufficient funds demonstrating full-tuition funds available along with living expenses capability to cover a minimum of one year (12 months) of tuition, fees, books, supplies, living, and any other necessary expenses during your studies. (Amounts must be in or converted to USD currency).
- Affidavit of support form in case of a sponsor.
- Present to school a photocopy of passport and I-94 if applicable

Once the prospect student has met all the Admission requirements mentioned above and is admitted into SIU:

- The student and their current school must fill out the transfer form

Once the I-20 has been released to SIU; we will issue a new I-20 and the student will begin classes in the following term.

### **Contact Information:**

Registrar's Office/ International Student  
3905 NW 107th Avenue Ste. 301  
Doral, FL 33178  
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305-629-2929 x 4035

Admission Office  
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