



We can provide students admitted to the University with Certificates of Eligibility. Before issuing these certificates, we must receive student’s documents (as described in the procedures below) by the deadlines associated with their terms of admission. We ask students to submit the Declaration and Certification of Finances form by email [iadmiss@fiu.edu](mailto:iadmiss@fiu.edu).

**Please Note:** If you fail to comply with foreign student document submission dates and requirements, you may encounter delays in obtaining your visa that will have an impact on your date of entry to the US. Do not enter the U.S. on a B-1/B-2 (tourist) visa or a visa waiver. Students who enter the US on a B-1/B-2 visa should not enroll in academic courses. To remain in status, tourist who wish to pursue academic coursework must leave the U.S. and return on the appropriate F-1 or J-1 visa.

## Declaration and Certification of Finances

As part of the application process, you must complete the Declaration and Certification of Finances (DCF) and provide a copy of your passport (if you currently have a visa, please provide us with a copy of your current visa information). Immigration Authorities require the University to verify financial resources of each applicant prior to issuing the Form I-20/DS-2019. By completing this form and submitting appropriate documentation, you will help us complete this verification in a timely manner.

**Please Note:** We will accept copies, scans or faxes. However, the Embassy/Consulate will require **original financial information**. During your visa appointment, you will present original financial documents that must match the information on the I-20 or DS-2019. If you submit incomplete, inadequate, or falsified information, you may not receive a student visa. Your financial documents must be less than one month old when you submit them to our International Admissions department.

## Cost of Attendance

Your DCF must reflect the annual estimated cost of graduate or undergraduate attendance as summarized in table 1 (below). **If you are admitted to the Summer semester, you must show support that covers the costs included in the Twelve Month (Summer, Fall, Spring Terms) section of table 1.**

Table 1  
2022-2023 Estimated Costs of Attendance by Student Level, On-Campus Status, and Periods of Enrollment

	<u>Undergraduate</u>		<u>Graduate</u>	
	Off Campus	On Campus	Off Campus	On Campus
	<b>Fall Admission (9 Months, Fall &amp; Spring Enrollment)</b>			
<i>Credit Hours Attempted</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>
Tuition	\$18,566	\$18,566	\$18,030	\$18,030
Fees	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
Books & Supplies	\$2,025	\$2,025	\$1,500	\$1,500
Living Expenses	\$21,594	\$16,442	\$21,594	\$16,442
Insurance	\$3,320	\$3,320	\$3,320	\$3,320
<i>Total Costs</i>	<b>\$46,105</b>	<b>\$40,953</b>	<b>\$45,044</b>	<b>\$39,892</b>
	<b>Summer Admission (12 Months, Summer, Fall, and Spring Enrollment)</b>			
<i>Credit Hours Attempted</i>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>
Tuition	\$24,135	\$24,135	\$24,040	\$24,040
Fees	\$600	\$600	\$600	\$600
Books & Supplies	\$2,025	\$2,025	\$1,500	\$1,500
Living Expenses	\$28,828	\$21,950	\$28,828	\$21,950
Insurance	\$3,320	\$3,320	\$3,320	\$3,320
<i>Total Costs</i>	<b>\$58,908</b>	<b>\$52,030</b>	<b>\$58,288</b>	<b>\$51,410</b>

Annual estimate of costs are based on the 2022 - 2023 Financial Aid Student Budgets available on the OneStop website: <https://onestop.fiu.edu/finances/estimate-your-costs/undergraduate-tuition-fees/>. Tuition and fees are subject to change and are estimates; costs do not reflect actual required payments to FIU. International students must be enrolled full-time to maintain their visa status. Full-time undergraduate enrollment is at least 12 credit hours per semester. Full-time graduate enrollment is at least 9 credit hours. Students who are admitted in the Summer C semester must enroll full time; students admitted to Summer B must enroll for 6 credit hours.

We base living expenses on the “Off Campus” and “On Campus” room and board costs that our Office of Financial Aid defines for each academic year. During your first month living off campus, you will likely pay a security deposit and last month rent in addition to their first month rent. You should also prepare to address initial costs for electricity, water, and telephone.

## Medical Insurance

All international students are required to carry medical insurance, which meets University requirements. A policy is available for purchase online on from Student Health Services: <http://studenthealth.fiu.edu>. Health insurance coverage for a full year, August to August is estimated at \$3,320 for a student and \$3,320 each for a child and/or spouse. Students admitted into the Summer term will pay an additional premium for Summer only medical insurance either an estimate of \$900 for Summer A/C or, if available, an estimate of \$450 for Summer B/Early Fall, otherwise insurance premiums are paid on an annual basis and cover Fall term - Summer term. To learn more about insurance please visit this website: <https://studentaffairs.fiu.edu/health-and-fitness/student-health/insurance/international-students/index.php>

### ***Current F-1 or J-1 Student Visa Holders***

If you are currently holding an F-1 or J-1 student visa and plan to transfer from another U.S. institution to FIU you must also submit a DCF with supporting documents as indicated above. **Your current institution must release your SEVIS record to FIU before your new Form I-20/DS-2019 will be issued; this happens only after you are admitted to FIU.** Therefore, you need to complete the top section of the F-1 Student Transfer Form (page 5) including your current U.S. address and have the international student advisor at your current/previous school complete the bottom section. Once we have received the form and your SEVIS record has been released, we will begin the process to issue a new Form I-20/DS-2019.

Information in SEVIS must be electronically forwarded to FIU before issuance of the new Form I-20/DS-2019 will be possible. Your SEVIS record will only be released at the end of the term in which you are currently enrolled.

**Please do not plan any international travel without making appropriate arrangements for securing your new I-20/DS-2019 in advance. A minimum of two full weeks processing time is needed for your I-20/DS-2019 to be ready once all documents are received and approved. You must use a courier service if you leave the country without receiving your transfer I-20; you are strongly encouraged not to leave the country without your transfer I-20. International Admissions cannot guarantee faster processing time.**

### ***Current F-1 or J-1 Student Visa Holder Not in Status***

If you are not in status at the time of your admissions offer, there are two options, reinstatement or reentry into the United States. The process of reinstatement is lengthy and requires the approval by your previous institution, their request to SEVIS to reinstate your record and approval by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Your previous institution will not submit a reinstatement request, if you are not currently enrolled as a fulltime student, this includes if you have completed your program or have stayed beyond the 60-day grace period. For reentry, International Admissions will issue you a new initial I-20 and request that you "restart" your F-1 status by reentering the United States. It is not suggested to make new entry into the United States by way of the Caribbean. Taking a cruise is also not a viable reentry option. **International Admissions strongly encourages the issuance of a new I-20 and reentry to the U.S. in most cases.** Your new initial I-20 and new SEVIS number will require you to pay the SEVIS fee; you may not need a new F1 if your F-1 visa is still valid. Please retain your expired I-20.

### ***Students with Dependents***

Students who plan to bring their dependent(s) to the U.S. will require additional financial support to cover the dependents and must complete page 2 of the DCF form. The additional financial support should be reflected on the student's DCF form page 3 in the amount of \$6,000 for his/her spouse and \$4,000 for each child. Additional insurance for the family of F-1 students is optional, but highly recommended. Medical insurance is required for all J-2 dependents. F-2 dependents are not permitted to work but may enroll part-time in university coursework.

### ***Athletes***

Student Athletes are students who are enrolled full-time and formally part of a school sanctioned intercollegiate competitive sports program

### ***Special Programs***

Academic units offering unique programs with special rates will provide a departmental memo that includes the program's cost of attendance for 12 months. This memo must include the student's full name, Panther ID number, be on department letterhead, and contain the signature of the Dean. Separately, the department will share a list of students in these cohorts/programs to the Office of International Admissions to ensure accuracy.

### ***I-20/DS-2019 Delivery Options***

**DUE TO COVID-19 WE ARE ONLY E-MAILING I-20's.**

### ***Next Steps***

Once you receive your Initial I-20/DS-2019 you should proceed to pay the SEVIS 1-901 Fee, schedule an appointment at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate and apply for an F-1 or J-1 visa. You can review these steps here: <https://internationaladmissions.fiu.edu/last-steps/>. International Student and Scholar Services provides helpful pre-arrival guide on their website <https://iss.fiu.edu/international-students/new-f-1-students/>