

*Bishop State Community College*  
**General Information for F-1 Visa Holders**  
**International Student Services Office**

**Application Deadlines**

**If you are applying from outside of the U.S.** - I-20s will not be issued for the following semesters after the dates listed:

*Fall Semester (August) - June*  
*Spring Semester (January) - October*  
*Summer Semester (June) - March*

**If you are applying from inside of the U.S.** – I-20s will not be issued for the following semesters after the dates listed:

*Fall Semester – August*  
*Spring Semester – January*  
*Summer Semester – May*

**Employment and Housing Information**

1. Bishop State does not offer any on-campus work programs. You will need to make sure that your payment of tuition does not depend in any part on your ability to work while enrolled in school.
2. Bishop State does not offer any on-campus or off-campus housing. You are solely responsible for securing housing and any transportation costs associated with traveling to and from the college.

**International College and University Transcript Evaluation**

Students who wish to have international college/university transcripts considered for evaluation must obtain a “Catalog Match” Evaluation Report from World Education Services (WES) ([www.wes.org/students](http://www.wes.org/students)). **Only “Catalog Match” Reports will be accepted for review.** Be sure to request that the two report results be sent to: Bishop State Community College, 351 North Broad Street, Mobile, AL 36603 or emailed to [ymcneil@bishop.edu](mailto:ymcneil@bishop.edu)

**Dependent Information**

If dependents will accompany you to the U.S., list the full name, date of birth, and relationship to student for each dependent on the F-1 Student Information form. See additional amount required for dependents on the Bishop State Community College Financial Affidavit. Bank statements from the financial sponsor must meet the amounts outlined for dependents on the Affidavit.

**Health Insurance**

F-1 visa holders are required to purchase health insurance each semester at Bishop State through Bishop State Community College. The cost of insurance is included in the tuition/fee schedule. International student policies are required to provide up to \$250,000 major medical insurance as well as medical evacuation and repatriation. Please note that no other insurance plan will be accepted without prior approval of the Bishop State Community College Office of International Students.

**ISSUANCE OF BISHOP STATE FORM I-20**

1. Complete all admissions requirements for international students
2. Obtain Admission Letter from Bishop State.
3. Submit Bishop State Admission Letter to previous U.S. International Advisor (for transfers) and **request your SEVIS record to be released to Bishop State.**
4. Obtain Form I-20 from Bishop State and enroll full-time. *It is the responsibility of the student to complete these steps on-time, to be informed of the rules of the F-1 student visa, and to maintain valid F1 status.*