

Let us show you why Hocking College has a reputation for excellence around the world. Students from more than 40 countries choose Hocking for their education. Our International Student Services office directly assists our many international students every year and provides an ongoing, singular point of contact.

### **Apply for Admission**

The following items are required with your International Admission's Application:

1. International Application (Log on to [www.hocking.edu/International](http://www.hocking.edu/International) for the application)
2. \$150.00 Application Fee
3. Official High School Transcript showing graduated from High School with English Translation
4. Official University/College Transcripts (if Applicable)
5. Copy of Passport photo/Information page
6. Financial Documentation
7. FERPA Release including Recruiter's Information (if applicable)

Hocking College has established two (2) requirements for International students prior to registering for classes. All International students must undergo a TB (tuberculosis) test and a language assessment test is required to measure levels of ability in English and Math. If you do not demonstrate proficiency, you will have to enroll in the intensive English program and your time at Hocking College will be extended one year. You will be studying full-time in the United States for a minimum of two years.

### **Apply for a Visa**

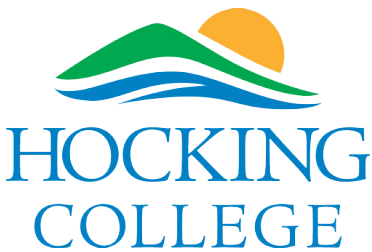
Upon acceptance, you will be sent an acceptance letter and an I-20. Take these documents to the United States Embassy in your home country for processing.

**Important Note:** A visa does not guarantee entry into the USA. The immigration officer at the point of entry makes the ultimate decision.

### **You've Been Accepted – What is the Next Step?**

Once you receive acceptance to a Student and Exchange Visitor Program-certified school, your designated school official (DSO) will give you a document called a Form I-20, "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Status." The Form I-20 is a paper record of your information in the database called the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS). Each school that accepts you will mail you a Form I-20. Before you apply to pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee, you must select one school and use that Form I-20 to pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee and to apply for the correct student visa.

Check your Form I-20 against your passport information to make sure that your name and



date of birth (DOB) are correctly listed and spelled. If the information on your Form I-20 does not match the information on your passport, contact the DSO who sent you the Form I-20 from the school you plan to attend, and ask them to correct the information for you.

### **Pay your I-901 SEVIS Fee**

Regulation requires all prospective F and M students to pay the I-901 Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Fee before the Department of State issues you a visa. To pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee, visit **FMJfee.com** to access the SEVIS Form I-901. Watch the I-901 SEVIS Fee payment tutorial to learn about each step of the payment process.

### **How do I pay the I-901 SEVIS Fee?**

A prospective F or M student with a country of citizenship or country of birth of Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria or Gambia must pay by money order, Western Union Quick Pay or certified check drawn from a U.S. bank. All other prospective F or M students also have the option to make a credit card payment on **FMJfee.com**.

SEVP will accept third party payments, meaning someone else can pay your I-901 SEVIS Fee using the same method of payment. For students who cannot pay the fee by credit card, third party payers are also restricted from paying the fee by credit card.

Visit SEVP's website for instructions on how to complete the Western Union Quick Pay/Quick Collect form. You can access the PDF version of the SEVIS Form I-901 on SEVP's website. Print and mail in your paper SEVIS Form I-901 with your check or money order, according to the instructions on the form.

For detailed instructions or for assistance on how to make an I-901 SEVIS Fee payment, call the SEVP Response Center at **(703) 603-3400**.

### **Do I need a receipt?**

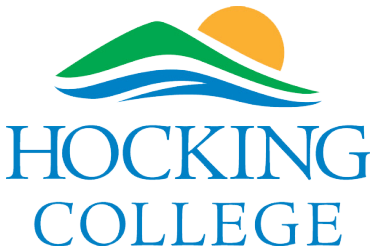
Yes. In order to get your student visa, you must present proof of your I-901 SEVIS Fee payment at your visa interview.

The printed confirmation will serve as proof of payment for the I-901 SEVIS Fee. Print a receipt of payment after you have completed your I-901 payment on **FMJfee.com**.

If you would like to request corrections to your I-901 SEVIS Fee receipt because you have noticed misspellings, would like to go to a different school, or would like to transfer your payment to a new SEVIS record, you must first e-mail a detailed request to **FMJfee.sevis@ice.dhs.gov**.

### **Apply for Housing**

Before traveling to the United States, you are required to make arrangements for housing.



Hocking College requires a specific local address at least seven days prior to your entry into the USA, and you will be required to produce a specific address at your point of entry. Arrange for travel to the United States and the Hocking College campus.

Travel arrangements to the United States are your responsibility. Hocking College is located approximately 70 miles east of Columbus, Ohio. Most international students arrive at the Columbus International Airport (CMH).

#### **Be Prepared for Important Dates**

Make sure you are ready for classes to begin for the upcoming semester that you plan to attend. You can find the most recent academic calendar online at [www.hocking.edu/academic-calendar](http://www.hocking.edu/academic-calendar).

#### **Take the English Proficiency Test**

If English is not your native language, you are required to take the English as a Second Language (ESL) exam at the start of your first term of study. If you achieve a level of English placement higher than the ESL classes, you will be advised how to register for a full load of classes. If you score below a certain level on the ESL exam, you will be advised to register for "English as a Second Language" courses suited to your level. Unlike other institutions, Hocking College does not require a minimum Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score to attend.

#### **Meet with an Academic Advisor**

Plan your first term of classes with your academic advisor. It is important to work closely with your academic advisor to start and stay on track.

#### **Register for Classes and Make Payment**

After meeting with your advisor, you will register for your first term of classes. Tuition and all fees must be paid upon registration, without exception.

#### **Enjoy your College Experience & Ask for Help**

An International Student Services staff member is always available for assistance. We understand what it is like to be away from home and in a new environment. If at any time you are uncertain about your status, need helps or have any questions, contact us.

Our office is located in Oakley 312. You can reach us via email at [international@hocking.edu](mailto:international@hocking.edu) or by phone (740) 753-7122.