Steps to Apply for an F-1 Visa at Framingham State University

1. Any questions, please contact the English Language Programs’ (ELP) office at 508-626-4958, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2. To obtain an I-20, please send the following completed documents to the International Education Office, care of Jane Decatur (508-626-4585)/jdecatur@framingham.edu, at 100 State Street, P.O. Box 9101, Framingham, MA: (the approval process takes up to 90 days)

   [copies of these forms are available at the ELP office (100 State Street, O’Connor Hall, Framingham, MA), if you are unable to download them]

   - Completed registration form
   - Completed Certificate of Finances form (Found on the ELP website at the bottom of the Intensive Program Page)
   - Official bank letter (not bank statement) showing a minimum of $24,000 U.S., available to support the applicant for the 12 months of study. The person, who signs the Certificate of Finance form, must be the named account holder on the bank letter.
   - Photocopy of the picture page of the student’s passport.

3. The approved I-20 will be sent to your U.S. contact or mailed to your foreign address.

4. Once the I-20 is received, log on to the SEVIS website to pay the required $200 fee and obtain the necessary receipt needed to apply for the F-1 Visa at your local U.S. Consulate.

5. After obtaining your F-1 Visa, contact the ELP office to register and pay for classes.

Additional information:
- Fall and Spring Semesters are 13 weeks long/ Summer Sessions are 6 weeks long.
- F-1 Visa students are required to study a minimum of 19 hours per week.
- There is no on-campus housing available to ELP students.
- For general information about F-1 Visas, please visit the U.S. Department of State’s website: http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/study-exchange/student.html

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