

## Pacific Union College

### **ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES**

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Prepare for your entry into the United States. Be sure to hand-carry (instead of packing in checked luggage) the following documents, as they will be need to be presented at the port of entry:

#### **Required:**

1. Valid passport
2. Valid visa
3. Form I-20

#### **Recommended:**

1. Customs Declaration
2. Acceptance letter from school (Pacific Union College)
3. Evidence of financial support
4. DSO contact information (international student advisor)
5. I-901 SEVIS Fee payment receipt (proof of payment)
6. EAD card and letter from employer (only for students on OPT)

It is also suggested that students hand-carry other documents that may be requested at the U.S. port of entry, such as:

- Class schedule printout for current and/or upcoming quarter
- Transcripts or grade point average reports

Be sure the U.S. Customs and Border protection inspection officer marks your passport admission stamp as F-1, D/S. If the officer makes a different notation, have the officer make the correction right there on the spot.

See Arrival Procedures for Students or Exchange Visitors located online at <https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors>

For further information about studying in the United States, go to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Study in the States website located online at <http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students>.