

F-1 Student Visa Renewal – Quick Reference Guide

This guide is designed to aid F-1 students through the visa renewal process. A visa only needs to be renewed if the current visa in your passport has expired and you are planning to travel outside of the United States.

A visa can only be sought and renewed outside of the U.S., so if you have plans to travel home or outside of the U.S. and your visa is expired, remember that you must plan enough time to go through the visa renewal process before you plan to return to the U.S.

You will not be able to return to the U.S. without a valid/renewed visa.

Follow the steps below to renew your F-1 visa:

- Schedule a meeting with the Office of International Services. Have your passport and I-20 ready to present at that meeting.
- Your documents will be reviewed for accuracy and an Enrollment Verification Letter will be written and emailed to you to present at your U.S. Embassy appointment.
- Fill out the U.S. Visa application [Form DS-160](#). Upload your [photo](#) into the DS-160 application and pay any applicable fees. The current base price for an F-1 visa application is \$160.00 USD. Some countries have issuance fees as well. Click [here](#) and enter your home country to see if any additional fees apply.
- Find the [U.S. Embassy](#) in your home country for a visa appointment. Seek the Non-Immigrant Visa information under the Visa tab on your country's U.S. Embassy site to schedule your appointment.
- Attend your visa appointment with all proper documentation.

Some U.S. Embassies can issue you a visa the same day as your appointment. Others can take a few weeks. It is best to start this process far in advance of your trip home to renew your visa.

You should take into consideration that many people are seeking appointments at the U.S. Embassy at the same time you are. Planning ahead will help you get an appointment that works with your travel schedule.

As always, should you need any further assistance or guidance with any issue surrounding your immigration status, health or well-being or academic concerns while in the U.S. and at Marymount, make your first stop at the Office of International Services.

Hours of Service:
Monday – Friday 8:00am – 4:30pm

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