

International F-1 Student Application Timeline



1 Apply to Bellarmine

- Complete your application
- Submit contact information for a teacher or counselor who will write a one-page letter of recommendation
- Send a picture or scan of your passport

6 Final Review and I-20 Issuance

International Support will review all documents, issue your I-20, and send it to you. **You will need a physical copy of the I-20 for the next steps.**

2 Submit proof of English proficiency

Scores must be submitted by the test administrator.

TOEFL iBT
80

IELTS
6.0

SAT
1060

ACT
21

Duolingo
105

WILL BE WAIVED IF*:

- English is your first language
- Your schooling has been in English in an exempt country
- You have completed an appropriate level of training at an approved U.S. English language program

*There are stricter proficiency requirements for certain graduate STEM programs.

7 Review and sign I-20

Carefully review the I-20 and make sure all information is accurate before signing. If you are under 18, your parent or guardian must sign as well.

8 Pay SEVIS fee and keep your receipt

We advise paying the fee at least 3 days in advance. Later payments may result in administrative delays.

9 Make appointment at nearest U.S. embassy

They may charge two separate fees for the appointment and for processing the visa.

3 Send us an official copy of your transcript

- If you attended a U.S. accredited or IB school, the transcript can be sent directly from your school to Bellarmine
- Other transcripts must first be sent to a company that specializes in credentialing. Consult with Admissions for acceptable companies.

DUE DATES

June 27 for Fall semester starts

November 15 for Spring semester starts

March 25 for Summer semester starts

10 Attend your visa interview

Bring all the documentation you provided to Bellarmine during the application process, as well as your I-20, your admission letter, and SEVIS receipt.

4 Academic Review

Bellarmino Admissions will review your academic credentials and (if accepted) you will receive a letter of acceptance digitally. Once admitted, you will be able to complete your advising form and apply for housing.

11 Receive passport with visa inserted

Make travel arrangements. Bring your passport, visa, I-20, admission letter, and all admissions materials in your carry-on.

5 Financial Review

Provide proof of your ability to pay tuition and living costs for one year. Confirm with Admissions the amount you must show. Scholarships, sponsor funds, and loans may help cover the estimated total. Sponsors (such as a family member) must provide a recent bank statement or letter and sign an affidavit of support (provided by Admissions).

12 Attend International Orientation

International Orientation at Bellarmine is mandatory. Housing will not be available on campus before International Orientation, so plan accordingly. You must check in with International Support before classes start, and you will meet with International Support at the beginning of each semester you are enrolled.