



Steps to Apply for 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. – 4:30 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)

[These documents can be downloaded at <https://www.framingham.edu/academics/continuing-education/english-language-programs/information-for-international-students/index>

Copies of these forms are also available at the ELP office (100 State Street, O'Connor Hall, Framingham, MA), if you are unable to download them from our website]

- Completed "Application Form: Intensive English Language Program" (Found on the ELP website at the bottom of the Intensive Program Page)
 - 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 18 hours per week.
- On-campus housing is available for full time ELP students. Please let Jane Decatur know if you are interested.
- 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>