

International Students

Thank you for your interest in Olivet Nazarene University! We look forward to helping you through the application process.

Since its inception in 1907, Olivet Nazarene University (ONU) has been home to a diverse student population with many of our students coming from numerous countries around the world. Currently, we have 25 countries represented on our campus. The International Student Services (ISS) office is here to help international students through the application process, with an experienced staff committed to helping international students take the necessary steps to reach their educational goals at ONU.

Steps to Apply

Submit the following documents. Once they have been submitted, your file will be complete and ready for an admission review.

1. Application

Complete and submit your application for admission at www.olivet.edu/international-students

2. High School and College Transcripts

Transcripts must be translated to English and evaluated by [WES](http://www.wes.org) or [ECE](http://www.ece.org) (if instruction was not completed in English) and must show the name of the institution, dates of attendance, credentials received, individual courses taken and the U.S. equivalent credit/unit value and grade. When ordering your evaluation from WES or ECE, you will need to select the “translate and evaluate” option and send your sealed, official transcripts directly to them. They will send the completed evaluation with the transcripts to us.

Student Athletes: Use incredevals.org to get your transcripts evaluated.

College transcripts from a US institution can be sent directly to ONU Admissions:

3. SAT or ACT Scores

Submit SAT or ACT scores requested through collegeboard.org or actstudent.org. The test score requirement is waived for students that have completed 24 or more units of college credit.

4. English Requirements

Applicants from countries whose primary language is not English must demonstrate English proficiency in one of the following ways to ensure a successful experience at ONU.

- TOEFL Score: A recent official test score report with a minimum of 70 on the iBT
- IELTS Score: A recent official test score report with an overall score minimum of 6.5

Bank Statement

Official bank statement in English showing a student has the financial means to pay for one year of attendance (APR \$49,000) at ONU. Final amount will be determined after scholarship is applied.

6. Affidavit Form

7. **Valid Passport** -send copy to ISS office

8. Statement of Personal Faith

9. **Two recommendation letters** (from coaches, teachers, or clergy)

You may email all documents to International Student Services office Dswanso2@olivet.edu, however bring official documents to visa appointment and to ISS office upon arrival.

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES — FALL

- Complete application deadline: June 1
- Payment Deadline: July 1 (first month's payment)

IMPORTANT DEADLINES — SPRING

- Completed Application Deadline: December 1
- Payment Deadline: January 1 (first month's payment)

If needing extra time to apply, please contact ISS office.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

NAFSA VISA TIPS

The F-1 Student Visa

The F-1 student visa is a nonimmigrant visa. In order for this visa to be issued, the applicant must provide proof that:

- He or she has a permanent residence outside of the U.S. which they have no intention of abandoning.
- He or she is desirous to obtain temporary nonimmigrant status into the United States for the sole purpose of engaging in a full-time course of study at Olivet Nazarene University, who issued them the I-20 Form.
- Applicants for an F-1 student visa will need to apply at the closest U.S. Embassy or Consulate of their permanent residence. The U.S. Consular will require an interview with the applicant, and it is required for the applicant to present a valid passport and the I-20 Form as well as the proof of financial support. Each applicant for an F-1 student visa must also submit the following information:
 - Forms DS-156, DS-157, and DS-158.
 - A valid passport for travel to the U.S.
 - One or more photographs, based on the requirements specified.
 - I-20 Form from Olivet Nazarene University.
 - Proof of financial support from a financial institution.
 - Pay the one-time \$350.00 SEVIS fee online before the consular interview.

SEVIS Database

The Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) is an Internet database system designed to track International students while they are in the United States.

While in the United States, F-1 International students must report correct and up to date information regarding their personal information, U.S. address, enrollment status, and academic progress to the International Student Services Office. The PDSO will then enter this information into the SEVIS database.

PLEASE NOTE: It is very important for a nonimmigrant student to maintain his or her immigrant status while in the United States. It is the responsibility of the International student to keep all immigrant documents current. If an International student fails to maintain the conditions of their nonimmigrant status, it could jeopardize their status, and could possibly be grounds for deportation from the United States under the U.S. immigration law.

I-20 Requirements

The I-20 Form (Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status) is issued by the International Student Services Office of Olivet Nazarene University to international students who have been accepted into ONU's degree program.

Evidence of financial support from a financial institution is required in the amount stated on the I-20 Form before the I-20 Form can be prepared for the international student. This proof of financial support must be submitted in the pre-application stage of the admissions process, along with an affidavit. Both documents need to be notarized.

DEPOSIT

Olivet Nazarene University is waiving the \$200.00 deposit fee for international students.

Once all final admission documents have been received, an I-20 will be generated for the student and mailed to their home address. You will be required to create a shipping label for I-20 to be sent [eShipGlobal](#). The student must then make an appointment with the embassy in his/her home country in order to apply for an F-1 student Visa. The student must bring their valid I-20 (along with the other required documentation) to the appointment.
