

Checklist: What to do before coming to CIES

- Pay SEVIS fee** at www.fmjfee.com
- Check expiration date** on your passport (renew if less than 6 months remain)
- Schedule and prepare** for F-1 visa appointment
- Complete FSU Immunization form** (attached)
- Select health insurance plan**
- Stock up on needed medications**/request copies of important medical records (if you have a history of illness)
- Get certified transcripts**/translations from previous schools (if you will apply for university admissions in the US)
- Compare housing options** and learn about transportation options (see attached Housing Guide and cies.fsu.edu/iep)
- Book hotel**/temporary housing for your arrival
- Buy plane tickets** (You may enter the US a maximum of 30 days before the start date on your I-20)
- Buy/pack appropriate clothing** (Tallahassee weather can be very cold, hot, or rainy; see www.tallahassee.climateemps.com)
- Notify your bank** about your international travel and plan to get cash to exchange for US dollars (Tuition will be due by the first day of class and your apartment may require a deposit + rent before you can move in)
- Check with your cell phone provider** about international service
- Like/follow CIES FSU** on Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat
- Leave a copy of your itinerary** and phone numbers/addresses where you will be staying with family/loved ones
- If you are a sponsored student**, make sure to follow all instructions from your scholarship agency and complete any required forms before and after arriving in the US