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

www.usd.edu/international-office/admitted-international-grad-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 enrollment coordinator.
  ☐ Financial Ability Form.
  ☐ Official bank document, which must include:
    - Account holder’s name
    - Account number
    - Available liquid funds

IMMIGRATION STEPS

☐ Notify your enrollment coordinator when you are ready to receive your I-20 and let them know 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 enrollment coordinator of the visa decision.

SECURING YOUR SPOT AT USD

☐ Set up your USD account.

☐ Install Duo Security on your USD account.

☐ Some offers of admission are contingent upon receiving official documents. Check your admission offer letter to see if you need to submit contingency documents. Full admission is granted only after receipt of official English proficiency documentation, official transcripts for all academic work at the undergraduate and graduate levels (undergraduate documents must verify receipt of degree) and official test score reports (if required).

☐ Send your immunization records to USD. USD requires proof of two measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) immunizations.

HOUSING AND LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

☐ Consider your Vermillion housing options.
  ☐ On-campus options will require a $100 deposit and a housing application.
  ☐ Students must find off-campus housing on their own. Property management companies, the Vermillion Chamber and Development Company and USD students each maintain lists of off-campus housing. USD's International Ambassadors monitor the incoming class Facebook page and are also a good resource.
REGISTRATION

☐ Contact your program advisor for class registration information.
  ☐ If you are unsure of who your advisor is, contact your enrollment coordinator.

☐ Register for and view your class schedule in Registration Self-Service.

☐ Buy or rent your textbooks online.
  ☐ Your books can be delivered to and picked up on campus after arrival.

PREPARING FOR ARRIVAL

☐ Review health insurance requirements and purchase a USD approved plan.
  ☐ In late July we will send more information about health insurance enrollment.

☐ Make travel arrangements that ensure you arrive in Vermillion before orientation.

☐ Send arrival plans to isso@usd.edu.
  ☐ If needed, schedule airport pickup arrangements with the International Office.

☐ 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.

☐ Complete your Attendance Confirmation.
  ☐ This will be emailed to you by the university close to the start of classes.

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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