

THE SEVIS FEE

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The SEVIS fee is a processing fee payable to the United States Department of Homeland Security;
- All new students (F-1 and J-1) must pay the SEVIS fee **before** applying for a student visa at a U.S. consulate or before entering the U.S., if no visa is required; you cannot pay the fee at the U.S. consulate or border;
- Dependents of F-1 or J-1 students do not need to pay the SEVIS fee;
- Students may schedule a visa interview prior to paying the SEVIS fee but must bring the SEVIS fee receipt to the interview;
- Students from Canada and Bermuda must pay the SEVIS fee and bring the receipt to the U.S. border or port of entry;
- The SEVIS fee is non-refundable, however you do not need to pay the fee again if your visa is denied and you re-apply within 12 months for the same visa type.

AMOUNT

- \$350 -- SEVIS fee for students coming to the U.S. in **F-1** status
- \$220 -- SEVIS fee for students coming to the U.S. in **J-1** status

PAYING THE SEVIS FEE

- Have your I-20 or DS-2019 with you; you will need information contained in the document to complete payment;
- Pay online with a credit card at <http://www.fmjfee.com> (unless your country of birth and/or citizenship is Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria or Gambia*)
 - The online form requires information about you and the school. If you are an F-1 student, the SEVIS ID number is printed above your name on page 1 of your I-20 and the school code for Syracuse University can be found in the School Information box. If you are a J-1 student, your SEVIS ID number is in the upper right corner of your DS-2019 and the program number for Syracuse University can be found at item 2.
 - Enter your personal information exactly as it appears on your I-20 or DS-2019.
- Follow the online instructions and **print the payment receipt before navigating away from the payment page**. The receipt is necessary for your visa interview and once you leave the receipt page you may not be able to return to it;
- We recommend paying the SEVIS fee at least 3 days prior to your visa interview or, if no visa is required, 3 days prior to your arrival at the U.S. border/port of entry;

* If your country of birth and/or citizenship is Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria or Gambia, you must pay the SEVIS Fee by money order or certified check drawn from a U.S. bank or by Western Union Quick Pay See <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/paying-your-i-901-sevis-fee> for more information.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SEVIS FEE: <http://www.ice.gov/SEVIS/i901/>