Welcome Class of 2023!

Congratulations on your admission to Yale! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our office using this email address set up specifically for new students: newstudents.oiss@yale.edu [1]. Below is an overview of the immigration steps you can begin work on today.

Accept Your Offer of Admission

All new students are sent an admissions letter with a reply form to accept the offer. Your first step in the visa process is to accept the offer of admission! [2]

Obtaining your Immigration Document

Beginning in early April, after accepting your offer of admission, you will receive an email from OISS with a link to an online survey. Please complete the online survey as soon as possible and include evidence of funding for your first year at Yale.

After receiving your information and all required supporting documentation, OISS will issue your immigration document (I-20). This generally takes two weeks. Yale College Undergraduate Admissions will mail this document to you via courier service to the address listed on your application.

Paying the SEVIS Fee and Applying for the Student Visa

After you receive your I-20, you will need to pay the SEVIS fee [3] before applying for your F-1 visa. With the I-20 and SEVIS receipt you will be ready to apply for your U.S. visa. [4]

Before You Leave Home

As you prepare to depart, you will have many questions about living in New Haven, including the items listed on this page [5]. You may want to get in touch with other students and scholars through Yale's student organizations or in the residential college with which you will be affiliated.

Arrive in the U.S.

Upon arrival, you will go through immigration inspection [6], where your electronic I-94 entry record will be created.
Be sure to have your passport and immigration document (I-20) with you. Do not pack them in your checked luggage. Before you leave the immigration checkpoint, make sure you have the small ink entry stamp with your visa classification and expiration date (“D/S”) handwritten.

**OISS Check-In and Orientation for International Students**

Most new Yale College students will check-in during the [Orientation for International Students](https://ois.yalecollege.yale.edu/) (OIS). If you are not participating in OIS, an OISS adviser will email you information about when to check-in.

**Currently in the U.S.?**

If you are currently in F-1 status, see this website for [F-1 transfer](https://oiss.yale.edu/immigration/f-1-students/transferring-to-and-from-yale) information. If you are currently in a nonimmigrant status other than F-1, please send an email to ozan.say@yale.edu with your name and information about your current status.

Source URL: [https://oiss.yale.edu/coming-to-yale/getting-started-with-the-visa-process/yale-college-students](https://oiss.yale.edu/coming-to-yale/getting-started-with-the-visa-process/yale-college-students)

Links:

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