**Required**

- Pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee
- Secure your visa appointment and prepare for your visa appointment by reading through this helpful guide: [https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/2013/04/how-to-prepare-for-your-visa-appointment](https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/2013/04/how-to-prepare-for-your-visa-appointment)
- After you receive your visa, review it to make sure there are no errors
- Confirm your admission by paying for your enrollment deposit through the Admissions Portal – this will allow you to access your UMass Lowell Email!

**Housing Information**

- If you are living on-campus, secure your housing with Residence Life
- If you are living OFF-campus, be prepared that finding an apartment can take time. If you arrive with no housing, you will need to arrange temporary accommodations PRIOR to your arrival.

**When to Arrive**

You can only enter the U.S. 30 days prior to the program start date on your visa document.

When choosing an arrival date, you want to 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 take into consideration KEY DATES for the University.

**Key Dates**

- ISSO Immigration Clearance 08/22/2018
- Resource Fair 08/31/2018
- Your school’s orientation dates
- First day of classes 09/05/2018

**Request Airport Pick-up**

**August 13 – September 5**

This service is free of charge to you but you will need to follow the appropriate directions. If you are planning to arrive prior to August 13, please alert the ISSO Staff so we can assist you.

Airport Pick-up form and information.

You will not be picked up from the airport unless you have received a confirmation from Axis Coach.

**Register for Classes**

*Strongly Recommended*

- Reach out to your academic advisor or graduate coordinator to register for classes PRIOR to your arrival!

Graduate (MS or PhD) Coordinators can be found here: [https://www.uml.edu/Grad/AcceptedStudents/coordinators.aspx](https://www.uml.edu/Grad/AcceptedStudents/coordinators.aspx)

Undergraduate (Bachelor's Degree) advisors can be found here: [https://www.uml.edu/Advising/college.aspx](https://www.uml.edu/Advising/college.aspx)

**Grad OR UGrad Orientation Date**

- Register for an Undergraduate Orientation, [https://www.uml.edu/Orientation/](https://www.uml.edu/Orientation/) or Graduate Orientation, [https://www.uml.edu/Grad/GraduateOrientationForM.aspx](https://www.uml.edu/Grad/GraduateOrientationForM.aspx)

Orientation goes over how to register for classes, UMass Lowell Campus Life, Campus Safety, and Academic Policies to be aware of.

**Entering the U.S. REQUIRED Documents**

- Passport with F-1 or J-1 Visa
- Form I-20/DS-2019
- You may only enter the U.S. 30 days prior to the program start date on your visa document.

*Students from Canada will not have a visa in their passport*