

United States Student Visa Application



7 steps to a U.S. student visa

1. **Get accepted** to U.S. institution
2. Receive your **I-20** (F visa) or **DS-2019** (J visa) form from the institution.
3. Pay the **SEVIS fee**
4. Go to **our website** to start the visa process
5. Fill in the **DS-160**
6. **Pay and register** your appointment
7. **Visit the Consulate General** in Amsterdam for your non-immigrant visa interview.



What School or Institution will you attend?

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Get your I-20 or DS-2019

Your host and your purpose determines the visa type

- F1 visa: I-20
- J1 visa: DS-2019

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Pay the SEVIS fee

- **Student and Exchange Visitor Information System**
- Registration system to track all students and exchange visitors
- **Bring the receipt to your interview!**



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Visit our website

nl.usembassy.gov

Follow the steps here



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The screenshot shows the website header for the U.S. Embassy and Consulate in the Netherlands. The main navigation menu includes: Visas, U.S. Citizen Services, Our Relationship, Business, Education & Culture, Embassy & Consulate, and News & Events. The current page is titled "Nonimmigrant Visas".

The main content area contains the following text:

The Consulate General in Amsterdam is responsible for providing visa services to those seeking to enter the United States for a temporary period and for those wishing to take up indefinite or permanent residence in the United States. There is no visa section at the U.S. Embassy in The Hague.

Please visit our Global Support Services (GSS) website for complete information on applying for a nonimmigrant U.S. visa, including a [directory of nonimmigrant visa categories](#).

Below the text is a dropdown menu with the following options:

- Contact Us
- Visiting The U.S. Consulate General Amsterdam
- Nonimmigration Visa Application Steps

At the bottom of the main content area, there is a "Suggested for You" section with two image thumbnails.

On the right side of the page, there is an "Additional Resources" section with the following links:

- Nonimmigrant Visa FAQs
- Travel and Tourism in the U.S.
- Legal Rights and Protections
- Summer Work Travel
- Fraud Prevention Warning
- A to Z Index
- Helpful Videos
- E Visa: Treaty Trader & Investor Visa

Below the "Additional Resources" section is a "Contact Us" section with the text: "Nonimmigrant visa question: Contact our [service provider](#)".





Complete your appointment application

- **Register and complete** the online form – The DS-160
 - Biographical information
 - Travel history
- **Print** the DS-160 confirmation page
- **You must bring** the confirmation page to the interview !!



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Pay and register your appointment

- <https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-nl/niv>



120 days before leaving
3 days payment
10-15 days appointment

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Visit the Consulate General

- It's at Museumplein 19, Amsterdam
- Read our access guidelines
 - Be on time
 - No I-Pads or laptops
 - Mobile Phones are ok (bluetooth off)



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During your Consulate General visit

The interview:

- Prove that you're returning to you home residency
- Prove you have adequate financial support
- Does your story make sense ?
- Know your rights (J1- Wilberforce Act)



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Traveling: Tips and Tricks

When can I enter the United States?

Before the start/after the end of your program

- J: Enter 30 days before / leave 30 days later
- F: Enter 30 days before / leave 60 days later
- You can only enter or leave **once** (during this period)

During validity of the visa: **Multiple Entries**

Links

1. General: <http://travel.state.gov> and <http://jivisa.state.gov/routej1/>
2. SEVIS payment: <https://www.fmjfee.com/>
3. Consulate General Website: <https://nl.usembassy.gov/>
4. DS-160: <https://ceac.state.gov/ceac/>
5. Appointment: <https://ais.usvisa-info.com/en-nl/niv/>
6. Visiting information: <https://nl.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/amsterdam/access-security-notice/>
7. Fulbright.nl