

Steps to Prepare for Your Arrival at Lone Star College	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>1. Please check your I-20 to make sure all your details including name, date of birth and major are listed accurately. If you notice any discrepancies please notify your DSO/IS immediately.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>2. Pay SEVIS I-901 fee (fmjfee.com) Please pay the SEVIS I-901 fee required by U.S. government. This is different from the visa application fee you paid before attending your visa interview. Transfer students pay this fee if you did not already do this before attending your previous school. You will need to show proof of payment when you have your F-1 visa interview. Keep a copy of this receipt.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>3. Obtain & Sign Form I-20 Sign the <i>Student Attestation</i> section according to the instructions on the form.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>4. Complete the following based on your I-20 Type:</p> <p>Initial I-20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule a Visa Interview Arrange the meeting with your local embassy/consulate (usembassy.gov). <input type="checkbox"/> Attend the Visa Interview Make sure to take any required documents and be on time. <input type="checkbox"/> Notify your DSO of your Visa Decision & Expected Arrival Date If denied, include a copy of the refusal letter. <p>Change of Status (COS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Do NOT Travel outside of the U.S. while COS is pending. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit your COS Application to USCIS Submit the application and all required supporting documents to the appropriate USCIS Service Center. It is your responsibility to know their requirements and submit the correct paperwork. See uscis.gov/i-539. <input type="checkbox"/> Keep your DSO updated on the Status of your Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Once you file your Change of Status (COS) application with USCIS, you will receive Form I-797C, Notice of Action confirming that they received your application. Please email your DSO a copy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If you receive any requests from USCIS for your DSO: Let your DSO know at least 30 days before it is due. ▪ If you have not heard anything from USCIS by the first day of classes each semester: Email a copy of your case status from the USCIS website to your DSO: https://egov.uscis.gov/casestatus/. o Important...Update your DSO regarding your Change of Status application each semester, whether it is still pending, approved or denied. Otherwise, your I-20 will be cancelled. o Once you receive your decision: Let your DSO know within 3-5 business days. <p>Transfer I-20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Have your current school transfer your SEVIS record To avoid delays, please give your current DSO a copy of your LSC acceptance letter. <input type="checkbox"/> Check-in with your LSC DSO within 15 days after completing the above. Email your new LSC DSO with your local address (even if temporary), phone number, and email.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>5. Proof of High School or College Completion documents: All high school and/or College transcripts from institutions not located in the U.S., must be submitted for evaluation to any member organizations of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or the Association of International Credit Evaluators (AICE). General evaluation is required for high-school and college transcripts, unless students want transfer credits from their previous college. For transfer credits students should get a course by course evaluation. LSC should receive the official evaluation before the end of your admit term.</p> <p>For a transcript/credential evaluation to be considered official, it must meet one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mailed from issuing institution or evaluation agency directly to Lone Star College at- Lone Star College Student Records 20515 SH 249 - UP1104 Houston, Texas 77070 • Brought in person, in a sealed envelope to any campus Admissions Office • Emailed from issuing institution directly to Registrar@lonestar.edu <p>Original official documentation showing successful completion of college-level coursework can be used to satisfy the high school completion requirement, if it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is from an institution in the U.S. and the coursework completed is college-level (not English Language classes) <i>OR</i> • Is from a college in another country that is accredited by the Ministry of Education of that country. See required evaluation requirements above.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>6. Steps before Arriving to Houston (Not Applicable? skip to #7)</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>6a. Secure Housing You need to arrange temporary housing before you travel to Houston. Lone Star College does not offer housing for any students. Check with each housing/leasing office for their requirements.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>6b. Plan Travel Arrangements Accordingly</p>

	LSC recommends you arrive at the college one month prior to the beginning of the semester so that you have enough time to complete all requirements (you are unable to arrive more than a month prior to the program start date listed on your I-20. There is a required International Student Orientation before you can attend class: lonestar.edu/international-student-orientation . Please plan your travel accordingly.
<input type="checkbox"/>	6c. Arrange Transportation LSC does not offer airport pickup so plan accordingly. George Bush Intercontinental is the closest airport to our campuses. For ground transportation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH): fly2houston.com/iah/ground-transportation/ • William Hobby Airport (HOU): fly2houston.com/hou/taxis-tnc/
<input type="checkbox"/>	7. Transfer F-1 Students: Traveling to Houston from Outside of the U.S. during the break <i>(Not Applicable? Skip to #8)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	7a. Renew your F-1 Visa if Expired (usembassy.gov/) If your F-1 visa has expired, you will need to apply to renew it before returning to the U.S. For information on the process and documents required, see the website of the Embassy/Consulate where you will apply.
<input type="checkbox"/>	7b. Carry Immigration Documents on you Keep these documents in your pocket or carry-on luggage when traveling to the U.S. (To prevent issues with immigration control, do not place these documents in your checked luggage because you will not be allowed to retrieve them): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your original Form I-20 issued by the school where your SEVIS record is located and signed for travel by your DSO • Your original unexpired passport (valid for at least 6 months) • Your unexpired F-1 Visa
<input type="checkbox"/>	7c. Pass U.S. Immigration Control <i>If you are given a I-515A upon entry, contact your DSO right away after your arrival.</i>
	8. Update your Physical U.S. Address, Email Address, and Phone Number in My.LoneStar.edu Keep your contact information up-to-date. Use the address where you will sleep at night, even if it's temporary, and provide a U.S. telephone number if you have one.
<input type="checkbox"/>	9. Check your My.LoneStar.edu Student Services Center for Holds and To-Do Items This page lists things you need to do, for example, provide an official transcript, complete the pre-assessment activity, satisfy the Bacterial Meningitis requirement, and complete placement testing. You may be able to complete some things before arriving.
<input type="checkbox"/>	10. Satisfy the F-1 Student Health Insurance Requirement You should satisfy this requirement as soon as possible before arrival on campus to avoid registration delays. It can take up to 10 business days to process. Please plan ahead. For more information: lonestar.edu/international-student-medical-info
<input type="checkbox"/>	11. Fulfill the Bacterial Meningitis Vaccination Compliance Requirement (required for all students 21 and under) Texas law requires proof of Bacterial Meningitis vaccination or exemption for most new students before they can register for classes. Students who are required to get the vaccine must submit proof of vaccination at least 10 days before classes start. A If you have the Meningitis requirement listed in your MyLoneStar Student Services page, see lonestar.edu/international-student-advising.htm#meningitis
<input type="checkbox"/>	12. Check Our Accepted/Current Students website for international students. For resources to help with your arrival and adjustment to life in Houston, refer to: lonestar.edu/new-international-students
<input type="checkbox"/>	13. Check-In with your DSO Please come to campus and check-in with your DSO as soon as you arrive to the US. Bring the following to the meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photocopy of visa for you and any dependents • Photocopy of U.S. Admission Stamp in passport for you and any dependents • Photocopy of U.S. Admission card (if arrived by land) or printout of electronic U.S. Admission record. (i94.cbp.dhs.gov) • Photocopy of updated passport information page for you and any dependents
<input type="checkbox"/>	14. Submit original high school or any required college transcripts to the Admissions office If the document is not in English, a certified translation is required. You must submit these before you can register for classes. See Step 5.
<input type="checkbox"/>	15. Complete the Pre-Assessment Activity (if required) This helps prepare you for placement testing. This is only if you have the Pre-Assessment Activity in your MyLoneStar Holds/To-Do List
	16. Take your class placement test (if required) Your My.LoneStar.edu Student Center and Academic Advisor will inform you if placement testing is required. It takes least 2-3 hours to complete Compass ESL testing. If your score requires you to take additional tests, it will require an additional 3-4 hours. Please allow enough time on campus to complete all required tests.
<input type="checkbox"/>	17. Attend the required General New Student Orientation Check your myLoneStar account To-do List to determine whether you are required to attend this.
<input type="checkbox"/>	18. Attend the mandatory International Student Orientation This is different from the General New Student Orientation and is required for all F-1 students. See lonestar.edu/international-student-orientation for the date, time, and location for your campus.
<input type="checkbox"/>	19. Meet with Your Academic Advisor See your assigned academic advisor to discuss your academic plans. They will create a degree/program plan for you to follow throughout your academic career at LSC.
<input type="checkbox"/>	20. Submit a copy of degree/academic program plan to your DSO You will need to have one on file before your first semester ends.
<input type="checkbox"/>	21. Register for Classes Enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours. For students taking English language (ESOL)/developmental English classes: all 12 credits must be in a face-to-face classroom each semester. For students in degree classes: 9 credits must be in a face-to-face classroom each semester.

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☐	22. Pay for Classes See lonestar.edu/payment for information on payment methods and deadlines.
☐	23. Purchase Books, Supplies, and Collect Campus Essentials • Student ID: See lonestar.edu/library/services-students
☐	24. Go to Class Full-time F-1 students are expected to adhere to each instructor's class attendance policy. Failure to attend class can result in being withdrawn from a class, which can result in a loss of status if you fall below twelve credit hours.
	25. Check your MyLoneStar email regularly Your DSOs will be sending to your myLoneStar email account. You can set up your myLoneStar emails to forward to your personal email account: lonestar.edu/departments/webservices/forwardingstudentemail.pdf .