**Arriving at a U.S. Port of Entry**

All persons arriving at a United States (US) Port of Entry are subject to inspection by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the US Customs and Border Protection Agency (CBP). Careful planning and preparation before arrival can ensure that any delay based on these inspections is short.

**When to travel:**

Individuals may enter the U.S. any time within 30 days of the official program start date listed on their Form I-20. If they arrive earlier, they may be refused entry into the U.S. and sent home.

If a student cannot enter the U.S. for the starting semester listed on the Form I-20 or they will be late by a few days, the Designated School Official (DSO) should be contacted immediately.

**Documents you must have at the Port of Entry:**

Do not check the following documents in your baggage!Hand carry the following items:

* Your passport – it should be valid for at least six months beyond the date you plan to travel.
* Your Form I-20 & the financial documents you used to obtain your visa
* CF-6059-Customs Declaration Forms – Flight attendants will distribute this form on the plane as it must be completed before you land. If you do not understand the form, ask the flight attendant for help.

Once your inspection is successfully completed, the inspecting officer will:

* Stamp your passport and create an electronic I-94 record

**What not to bring to the U.S.:**

There are prohibited and restricted items that students cannot bring to the U.S. For more information and a comprehensive list, visit this [webpage](https://www.cbp.gov/travel/us-citizens/know-before-you-go/prohibited-and-restricted-items).

**Secondary Inspection:**

If the CBP inspector cannot verify your information or you do not have all the required documentation, you may be directed to an interview area known as “secondary inspection”. [Secondary inspection](https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students/what-is-secondary-inspection) allows inspectors to conduct additional research in order to verify information without causing delays for other arriving passengers. Do not panic or become uncooperative. Act sensibly; answer the questions asked of you honestly and to the best of your ability.

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