



CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

PRE-DEPARTURE CHECKLIST

The Center for International Education (CIE) has prepared this checklist to assist you before your arrival in New Orleans.

IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Valid passport:** Ensure that your passport will be valid at least six months past the date you enter the U.S.
- Certificate of eligibility (Form I-20 or DS-2019):** This form will be issued and sent to you by Loyola.
- Valid travel visa (not required for Canadian citizens):** If you are entering with an I-20 you must have an F-1 visa. If you are entering with a DS-2019 you must have a J-1 visa.
- I-901 SEVIS Fee:** Proof of I-901 fee payment must be presented at the visa interview or port of entry. For more information see page 2 of the *Information for New Students* brochure or visit the [I-901 SEVIS Fee](#) website.
- Financial Support:** Proof of financial support for your studies will be required upon entering the U.S. (MUST be in English)

LOYOLA REQUIREMENTS:

- Immunization Records:** Be sure to fill out and bring the [Immunization and Medical History form](#) that was sent to you by Loyola. Proof that you have received all the vaccinations listed on the form is required before you can begin your classes. We recommend sending a scanned copy in advance to make sure you meet all requirements.
- Health Insurance Waiver:** You should have received a [Health Insurance Waiver form](#) in your admission packet. Loyola University requires that all international students have health insurance. You will be charged an insurance fee and covered under a policy obtained by Loyola on your behalf, unless you submit proof of comparable personal coverage. This form must be submitted to CIE by the following deadlines (or the following Monday if the date falls on a weekend or holiday): Fall–Aug. 11, Spring–Dec. 11, 2017.
- Residence Hall Contract:** Ensure that you have filled out a [Housing Application](#) with Residential Life. Please let us know if you plan to arrive before on-campus housing is available so that we can assist you in finding other arrangements.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Contact Information:** Carry the names, address and phone numbers of the Center for International Education (CIE): Dittmar Dittrich, 6363 St Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118, 504-864-7550.
- Copies of your immigration documents:** Carry these items separate from your passport and original immigration documents (I-20 or DS-2019).
- Letter of acceptance from Loyola:** Keep accessible in case the United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) requests to view it at your port of entry into the United States.
- Money:** Bring enough accessible money in cash, debit cards or travelers checks (approximately US \$900) for initial living expenses such as food, household items and transportation. Please, note that while traveler's checks are a safer way to bring in money, they are hard to cash in shops and this needs to be done in a bank. Textbooks are quite expensive in the U.S. Budget for US \$300 to \$600 per semester after initial semester.
- Your driver's license/international driver's license:** these can be used to drive and as alternative forms of ID.
- Photographs, souvenirs, music, crafts, videos, picture books, recipes and clothing from your home country:** which you can use to share about your culture with your friends. These items can also be used at the *Country Fair*, which is an annual event in which international students cook and display tables with information for the Loyola community.