



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

1. For 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 Student Services and Study Abroad Office, care of Joanne Farley (508-626-4585)/jfarley@framingham.edu, at 100 State Street, Framingham, MA 01701:
(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 \$24,540 USD, 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 and any current visas.
3. The approved I-20 will be sent to your email address.
 4. Once the I-20 is received, log on to the SEVIS website to pay the required \$350 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 may be available for full-time ELP students. Please contact the Residence Life Office at 508-626-4636 or residencelife@framingham.edu, if you are interested.
- For general information about F-1 Visas, please visit the U.S. Department of Homeland Security website: <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/>.