Transferring to the University of Idaho under SEVIS

A guide for International Students

We are pleased that you are considering the University of Idaho to continue your educational career in the United States. This information will clarify some of the questions that you may have about the transfer process under the new SEVIS program.

Please provide the UI's admissions office with a completed and signed certificate of financial responsibility and a copy of a bank statement. You can find a copy of this document on the Web at www.students.uidaho.edu/admissions/forms. The copy of a bank statement or a letter from a bank should show that you (or if you are being sponsored, your sponsor) have enough funds to cover the amounts shown in the Certificate of Financial Responsibility. These documents should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure prompt issuance of your new I-20.

Notify your international student advisor at your current school of your plans to transfer to the University of Idaho. Your current advisor will have to release your SEVIS record to us in order for us to issue a new I-20 in your name. Notifying your advisor is your responsibility and a very important step in the transfer process!

Notify the UI's admissions office and your current school of your travel plans! If you are planning to travel outside the U.S. after leaving your current school and before coming to UI, please note that it may take some time to process your new I-20. We ask that you take this into consideration when planning any travel outside the U.S. between programs. If you do not have the proper documentation, you may be prevented from re-entering the United States.

Attend the International Student orientation and visit the University of Idaho's international student advisor immediately after you arrive on campus! Your advisor will ensure that the transfer process is completed and that your documents are processed accordingly. If you need more information about orientation please contact our International Programs Office at 208-885-8984 or ipo@uidaho.edu.

Maintaining your immigration status as an international student is YOUR responsibility! Please ask questions if you are unsure about anything regarding your status. Go to official sources! Friends and acquaintances may not be your best resource when it comes to immigration issues.

International students enrich the educational experience of everyone attending the University of Idaho! If you need help or have additional questions please contact us at

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