

UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL

ADMITTED STUDENT CHECKLIST



UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTH DAKOTA

For admitted students who have decided to pursue their undergraduate education at the University of South Dakota.

WELCOME TO THE COYOTE FAMILY!

Head to our webpage for an expanded checklist with many additional details and important links.

www.usd.edu/international-office/admitted-international-undergrad-checklist

You may wish to print this version for quick reference and tracking.

FINANCES AND FINANCIAL ABILITY FORM

- Email a copy of the biographical page in your passport to your admissions counselor.
- Review tuition, fees and cost-of-living estimates.
- Email the following financial documents to your admissions counselor.
 - Financial Ability Form.
 - Official bank document, which must include:
 - Account holder's name
 - Account number
 - Available liquid funds

IMMIGRATION STEPS

- When you are ready to receive your I-20, notify your admissions counselor how you wish to have it sent to you:
 - Electronically via email (no cost).
 - Hard copy mailed by express courier (at student's expense).
- Pay the I-901 SEVIS fee after receipt of I-20.
- Schedule a visa appointment at your local US Embassy or Consulate.
- Prepare and practice for your visa interview.
 - An optional practice visa interview can be arranged with USD staff.
- Notify your admissions counselor of the visa decision.

SECURING YOUR SPOT AT USD

- Submit your \$100 university housing deposit to reserve your spot at USD.
 - Refund option available in the event of a denied visa.
- Set up your USD account.
- Install Duo Security on your USD account.
- Complete and submit your online housing application.
 - All first-year students must complete either the housing application or housing exemption form prior to enrolling in classes.
 - As soon as you complete the housing application, submit a short biography in the housing portal and begin looking for a potential roommate.
 - Self-select your room prior to April 18th. After this date, University Housing will automatically assign rooms.
- Complete the required immunization form to show you have proof of two measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunizations.

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REGISTRATION

- Complete your registration survey.
- Schedule a registration time with your advisor.
 - Advising sessions will be held over Zoom.
 - Be prepared. Watch the videos. The goal is to end the call with a complete class schedule for your first semester at USD!
- View your class schedule in Registration Self-Service or on the USDgo app.
- Access your D2L account.
- Have your final, official high school transcript sent to USD after you graduate.
- If you have earned credits from another US college or university, have your final, official transcripts sent to USD for transfer credit evaluation. If you want to transfer credit earned from an institution outside of the US, an official WES or ECE evaluation must be submitted.
- Buy or rent your textbooks online.
 - Your books can be delivered to and picked up on campus after arrival.

PREPARING FOR ARRIVAL

- In late July we will send more information about health insurance enrollment.
 - Review health insurance requirements and purchase a USD approved plan.
- Make travel arrangements to arrive before International Orientation.
- Send arrival plans to isso@usd.edu.
 - Airport pickup available on select days prior to orientation.
- Beginning August 1, your bill will be available online at your SDePay account if you have registered for classes. All statements are sent electronically; you will not receive a paper copy. Access SDePay Self-Service on the myUSD Portal landing page.

ORIENTATION

- International Orientation is Thursday & Friday, August 19-20. It's required, and we can't wait to meet you!

Note: This checklist is set up in an order that works for the majority of students. It is possible for admitted students to start securing your spot at USD before you finish the financial requirements and the immigration steps. Contact your admission counselor if you have questions.

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