

Steps to obtaining an F-1 Visa

- When planning to obtain a student visa, it is vital that you visit the following website carefully as it will give you good preparation information
http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/types/types_1268.html
It covers which forms you must fill, what documents to take, what pictures to bring, links you to SEVIS information (you must pay your SEVIS fee before you go to your visa interview!), etc. The site gives very comprehensive information.
- To find the nearest embassy/consulate for your country, go to
http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/embassies/embassies_1214.html
- To find out what the student visa wait time in your country is, go to
http://travel.state.gov/visa/temp/wait/tempvisitors_wait.php and choose the correct city in the drop down menu.

Please be aware that the Department of State has told us that no student should have to wait longer than 2 weeks for a student visa appointment. If you do not get an appointment within two weeks of application date, please let us know!

Be prepared to give answers about why you want to study what you want to study, how it will help you in the future in your home country, why you want to study at Idaho State University. That means you should know some things about job prospects in your country and the university, its location, etc. Please visit our website and research your major in the catalogs and the departmental website for your major. Go to www.isu.edu and go to **Academics** and the find the [catalogs](#) and [departments](#). Then go to Prospective Students and look the **International Students** website over carefully. It has lots of information that can be useful to you. One fact that is good to point out is that Idaho State University is an accredited university and its programs are [accredited](#) as well and that assures you of a measure of quality and thus recognition of your degree when you are done.

Be honest and try to be relaxed!