

VISA INFORMATION (FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY)



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International students interested in coming to the United States and taking courses at Gallaudet University must complete this VISA Information Form. The completed form must accompany your registration materials. A B-1/B-2 Tourist Visa that is annotated for a short course of study allows you to visit the USA and participate in a course, workshop, or other training event while you are here. If, however, you are interested in attending Gallaudet University to obtain a degree or certification, you must have an F-1, J-1 or permanent residency status.

Due to the time constraints in processing I-20s or DS-2019s, applications must be received 2 months prior to the start of your class. If you already have an F-1, J-1 or permanent residency status, we must have your application at least 3 weeks prior to the start of your class. It is important to note that payment must be sent in full (international money order payable to Gallaudet University or by wire transfer) before an I-20 or DS-2019 can be processed.

If you already have a Visa or a green card, you must submit a copy with your application. The Visa Waiver Program (WVP) allows citizenship of some countries to travel to the U.S. for business or pleasure for up to 90 days without obtaining a B-1/B-2 visa stamp. You must ensure that your WVP is annotated for a short course of study if you plan on participating in a short course, workshop or training.

A confirmation letter will be sent to you upon approval of your application. The letter is your proof of enrollment. If you do not receive a letter in response to your application, contact the Center for Continuing Studies at 202.448.7272 or email ccs@gallaudet.edu. Once you arrive on campus, you must stop by the Center for International Programs and Services, located in the Hall Memorial Building (HMB) E254, prior to attending class. Only individuals arriving at Gallaudet University with the proper student visa will be allowed to attend classes and/or stay on campus.

This form should be completed by all non-U.S. citizens and non-U.S. permanent residents and included with your course application/registration materials.

In order to issue the I-20 Certificate of Eligibility or DS-2019, students must:

- be accepted to Gallaudet University as a matriculated (degree-seeking) or non-degree student.
- submit proof of financial ability.

Section I: Personal Information

Full Legal Name: as indicated on your passport, if you have one

Last Name (Family/Surname): _____

First Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Native Language: _____

Residency Status

Country of Birth: _____

Country of Citizenship: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Sex/Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male

Section II: Visa Information

☐ F-1 (I-20) ☐ J-1 (DS-2019) ☐ Permanent Resident ☐ Another status (Please specify: _____)

Will you request Gallaudet University to issue the I-20 Certificate of Eligibility or

DS-2019? ☐ YES ☐ NO If yes, ☐ F-1 or ☐ J-1?

If you already have your visa, your status is:

☐ F-1 (I-20) _____ ☐ J-1 (DS-2019) ☐ B-1 ☐ B-2 ☐ Permanent Resident

☐ Other status (please specify) _____ Expiration date: _____

Enclose copies of your passport and Visa Stamp in Passport, I-94 Card (both sides), I-20 Form or DS-2019 Form or U.S. Permanent Resident card (both sides) or other immigration documents(s).

Section III: Student's Acknowledgement of Understanding

A non immigrant B-1 or B-2 visitor or F-2 dependent is prohibited by U.S. law from pursuing "a course of study. A course of study is considered to be a focused program of classes, leading to a degree or certification. A single, short-term class that is not the primary purpose of the visitor's presence in the United States, would not constitute "a course of study."

If you have a B-1, B-2, or F-2 visa, you acknowledge that you are not seeking to obtain a degree or certification and that it would be a violation of your non immigrant status to begin a course of study, and that you are fully responsible for complying with the terms of your non immigrant status.

Please sign below to acknowledge that you have read the above statement and that the information you have provided in this document is correct and complete. You also understand that if you are without a visitor or student visa or Form I-20/DS-2019, you cannot register as a student at Gallaudet University.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____