



# International Orientation: Undergraduate Students



January 6, 2020

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# Today's Agenda

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- Welcome and Introduction
  - International Center Information/Services/Web Resources
- Health Care and Health Insurance
- Transition to U-M, Ann Arbor and the U.S.
- U.S. Immigration Regulations
- Additional Documents and Requirements
- Document Submission



# International Center Information

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- Information for you is posted on the International Center website  
<https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/>
  - Home » Events
    - Look for “Winter 2020 International Undergraduate Orientation”
    - Direct link: <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/winter-2020-international-undergraduate-orientation>
- PDF version of this PowerPoint
- F-1/J-1 Students: Important Information
- Student Responsibility Checklist
- Useful Websites



# The International Center



1500 Student Activities Building  
515 East Jefferson Street

- Serves over 8,000 international students and scholars from over 100 countries
- Business hours: Monday to Friday 8 am to 5 pm.
- Call 734-764-9310 to schedule an appointment
- Quick question walk-ins: Monday to Friday 1-4 pm.
- Contact us by email:
  - [icenter@umich.edu](mailto:icenter@umich.edu)



# International Center Services

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- Advisors can also discuss:
  - Adjusting to a new country
  - Personal concerns
  - Any question or problem you may have; if we don't know the answer we will try to find someone who does
- E-mail announcements
- Programs
  - Workshops - variety of topics
  - Social events
  - Trips
- Education Abroad
  - Information about study, work and travel abroad, including internships outside the United States



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# Web Resources

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# Web Resources

- Shopping
  - Ann Arbor Observer City Guide
    - <http://annarborobserver.com/cg/t0188.html>
  - Also ask your Orientation Leaders for shopping suggestions.
- Recreational Sports
  - Facility Hours and Information
  - <https://recsports.umich.edu/>
- AAATA Bus (The Ride)
  - <http://www.theride.org>
- International Center website: Life in Ann Arbor
  - <http://internationalcenter.umich.edu/life/>
  - Banking, phones, public transportation, recreation, etc.





# Facebook and Blog



University of Michigan  
International Students and Scholars

▪ <https://www.facebook.com/uminternationalcenter>



▪ <http://umichiss.blogspot.com/>







# Language and Communication Skills

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- English Language Institute
  - [Undergraduate Speaking and Writing Studios](#)
- Sweetland Writing Center
  - International Student Support  
<http://lsa.umich.edu/sweetland/undergraduates/international-student-support.html>
- English Self-Study e-Resources:  
<https://lsa.umich.edu/eli/language-resources/self-study-e-resources.html>



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# Health Care & Insurance

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# Health Care & Insurance

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## Why Insurance?

- Health care in the United States is very expensive
- Insurance is for what *MIGHT* happen, *NOT* your present situation



# Health Care & Insurance

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## U-M Insurance Requirement



# Health Care & Insurance

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- All F-1/J-1 students sponsored by the University of Michigan and their F-2/J-2 dependents are required to have insurance that meets U-M standards **during their entire time** as U-M F1/J1 students or F2/J2 dependents.
- **Includes time not enrolled in classes**
- Sponsored by U-M means that your I-20 or DS-2019 was issued by U-M .



# Do I Have Insurance?

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## YES!

- **ALL** new U-M F-1/J-1 students (U-M sponsored) are **automatically** enrolled in the international insurance plan.
- Your insurance company: Blue Care Network (BCN)
- Your insurance:
  - Begins on your I-20 or DS-2019 start date
    - Form I-20, Program of Study Box or Form DS-2019, Box 3
  - Is billed to your student account





# When will my insurance end?

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- Insurance end date = I-20 or DS-2019 end date.
- Insurance end date will change if I-20 or DS-2019 end date changes or for Optional Practical Training work authorization after graduation

# Health Care & Insurance

After your documents have been checked, you will receive an **Insurance Certificate**



## INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATE

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
International Student and Scholar Health Plan  
ISSUER: (80840) 9101000021  
GRP: 00287637  
RX BIN#: 610014

SCHOOL NAME: University of Michigan  
INSURED NAME: MyFirstName\_MyLastName  
EFFECTIVE DATE: From 09/06/2019 To 08/31/2020

Your name, insurance policy group number, and the dates that your insurance will cover you.

### DEPENDENTS:

Insured Last Name	Insured First Name

FOR CLAIM INQUIRIES, BENEFIT INFORMATION OR FOR PRE-CERTIFICATION: 1-800-662-6667

EMERGENCY: Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency facility.

Blue Care Network  
P.O. Box 68710  
Grand Rapids, MI 49516-8710

Insurance company contact information.

DETAILED INFORMATION ABOUT BENEFITS AND PRE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:  
<https://www.bcbsm.com/umichglobal>



# Your Insurance Card

- BCN will mail you a plastic insurance card.
  - Remember to update your address in Wolverine Access.
- You also have a “virtual” insurance card.
  - Watch your email for a message with your “enrollee ID” from [donotreply@relationinsurance.com](mailto:donotreply@relationinsurance.com)
  - Follow the instructions to set up your BCN member account and get your virtual insurance ID card.
  - If the website asks for an email address, use your U-M email address.



# If You Have Other Insurance

- Other health insurance **that meets U-M standards?**
  - <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/>  
Home » Resources » Health Insurance »  
U-M Health Insurance Standards &  
Insurance Waiver
- Submit waiver request form & documentation **within 30 days from today**
- If no waiver form is submitted or your request is denied, you will be required to keep & pay for International Health Insurance



# Health Care & Insurance Not U-M F-1/J-1 Student

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- Not an F-1 or J-1 student (with a Form I-20 or DS-2019 issued by U-M)? Permanent resident or U.S. citizen?
- THEN health insurance is **STRONGLY RECOMMENDED.**



# Health Care & Insurance Not U-M F-1/J-1 Student

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- You can purchase the “DOMESTIC STUDENT” HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN (available to ALL U-M students)
- Also administered by BCN (Blue Care Network)
- To purchase:
  - <http://www.uhs.umich.edu/dship> links to online application form





# Health Care & Insurance

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## Getting Health Care



# University Health Service

## University Health Service (UHS)

- 207 Fletcher St, U-M Central Campus
- [www.uhs.umich.edu](http://www.uhs.umich.edu)
- Comprehensive campus health clinic for urgent and non-urgent health concerns
- Many other services. Examples: eye exams, fill prescriptions, immunizations, wellness services
- Many UHS services are free for enrolled students.
  - <http://www.uhs.umich.edu/feestudents>
- Call 734-764-8320 for advice from UHS anytime (day or night). **Put this number in your phone.**

# Health Care & Insurance

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**Emergencies: call 911 or go to the Emergency Room (ER) (always open).**



- Closest ER: Michigan Medicine (U-M Hospital)
- Insurance helps pay for ambulance and ER
- Urgent but not an emergency – call UHS for advice: 734-764-8320
- They may advise you to go to an Urgent Care Clinic
- [UHS Emergency/After Hours information](#)



# Health Care & Insurance

Insurance pays for most but not all costs of health care.

You may have to pay:

**ANNUAL DEDUCTIBLE** (\$100 in network/\$100 out of network) = what you must pay each policy year (September 1 - August 31) before insurance starts to cover costs

**CO-PAY:** You pay a fixed amount, then insurance covers the rest.

Example: Office Visit/Walk-in Clinic/Urgent Care co-pay: \$20

**CO-INSURANCE:** You pay a percentage of the cost (10% in network for prescriptions and most medical services).

There are some exceptions. For example: no deductible, co-pay or co-insurance for immunizations.

“Out of network” doctors, hospitals and pharmacies will be more expensive. Check [BCN website](#) for in-network doctors.



# Health Care & Insurance

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- BCN will assign you a Primary Care Physician (PCP) at University Health Service (UHS), but you can see ANY clinician at UHS.
- Learn more about your PCP and how to change your PCP if you want:  
International Center » Resources » Health Insurance » Using the U-M International Student/Scholar Health Insurance (IHI) » Doctor Visits and Hospital Stays



# Health Care & Insurance

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## How Insurance Works

1. If you need medical care, show your BLUE CARE NETWORK insurance card/certificate. Pay co-pay if requested
2. The doctor/hospital will bill BLUE CARE NETWORK and they will pay their amount of the bill.
3. If you owe money, you will receive a bill from the doctor/hospital. You will also receive an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) from Blue Care Network that shows the amount your insurance paid.





# Insurance Coverage

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## Coverage Highlights

- In-patient (hospital stay) or outpatient (visit doctor and return home the same day)
- Medical Evacuation and Repatriation
- Mental health and drug or alcohol abuse
- Prescription drugs covered at 90%
  - Medicine not prescribed by doctor is not covered
- Routine/preventive care - **including immunizations**
- Coverage is worldwide



# Health Care & Insurance

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## Medical Evacuation, Repatriation and Travel Assistance

- Assistance in cases of serious illness/death
- Call travel assistance company **BEFORE** any arrangements are made.
- Travel Assistance Company is GeoBlue: 800-257-4823 inside the U.S. or collect at 610-254-8771



# Health Care & Insurance

## Dental and Vision

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### Dental

- Your insurance covers routine exams, cleanings, emergency pain relief, fillings and wisdom tooth extraction for students age 19 and older.
  - To age 19 - more coverage

### ■ Vision

- Two eye exams/year and one visit/year for contact lens fitting in-network or at UHS - \$20 co-pay for students age 19 and older. Eyeglasses or contacts are not covered
  - To age 19 - more coverage



# Health Care & Insurance

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## How to Pay for U-M International Health Insurance



# Health Care & Insurance

- Added to your U-M Statement of Account each month by UM Student Financial Services.
- Review your Statement of Account under “Student Business” on <http://wolverineaccess.umich.edu>
- Same payment procedure as other University charges.
- Single monthly rate \$142.39 through 8/31/2020.
- Rates change every year in Sept. New rates posted on International Center website in August.
  - <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/resources/healthins/coverage-and-rates>



# Health Care & Insurance

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- You will receive an email from Student Financial Services whenever there is any “activity” (charge or credit) in your student account.
- **Don't ignore these emails!** Check Wolverine Access to see what has been charged or credited to your account.





# Health Care & Insurance

## Key Points

1. **Emergency - 911 or emergency room**
2. To save money, go to UHS for health care if possible
  - Many UHS services are free for enrolled students.  
<http://www.uhs.umich.edu/feestudents>
  - 734-764-8320 for advice from UHS day or night.
3. If you can't go to UHS, save money by getting health care "in-network"
4. If you have other insurance **that meets U-M standards**
  - Submit a waiver request form (see IC website for form)
  - Waiver request not submitted or denied? You will have to stay enrolled in (and pay for) the international plan.



# Health Care & Insurance

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## Questions?

## International Insurance Plan



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## Online resources:

- Blue Care Network

<http://bcbsm.com/umichglobal>

- International Center:

<https://www.internationalcenter.umich.edu/>

- **Insurance Member Guide:** Home » Resources » Health Insurance » U-M International Student/Scholar Health Insurance (IHI) Plan Coverage and Rates



# Health Care & Insurance

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- **Contact Us**

Email: [ihi@umich.edu](mailto:ihi@umich.edu)

Phone: 734.647.2303

- **Visit Us**

Location: 1500 Student Activities Building (SAB)

Office Hours: <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/> - click on Health Insurance under “Today's Hours” to see weekly hours.

If you need health care but have not received your BCN email/card yet, contact the [International Center Insurance Advisor](#).



# Health Care & Insurance

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## Questions?

## “Domestic” Insurance Plan



# Health Care & Insurance

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**University Health Service**

<http://www.uhs.umich.edu/dship>

**Visit University Health Service Managed Care  
Office**

**(Second Floor UHS)**

**Email [mancare-stuins@umich.edu](mailto:mancare-stuins@umich.edu)**



# After Orientation

## Especially for new students:

- [University Health Service: Information & Tour](#) (1/15)
- [Library Basics](#) (1/17)
- [Birthday Celebration](#) (1/17)
- [Lunch & Learn](#) (1/22 - Topic: U.S. Primary Elections)
- [International Coffee Hour](#) (1/24)
- [International Student Lunch Conversation](#) (1/30)

International Center events are posted on the International Center's website:

– <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events>



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# A Few Things to Remember

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# Adjusting to a New Country

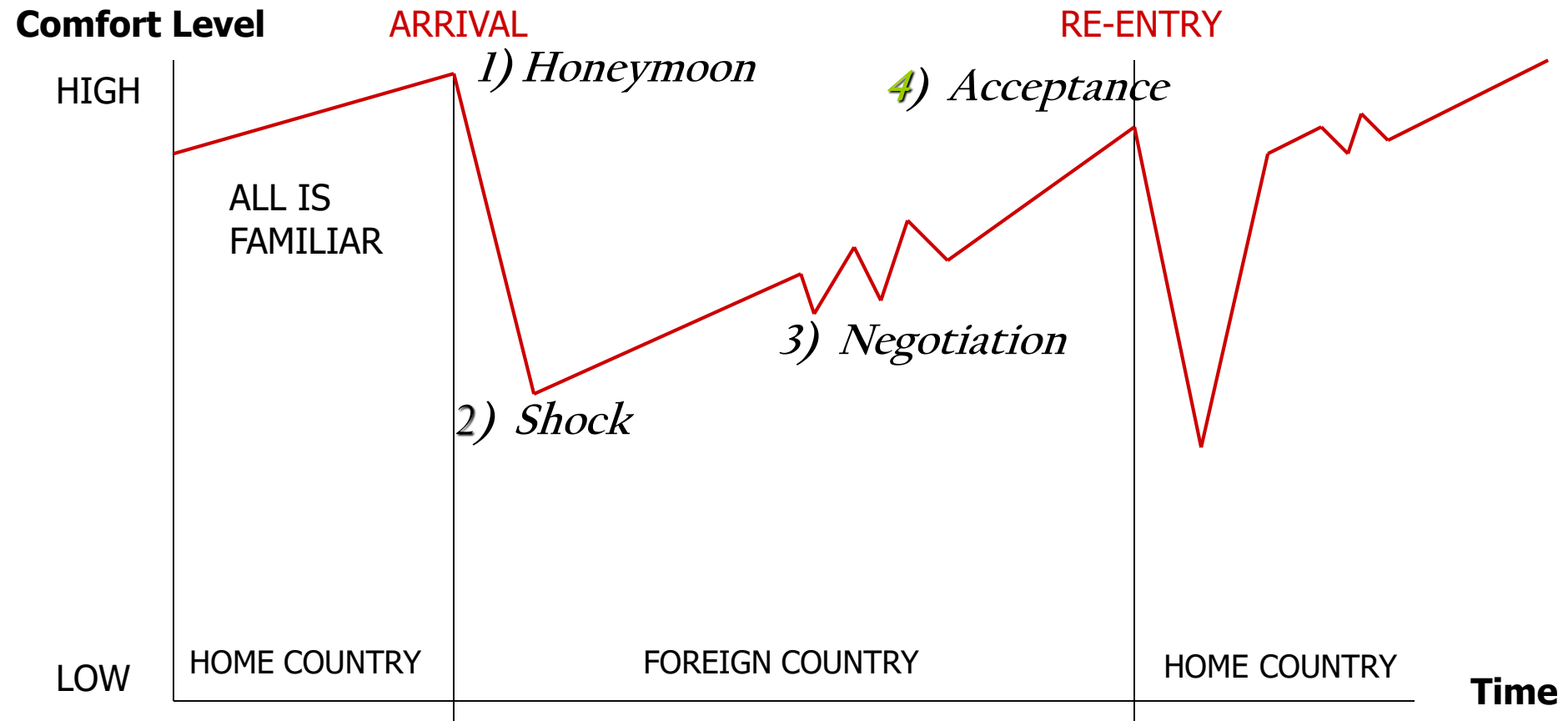
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- An adjustment period is normal.
- Most people go through a series of stages



# Stages of Cultural Adjustment

## *Four Stages:*





# Adjusting to a New Country

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- Winter
  - If you come from a warm country, make sure you have warm clothes
  - Ask your Orientation Leaders for advice about where to shop and what to buy. Ask them about boots, coats, and hats!



# Getting Involved

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- Center for Campus Involvement

<https://campusinvolvement.umich.edu/>

- Maize Pages - find student groups

<https://maizepages.umich.edu/>

- Intercultural Leadership Seminar (3/2)

- <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/events/ils>



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# U.S. Immigration Regulations

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# Document Review Passport

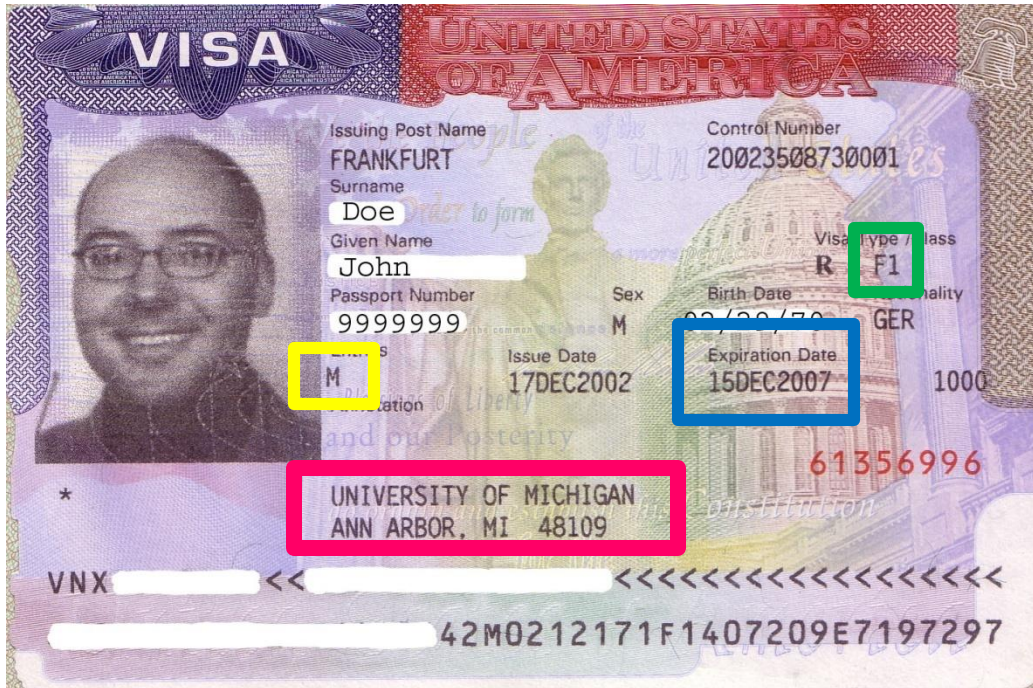
- **MUST** be valid at all times
  - Recommended: at least 6 months into the future (required for entry to U.S.)
- Contact your embassy for extensions while inside the U.S.





# Document Review

## Visa (F or J)

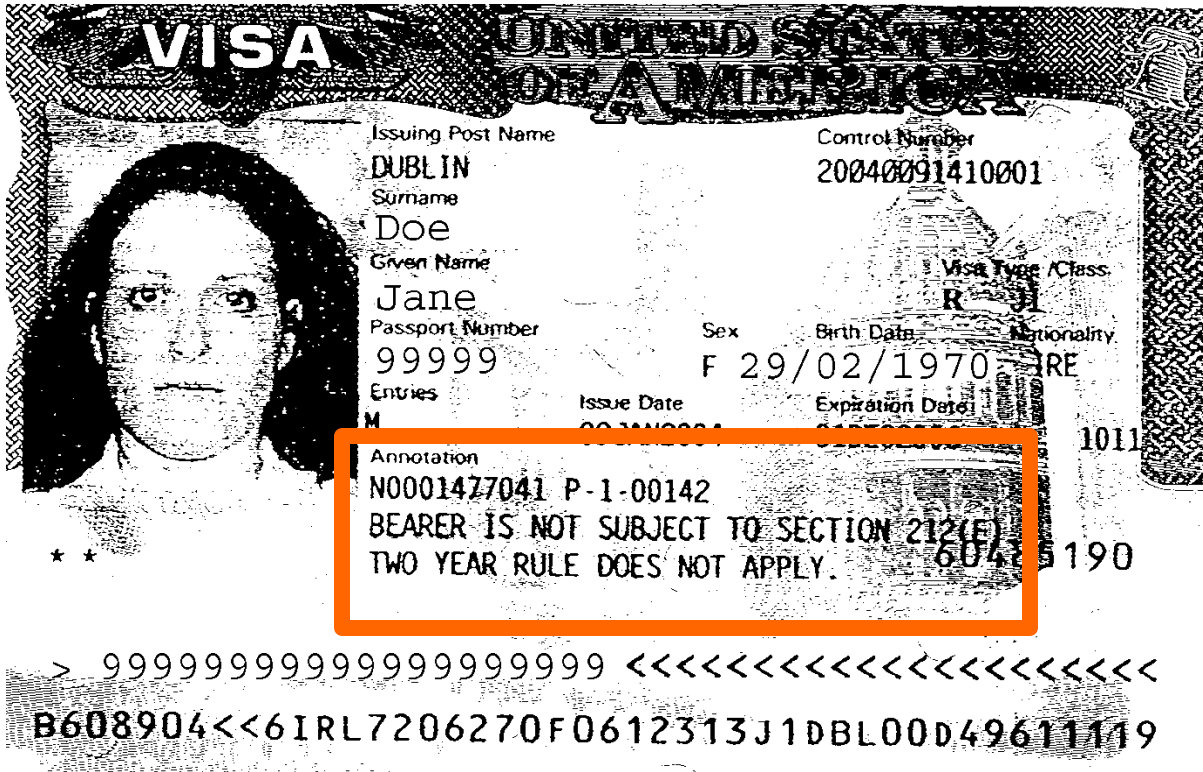


- **ONLY** a travel document  
(not required for Canadians)
- Visa Type Class  
(F1 / J1)
- Entries (M, 1, 2)
- **MAY** expire while studying
- **Transfers:**
  - F1 can use same visa
  - J1 must get new visa

# Document Review

## J-1 Visa

- SPECIAL NOTE:



212e -

# Two Year Home Residency Requirement

Applies ONLY to H1B, L,  
or permanent residency



# Document Review

## I-94 (F or J)



OMB No. 1651-0111  
Expiration Date: 11/30/2014

### Admission (I-94) Number Retrieval

Admission (I-94) Record Number: 66722596520

Admit Until Date (MM/DD/YYYY): D/S

Details provided on Admission (I-94) form:

Family Name: Ronaldo

First (Given) Name: Cristiano

Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY): 02/05/1985

Passport Number: 062089AC

Passport Country of Issuance: Portugal

Date of Entry (MM/DD/YYYY): 05/11/2013

Class of Admission: F1

► Effective April 26, 2013, DHS began automating the admission process. An alien lawfully admitted or paroled into the U.S. is no longer required to be in possession of a preprinted Form I-94. A record of admission printed from the CBP website constitutes a lawful record of admission. See 8 CFR § 1.4(d).

► If an employer, local, state or federal agency requests admission additional required documents requested by that employer or agency

► Note: For security reasons, we recommend that you close your t



Sample Stamp

- **MOST** important immigration document you have
- Has proof of your status - F1 or J1 and D/S (Duration of Status)

If you entered U.S. after May 2013 through airport, you received:

- Stamp in passport with F1 or J1 and D/S (Duration of Status) - proof of your status
- Electronic arrival record (called I-94) - available at [www.cbp.gov/I94](http://www.cbp.gov/I94)

***Make sure all information is correct on passport stamp and in e-record!***

If you entered U.S. before May 2013, or entered U.S. by land, you received:

- Small, white card called I-94

# Document Review I-20 (F only)

- SHOULD NOT expire
- Do not throw away - ever

Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status  
OMB NO. 1653-0038

SEVIS ID: [REDACTED]

SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME [REDACTED]		GIVEN NAME [REDACTED]	CLASS  <b>F-1</b>  ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
PREFERRED NAME [REDACTED]		PASSPORT NAME [REDACTED]	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH [REDACTED]		COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP [REDACTED]	
DATE OF BIRTH [REDACTED]		ADMISSION NUMBER [REDACTED]	
FORM ISSUE REASON [REDACTED]		LEGACY NAME [REDACTED]	

## SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME University of Michigan University of Michigan - Ann Arbor	SCHOOL ADDRESS 1500 Student Activities Building, Ann Arbor, MI 48109
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Elizabeth Wiseman International Student/Scholar Advisor	SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE DET214F00370000 21 JANUARY 2003

## PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL MASTER'S	MAJOR 1 Systems Engineering 14.2701	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000
NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH 16 Months	PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient
PROGRAM START DATE 23 AUGUST 2014	PROGRAM END DATE 31 DECEMBER 2015	

## FINANCIALS

ESTIMATED AVERAGE COSTS FOR: 12 MONTHS		STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR: 12 MONTHS	
Tuition and Fees	\$ 42,692	Personal Funds	\$ 40,000
Living Expenses	\$ 19,200	Funds From This School	\$
Expenses of Dependents (1)	\$ 9,672	Family funds	\$ 34,124
Insurance and books	\$ 2,560	On-Campus Employment	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 74,124</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 74,124</b>

## REMARKS

## SCHOOL ATTESTATION

I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form.

X	DATE ISSUED 13 August 2015	PLACE ISSUED Ann Arbor, MI
SIGNATURE OF: Elizabeth Wiseman, International Student/Scholar Advisor		

## STUDENT ATTESTATION

I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.

X		
SIGNATURE OF: [REDACTED]	SIGNATURE	DATE
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (city/state or province/country) DATE

# Document Review I-20 (F only)

Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status  
OMB NO. 1653-0038

SEVIS ID: [REDACTED] (F-1)

NAME: [REDACTED]

## EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION

EMPLOYMENT STATUS APPROVED - FULL TIME	TYPE CPT
EMPLOYMENT START DATE [REDACTED]	EMPLOYMENT END DATE [REDACTED]
EMPLOYER NAME [REDACTED]	EMPLOYER LOCATION [REDACTED]
COMMENTS	

EMPLOYMENT STATUS APPROVED - PART TIME	TYPE CPT
EMPLOYMENT START DATE [REDACTED]	EMPLOYMENT END DATE [REDACTED]
EMPLOYER NAME [REDACTED]	EMPLOYER LOCATION [REDACTED]
COMMENTS	

## CHANGE OF STATUS/CAP-GAP EXTENSION

REQUESTED VISA TYPE	REQUEST/PETITION STATUS	RECEIPT NUMBER	BENEFIT START DATE/REQUEST DATE
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## EVENT HISTORY

EVENT NAME	EVENT DATE
Registration	30 AUGUST 2014

## OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS

AUTHORIZATION	START DATE	END DATE
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

## TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT

This page when properly endorsed, may be used for reentry of the student to attend the same school after a temporary absence from the United States. Each certification signature is valid for one year.

SCHOOL OFFICIAL	TITLE	SIGNATURE	DATE ISSUED	PLACE ISSUED
Elizabeth Wiseman ARQ/DSO	Advisor	<i>Elizabeth Wiseman</i>	08/13/2015	Ann Arbor, MI
		X		
		X		
		X		

- Travel signatures  
(valid for 1 year after the  
date written above “date  
issued”)

# Document Review

## DS-2019 (J only)

- SHOULD NOT expire
- Category & Subject Field Code
- 212e
- Travel Signatures (valid 1 year)

U.S. Department of State CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR(J-D) STATUS				OMB APPROVAL NO. 3206-0047 EXPIRATION DATE 12/31/2010 FORM DS-2019 (Rev. 12/2009) Page Two
Last Name: Doe		First Name: John		Number: 99999
Date of Birth: 02/29/1970	City of Birth: Beijing, China	Country of Birth: CHINA	Citizenship Country Code: CH	Citizenship Country: CHINA
Legal Permanent Residence Country Code: CH		Legal Permanent Residence Country: CHINA	Passport Code: 214	Passport: UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDENTS
1. Address: 2350 HAYWARD STREET 2250 GG BROWN ANN ARBOR, MI 48109-2125				
2. Program Sponsor: University of Michigan		Exchange Visitor Program Number: P-1-00142		
Participating Program Official Description: PROFESSOR; RESEARCH SCHOLAR; SHORT-TERM SCHOLAR; SPECIALIST; STUDENT ASSOCIATE; STUDENT BACHELORS; STUDENT DOCTORATE; STUDENT MASTERS; STUDENT NON-DEGREE				
Purpose of this form: Begin new program; accompanied by number (0) of immediate family members.				
3. Form Covers Period: From (mm-dd-yyyy): 08-25-2003 To (mm-dd-yyyy): 06-30-2004		4. Exchange Visitor Category: STUDENT MASTERS Subject Field Code: 14.1901 Subject Field Code Description: Mechanical Engineering		
5. During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (U.S. \$) to be provided to the exchange visitor by: All other organizations providing support: \$40,884.00 Total: \$40,884.00				
6. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE USE OR PARTICIPATION BY OTHER OFFICIALS: (Include date) AUG 29 2003 CLASS UNTIL 06-30-2004		7. Responsible Officer: Rodolfo Altamirano Name of Official Preparing Form: 603 East Madison Street Ann Arbor, MI 48109 Address of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: Date (mm-dd-yyyy): 07-23-2003		
8. Statement of Responsible Officer for Relaying Sponsor (FOR TRANSFER OF PROGRAM) (Provide date mm-dd-yyyy): Transfer of this exchange visitor from program number _____ sponsored by _____ to the program specified in item 2 is necessary or highly desirable and is in conformity with the objectives of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended.				
Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: Matthew O'Connor Vice Consul of the United States of America Date (mm-dd-yyyy): 08-14-2003		Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: Date (mm-dd-yyyy):		
9. CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR (J-D) STATUS This form is valid for one year from the date of issuance. Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: Date (mm-dd-yyyy):		10. TRAVEL VALIDATION BY RESPONSIBLE OFFICER (Maximum validation period is one year) *MAXIMUM: Maximum validation period is up to six months for Short-term Scholars and four months for Camp Counselors and Summer Travel Work. - Exchange Visitor is now standing at the present time. Signature of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer: Date (mm-dd-yyyy):		
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR CERTIFICATION. If the recipient differs with the determination on item 2 or item 3, this document is void.				
Signature of Applicant: John Doe		Signature of Applicant: Anywhere Date (mm-dd-yyyy): 08-10-2003		



# Travel

- **All travel signatures valid for ONE year**
  - Can use as many times as necessary
  
- **When travelling, carry with you:**
  - **Valid I-20/DS-2019** with current travel signature
  - **Valid passport** *(6 months minimum from re-entry)*
  - **Valid visa** *(there may be an exception for Canada, Mexico, & adjacent islands)*
  
- **Domestic travel: carry original documents**



# Basics of Maintaining Status

- What is my “status”?
- Must be registered in a “full course of study”
  - 12 credits for Undergraduate Students
- Must report physical address within 10 days
  - *CURRENT* = U.S. physical address
  - *PERMANENT* = home country address (*CANNOT be U.S.*)
  - *Enter your U.S. phone number in “Current Address Voice”*
  - *Read instructions on IC website because SEVIS only accepts US addresses and phone numbers formatted a specific way!*
  - <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/address-notification-requirement>
  - Emergency contact” telephone number and address (strongly recommended)
- **NO** unauthorized employment

**no more** than 3  
credits online





# Employment *On-Campus*

- No more than 20 hours per week during school year
- >20 hours per week OK during official breaks (summer, winter, spring)
- Includes:
  - Student positions (i.e. library)
  - Business in campus building, serving campus community (i.e. restaurant in Michigan League)

## J-1 STUDENTS:

**MUST** receive employment authorization letter from IC for on-campus employment

## F-1 STUDENTS:

**NO** special authorization necessary

*(on-campus employment only)*



# Employment *Off-Campus*

## FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT OFF-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT:

- Workshops
- IC website
- Meet with advisor

## **MUST HAVE PRIOR AUTHORIZATION**

- **F-1:**
  - Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
  - Optional Practical Training (OPT)
- **J-1:**
  - Academic Training (AT)





# Social Security Number (SSN)

- F-1 students *are not eligible* for SSN unless they have employment
  - F-2 dependents cannot work, thus are not eligible for SSN at any time.
- J-1 students *are eligible* for SSN anytime, no employment necessary
  - J-2 dependents can apply for work authorization, thus are eligible for SSN once work authorization is granted.

**DO NOT apply for SSN until you have been in the U.S. for 10 days or 4 days after this check-in, whichever is later.**



# Student Responsibilities

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- Inform the IC if you will be leaving UM
  - Leave of absence
  - Early completion of program
  - Withdrawal from university
  - Transfer to another US university
- Check university email regularly
- Questions? - Stay Informed!
  - <https://www.internationalcenter.umich.edu/>
  - Email: [icenter@umich.edu](mailto:icenter@umich.edu)
  - Meet with an advisor (*check IC website for available times*)



# Additional Documents and Requirements

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# Government Identification

- We recommend that you have either a Michigan Driver's License or a Michigan Personal ID Card. These are safer to carry than your passport.
- Michigan Driver's License
  - Written test and road test
- Michigan Personal ID Card
  - If you don't want a Driver's License
  - Convenient, recognizable ID in the US
- <https://internationalcenter.umich.edu/resources/life/getting-drivers-license>





# U.S. Taxes

- All F-1/J-1 students: File Form 8843 with U.S. government (Internal Revenue Service) every year even if no income in the U.S.
- U.S. income in 2019? You may need to file Form 1040NR-EZ or Form 1040NR
- Deadlines April 15, 2020/June 15, 2020
- Online software is available to help - watch for IC emails in late January
- If you were not in the U.S. in 2019, don't worry about this until next year!



# Smoke-free Campus



U-M is a smoke-free campus (inside and outside)

Federal law still prohibits marijuana possession or use



- Michigan law has changed, but violations of federal law, such as marijuana use or possession, can affect your immigration status.
- Also, U-M still prohibits the possession and use of marijuana on university premises.



# Document Submission

- Please have the following documents ready:
  - Responsibility Checklist (*sign & date*)
  - **Original** immigration documents
    - Your passport
    - I-20/DS-2019
  - **One copy** of each of your immigration documents:
    - I-20/DS-2019 (p.1 only)
    - F-1/J-1 visa
    - passport biographical & expiration page(s)
    - I-94 form printout



# Welcome to U-M

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Thank you for your attention today!

*Welcome to the University of Michigan!*