Welcome to Stetson!
Dare to be Significant.
F1 Visa and Pre-Arrival Checklist!

- Do you have a Passport?
  - Validity and Expiration Date on Passport.

- What kind of Visa are you eligible for?
  - F-1 Visa: International Student Visa

- When should you get your Visa?
  - As soon as you receive your I-20 from Stetson!
5 Easy Steps to getting your F1 Visa:

- Find where your nearest US Embassy or Consulate is.
- Pay the required Fees.
- Fill out the necessary Visa Forms.
- Schedule an appointment and interview with your Embassy.
- Prepare for your Interview.
Where is your Embassy?

➢ To find the US Embassy or Consulate that is nearest to you, go to: http://www.usembassy.gov/
➢ Look for their Hours of Operation, Address and Contact Information.
SEVIS Fee:

- Check your I-20 details to match your Passport details.
- What is the SEVIS Fee?
  - $200

- For more information about your SEVIS Fee, go to: [http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/](http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/)
- To pay your SEVIS Fee, go to: [https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.jsp](https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.jsp)
- Print out the Receipt from your SEVIS Fee Payment.
Applying for your Visa:

- Complete the Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application - Form DS-160 at: [https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/](https://ceac.state.gov/genniv/)
  - Have your Passport, I-20, SEVIS ID and Travel Itinerary ready while completing this.

- Pay the required Visa Application Fees of the Embassy in your country.
- Call and schedule an Interview at your nearest US Embassy.
Preparing for your Interview:

- Once you have scheduled an appointment with your Embassy, it is important to prepare for your Interview!
- 2 things you should mention at your Interview:
  - Ties to your Home and Career Plans
  - Financial Support
- Remember to dress well, speak English, and be concise!
Things to bring to your Interview:

- Completed DS-160 Form.
- I-20 from Stetson University.
- Receipts from Embassy Application Fee and SEVIS Fee.
- Your passport.
- All your Financial Documents.
- Photos for visa application.

- Confirm with your embassy what else is required to bring to the interview!
Your Pre-Arrival Checklist!

- Your Stetson Email
- Banner and Blackboard
- Housing Information
- Health Forms
- International Student Orientation
Correspondence with Stetson!

- Your Stetson email is the **first letter** of your **first name** and the **first seven letters** of your **last name** added to @stetson.edu.
  - Poorna Selvaraja
  - pselvara@stetson.edu
  - If your last name is seven letters or shorter, then use the whole name.

- It is important for you to check your Stetson email because your academic advisor, potential roommate and we will contact you through it!
- To check your Stetson email, go to [email.stetson.edu](http://email.stetson.edu)
Banner

- Everything you need to know/do as a Stetson student!
  - Register for classes
  - Degree Audit
  - Cultural Credit
  - Grades
  - Tuition Fees

- To log in to Banner, go to [my.stetson.edu](http://my.stetson.edu) and use your Stetson student ID (800******) and your DOB –mmddyy(e.g. 073195).
- Academic advisor – faculty member of your major who will advise you on the classes to take.
Blackboard

- Online Classroom
  - Enrolled Classes
  - Communicate with your professors and classmates
  - Check your grades
  - Online quizzes and discussion boards
  - Syllabus Content

- To log into your blackboard, go to blackboard.stetson.edu and use the same log in information as your Stetson email – Stetson username and the same password.
Housing/Residential Life Information!

- To check the available residence halls for incoming students, go to: [http://stetson.edu/administration/residential-life/our-residence-halls.php](http://stetson.edu/administration/residential-life/our-residence-halls.php)

- To check the cost of living on campus, go to: [http://www.stetson.edu/administration/residential-life/residence-hall-rates.php](http://www.stetson.edu/administration/residential-life/residence-hall-rates.php)

- For any other information about residential life at Stetson, go to: [http://www.stetson.edu/administration/residential-life/index.php](http://www.stetson.edu/administration/residential-life/index.php)
Apply for Housing!

- To apply for housing you must have paid your admission/housing deposit & have access to your Stetson email.
- Go to Housing Central and fill out the New Student Lease (2013-2014) form online.

To log into Housing Central, go to:

Log in with the first part of your Stetson email and password.
Health Forms?

- 2 forms you MUST complete before coming to/registering for classes at Stetson.
  - Health History Form
  - Immunization Form

- To complete your Health History form online, go to: https://secure.stetson.edu/forms/administration/health-services/history/
- To print and complete your Immunization form go to: http://www.stetson.edu/administration/health-services/media/immunization-form.pdf
International Student Orientation – What?

- This program is designed to help you adjust to Stetson’s environment and understand what it means to be an International Student in Stetson, Florida and America.
- We will help you understand the rules, regulations and paperwork that’s required as an International Student.
- We will talk to you about the suitable health insurance plans (Stetson or an outside provider), phone plans, nearby grocery stores, restaurants, campus policies and more.
- 5 current International students will be your guide and mentors to help you adjust and answer ANY questions you have during this 3 day orientation!
Arriving at Stetson!

- Plan to arrive at Orlando International Airport (MCO) on 13\textsuperscript{th} August.
- There will be a shuttle service to pick you up.
- Check your Stetson email because we will let you know of the shuttle service details through that in late July!

Important Dates to remember:
- International FOCUS – August 14 to 16.
- FOCUS – August 17 to 21\textsuperscript{st}.