

YOUR UW BOTHELL I-20

Why do I have a new I-20?

We have issued you this I-20 because:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Transfer Pending (Form Issue Reason Section): We have completed Step 1 of 2. This I-20 shows that you are in process of transferring your I-20 to UW Bothell. Once you complete your Immigration Check-in and enroll full time at UW Bothell a new updated I-20 will be issued for you.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Continued Attendance (Form Issue Reason Section): We have completed the I-20 transfer process and this I-20 confirms that you are now registered and attending UW Bothell
<input type="checkbox"/>	Initial Attendance (Form Issue Reason Section): This is a brand new I-20 immigration record with a new SEVIS number.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Updated Program of Study: We have updated your I-20 to reflect your current major(s) and/or minor(s).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Change to Your Program End Date: We have updated your I-20 to reflect your current graduation date.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Employment Information: We have updated information regarding your approved CPT and/or OPT.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

What I-20 do I need to use when I travel (both internationally and in the U.S.)?

You must travel with your most current I-20. To determine this, find the "Date Issued" on page 1 of your I-20:

SCHOOL ATTESTATION		
I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.		
X	DATE ISSUED	PLACE ISSUED
SIGNATURE OF [REDACTED]	03 March 2016	Bothell, WA

Do I need to keep my old I-20s?

YES! You will need all old I-20s in future situations such as applying for OPT, H1B work visa, Green Card, etc.

F1 TRAVEL & VISA INFORMATION

RE-ENTERING THE UNITED STATES

You are **required** have the following when you enter the U.S.:

- 1) **Valid Passport.** Your passport must be valid for 6 months into the future at all times while in the U.S. You should contact the consulate of your home country if your passport will be expiring.
- 2) **Valid F1 Visa.** The F1 visa is permission to enter the U.S. as a student. A visa can only be secured at a U.S. Embassy, and we recommend you apply in your home country
- 3) **Current UW Bothell I-20.** The information on the I-20 must be accurate. If there has been any change in your name, major or degree level, you should request a new I-20 from CIE before you travel.
- 4) **Current Travel Signature.** You need a valid travel signature from CIE on page 2 of your current I-20 CIE recommends that the travel signature be issued within 1 year from the date you intend to re-enter the U.S.

CIE **recommends** that you also carry the following:

- 1) **Unofficial/Official Transcript.** A transcript is an official record about your academic career at UW. You can print a transcript from MyUW.
- 2) **Current Course Schedule.** You can print from MyUW.
- 3) **Evidence of Financial Support.** You may be asked to show current financial documents. The documents should match the financial sponsor listed on page 1 of your I-20 and can include bank statements, scholarship letters, etc.

ENTERING THE U.S. ON "INITIAL ATTENDANCE" I-20

If you are arriving to the U.S. on an initial I-20 (see "Form Issue Reason on page 1 of the I-20), then **you can enter the U.S. up to 30 days before the program start date on your I-20** (see "Program Start Date" on page 1 of the I-20).

APPLYING FOR A NEW F1 VISA

As a current UWB student, If your current F1 visa has expired or if you do not have an F1 visa, you must apply for a F1 visa at a U.S. consulate before you can enter the U.S. It is not possible to obtain an F1 visa within the United States.

CIE strongly recommends that you apply in your home country as they are most familiar with students from your home country wanting to study in the U.S. To access the nearest U.S. Consulate, visit: <http://usembassy.state.gov>

You should collect the following documents from UW Bothell's Office of the Registrar for your visa interview. The Office of the Registrar is in Husky Hall 1130; registrar@uw.edu; www.uwb.edu/registration/transcript. You should allow at least 2 business days for processing.

- **Official Transcript.** A transcript is an official record from UWB of your academic career. You may request an official transcript from the Office of the Registrar or MyUW. If you want an unofficial transcript, you can print this from MyUW.
- **Enrollment Verification Letter.** This is an official document from UW Bothell that can confirm that you are enrolled in the current quarter, and registered for the future quarter. You may request this letter from the Office of the Registrar.

DEPENDENT TRAVEL

A dependent with a valid F2 visa may re-enter the U.S. with his/her passport, visa and dependent I-20 with current program information on page 1 and a valid re-entry signature on page 3. CIE recommends that dependents carry evidence of F-1 visa holder's legal status and full-time enrollment.

TRAVEL WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

There are no special documents required for travel within the United States (including Hawaii and Alaska). However, CIE recommends that you carry your current I-20, passport, I-94 card and valid F1 visa with you in the event that you are asked by a law enforcement officer to provide evidence of your status.

CIE also recommends that you carry a valid Washington State Identification card, as a form of legal identification that is safe to carry on a daily basis. Information on how to obtain a Washington State ID card is at www.uwb.edu/cie.

QUESTIONS?

Center for International Education
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www.uwb.edu/cie

TOURIST VISA FOR OTHER COUNTRIES **(including Canada)**

You may be required by other countries to obtain a tourist visa if you are planning to visit a country other than your home country – including Canada and Mexico! Requirements and visa application processes vary, so contact each country's embassy or consulate in the U.S. for more information.

Canadian tourist visa: www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp
Foreign consulates in the U.S.: www.uwb.edu/international-student-services/travel.

TRAVEL TO CANADA OR MEXICO

As a student on an F1 visa, you are eligible for Automatic Revalidation. This allows you to solely travel to Canada, Mexico, or Adjacent Islands (except Cuba) and re-enter the U.S. on an expired F-1 visa. This is allowed only if:

- 1) Your stay was less than 30 days;
- 2) You do NOT apply for a new F1 visa at a US consulate;
- 3) You are able to present to US immigration officials your passport, I-94 card (if applicable), I-20 with valid travel signature, and evidence of full-time enrollment and financial support.
- 4) You are not a citizen of "state sponsors of terrorism" designated by the U.S. Dept. of State: Cuba, Iraq, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria

TIPS FOR THE VISA INTERVIEW

The following are tips for you to consider when preparing for your visa interview. You should also visit the website of the U.S. Consulate in your home country for further information about preparing for your interview.

- 1. Be honest.** Students have been denied visas for presenting false information.
- 2. Ties to your Home Country.** You must be able to show that you have reasons for returning to your home country that are stronger than those for remaining in the U.S. "Ties" to your home country that bind you to your home town, homeland, or current place of residence such as job, family, financial prospects that you own or will inherit, investments, etc.
- 3. Financial Support.** Make sure you bring sufficient proof that you have enough money to support yourself in the U.S.
- 4. English.** Anticipate that the interview will be conducted in English and not in your native language. If you are coming to the United States to study only English, be prepared to explain how English will be useful for you in your home country.
- 5. Know the Program and How It Fits Your Career Plans.** You should be able to explain how studying in the U.S. relates to your future professional career.
- 6. Employment.** Your main purpose in coming to the U.S. should be to study, not to work in the U.S. before or after graduation. While many students do work on-campus during their studies, employment is not their main purpose.