



Simplifying Study Abroad for F-1 Students

An Advisor's Guide



Who We Are



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Institutional Makeup

EMERSON COLLEGE

Private college focused on Communication & the Arts in a liberal arts context

3,783 Undergraduate & 641 Graduate students in 2016-2017

461 International students

57 countries

Institutional Makeup



Global Business School

1 year masters business programs

150 nationalities globally

800 students 2017-2018

650 International students

Goals for this session

- International Students 101
- Student Mobility
- International Student Backpack
- Issues Advisors Face
- Key Takeaways



International Students 101

70,000 International Students in Massachusetts

2.3 billion dollars in revenue in Massachusetts

Students endure lengthy visa process

The SEVIS system and schools

SEVIS and I-20 maintenance

Department of Homeland Security U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement		I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status OMB NO. 1653-0038	
SEVIS ID: N0004705512			
SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME Doe Smith		GIVEN NAME John	CLASS F-1 ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
PREFERRED NAME John Doe-Smith		PASSPORT NAME	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH UNITED KINGDOM		COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP UNITED KINGDOM	
DATE OF BIRTH 01 JANUARY 1990		ADMISSION NUMBER	
FORM ISSUE REASON INITIAL ATTENDANCE		LEGACY NAME John Doe-Smith	
SCHOOL INFORMATION			
SCHOOL NAME SDV9 School for Advanced SDV15 Studies SDV9 School for Advanced SDV15 Studies		SCHOOL ADDRESS 9002 Nancy Lane, Ft. Washington, MD 20741	
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Sheila Robertson 7850		SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE SALL14F011000 03 APRIL 2015	
PROGRAM OF STUDY			
EDUCATION LEVEL BACHELORS	MAJOR 1 Business, General 45.0601	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000	
NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH 12 Month	PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient	
PROGRAM START DATE 01 SEPTEMBER 2015	PROGRAM END DATE 31 MAY 2017		
FINANCIALS			
ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR 9 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR 9 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees	\$ 23,000	Personal Funds	\$ 3,000
Living Expenses	\$ 6,000	Scholarship and Teaching Assistantship	\$ 29,000
Expenses of Dependents (1)	\$ 3,000	Funds From Another Source	\$
Other	\$	On-Campus Employment	\$
TOTAL	\$ 32,000	TOTAL	\$ 32,000
REMARKS Orientation begins 8/25/2015. Please report to ISSO upon arrival.			
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 official of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of course about 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 dictated by 8 CFR 214.2(b)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.			
SIGNATURE OF: Sheila Robertson, ISSO	DATE ISSUED 21 April 2015	PLACE ISSUED Ft. Washington, MD	
STUDENT ATTESTATION			
I have read and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify the all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.5(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.			
SIGNATURE OF: John Doe Smith	DATE		
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)	DATE

Student Mobility

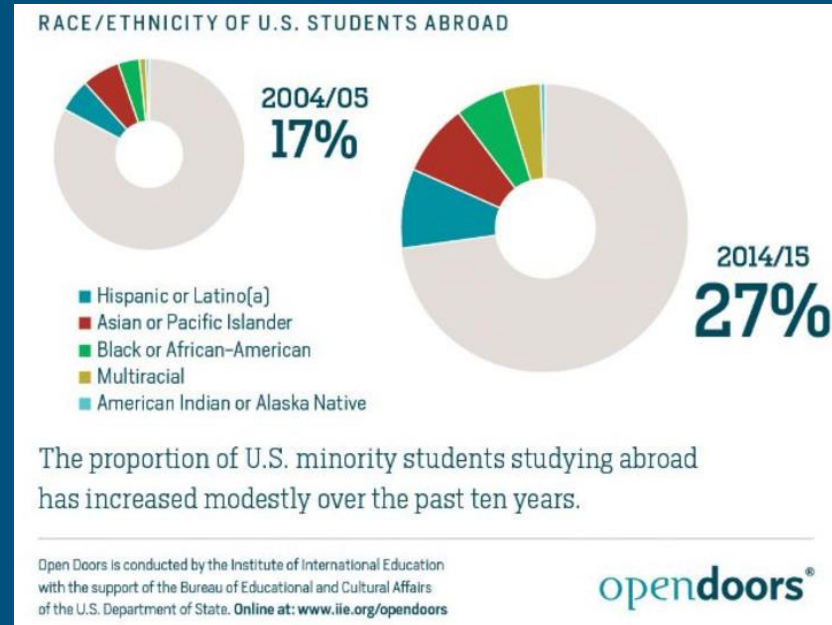
Less than 2% of all enrolled students study abroad

Hult - 30% of all students study abroad

- Boston 25% of students study abroad

Emerson - 8% of all students study abroad

- Kasteel Well
- Emerson LA
- Global Pathways
- Outside Providers



International Student Backpack

Important documents to carry

Exit and re-entry

Concerns

- Visa Renewals
- SEVIS record maintenance while abroad



Issues Advisors May Encounter

Changing immigration environment in the United States

Expired/invalid travel documents

Inaccurate tracking mechanisms

Miscommunication between offices/campus leadership

Complex immigration situations

Work Authorization

CPT (Curricular Practical Training) and OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Scenarios:

1. A student returns from a semester abroad, can they participate in CPT?
2. Last semester student, studying abroad - will you allow OPT?
3. Studying abroad, graduating abroad - how will you advise?
4. Graduating abroad, and re-entering before OPT approval- how will you advise?

Tips for Successful F-1 Student Mobility

1. Identify stakeholders and create a strategic plan for international students studying abroad.
2. Create a communication plan.
3. Develop online tutorials for the visa process and employment process.
4. Consider how CRMs, SEVIS and student databases communicate with each other.
5. Ensure accurate record keeping.
6. Have a project plan in place.

Resources

<https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Report/2016/sevis-bythenumbers-0416.pdf>

<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/sevis-by-the-numbers>

<http://www.iie.org/Research-and-Publications/Open-Doors/Data/Fast-Facts#.WLY6fhIrLiw>

https://www.nafsa.org/Professional_Resources/Browse_by_Interest/International_Students_and_Scholars/Travel_Advisory_for_Nationals_of_Certain_Countries_Pursuant_to_Executive_Orders/