So, I Received My Visa Document... What’s Next?

**Start Here**

- Pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee
- Secure your visa appointment & prepare by reviewing the Study in the States Guide. After you receive your visa, review it to ensure there are no errors.
- Confirm your admission: pay the enrollment deposit through the Admissions Portal to access your UMass Lowell Email!
- Register for one MANDATORY Immigration Clearance session.

*Be sure to submit your immunization records to Health Services as soon as possible. Please contact Health Services for any questions.*

**Required Documents to Enter**

- Passport with F-1 or J-1 Visa *Students from Canada will not have a visa in their passport.*
- Form I-20/DS-2019
- You may only enter the U.S. 30 days prior to the program start date on your visa document.

**When to Arrive**

You can only enter the U.S. 30 days prior to the Start Date on your visa document. Consult our Pre-Arrival Guide for more information. When choosing an arrival date, consider the following:

- Do you have children that need to be set up in local public schools?
- Will you be apartment searching?
- What other logistical items are you hoping to get settled prior to the start of the semester?

Students should also consider the KEY DATES mentioned above.

**Housing Information**

- On-campus housing: secure your housing with Residence Life
- Off-campus housing: finding an apartment can take time. You will need to arrange temporary accommodations PRIOR to your arrival if you arrive with on permanent housing. Neither UMass Lowell nor ISSO provide temporary accommodations.

**Grad or UGrad Orientation**

Register for an undergraduate orientation or graduate orientation.
Orientation gives an overview on: UML campus life, campus safety, academic and assistantship policies.

**Register for Classes**

Strongly Recommended
Reach out to your undergraduate advisor (BA/BS) or graduate coordinator (MS or PhD) to register for classes PRIOR to your arrival!