Enclosed you will find

- Your Form I-20 for the purpose of obtaining an F-1 visa stamp. You must complete the Student Attestation section (signature and date) on page 1 of the Form I-20.

- Welcome Packet

- **Part One:** Instructions for applying for your visa and traveling to the United States
- **Part Two:** Instructions for paying the required $200 SEVIS fee. You must pay this fee prior to applying for your visa.
- **Part Three:** Information regarding the mandatory International Student Orientation. Let us know when you will arrive.

- **Part Four:** General information regarding campus life, important forms, registering for classes, living on campus, and a checklist.

**Important Dates**

**Jan. 17, 2018: International Student Arrival Day and Immigration Check In (9 a.m.–5 p.m.)**
- New students are expected to check in this day
- Resident students can move in to their room on this day

**Jan. 18, 2018: International Student Orientation Program**
All new and transfer students are expected to attend

**Jan. 22, 2018: Classes Begin**

Be sure to take all admissions and financial information with you to the United States Consulate when you are applying for an F-1 student visa. At the Consulate, be prepared to answer questions regarding family members that may be studying or living in the U.S., your financial ability to study in the U.S., and your plans after completion of studies. Make sure to answer all questions truthfully and honestly as this can lead to the issuance or rejection of your student visa.

Upon your arrival in the U.S., you are required to report to Immigration Services Office (located in Hillwood Commons) within 10 days of entering the country. Please review the arrival information for special office hours.

Please be aware that our actual cost estimates for your annual expenses are estimated at: $42,163 for graduate and $56,713 for undergraduate students. Expenses do vary each semester.

We can help you with any questions you might have regarding immigration, academics, and campus life. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at 516-299-1451 or by email at post-international@liu.edu.
# WELCOME TO LIU POST

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PART ONE  F-1 STUDENT VISA AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

OBTAINING AN F-1 STUDENT VISA
All international students must enter the United States with an F-1 student visa. A visa is a stamp that is placed inside of your passport by the United States Consulate or Embassy in your home country. Procedures for applying for an F-1 student visa differ in every country so it is advised that students contact the U.S. Consulate in your country for clarification. Information about the closest U.S. Consulate can be found at usembassy.state.gov.

When applying and being interviewed for a student visa, be prepared to show:
• Your official SEVIS Form I-20
• Proof of payment for the $200 SEVIS Form I-20 fee
• A completed non-immigrant visa application
• The appropriate visa application fee (consult the consulate)
• A valid passport
• Acceptance, scholarship, and/or fellowship letters from LIU Post
• Transcripts and diplomas from previous schools
• TOEFL, GMAT, GRE, SAT Scores
• Evidence of financial ability (original bank statements, affidavits, proof of income)
• Evidence of social and economic ties to home country
• Proof of dependents and their relationship to student (If F-2 visas are required)

Canadian students do not need visas to enter the U.S. as F-1 students. Canadians must show SEVIS I-20, receipt of SEVIS I-20 processing fee payment, proof of financial ability, and proof of admissions to LIU Post at the port of entry upon arrival in the United States.

F-1 STUDENTS ALREADY IN U.S.
TRANSFERRING FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL
International students already in the United States with an F-1 status must receive a transfer pending updated I-20 from LIU Post no later than 15 days after the start of classes. If you plan to travel during the break between the time that your semester ends at your old institution and the new semester at LIU Post, you must travel and re-enter the U.S. with a LIU Post I-20. Transfer students must check-in with the Immigration Services Office (ISO) prior to registering for classes. Bring all previously issued I-20s, passport, form I-94, and visa. You cannot register for classes until the check-in process with Immigration Services Office has been completed.

PLANNING YOUR ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT
Do not pack the following documents inside your luggage – you will need to present them when you enter the United States:
• Passport
• SEVIS Form I-20
• SEVIS Fee Receipt
• Evidence of financial ability (original bank statements, sponsorship letter, proof of income
• Name and contact information for your “Designated School Officials,” 516-299-1451, and your 24-hour emergency contact number for LIU Post: 516-299-2222.

The Immigration Services Office will be notified electronically about your arrival in the U.S. Students are required to report to the Immigration Services Office within ten days of arriving in the United States. Bring your original passport, I-94, visa, and Form I-20 to the Immigration Services Office to complete the check-in process. International students are required to submit an address, email, and phone number in the United States upon check-in.
HOW TO GET TO LIU POST
It is suggested that students should take a van or taxi service to the LIU Post Campus. Below are some local choices of transportation. It is customary, not required, to tip the van driver a few dollars extra. We do not recommend you catch a yellow cab or curb-side taxi because they usually overcharge for their services. The following taxi services are licensed and usually do not charge extraordinary prices.

VAN SERVICE
• Super Shuttle: 631-648-9083
  Click the Airport Super Shuttle link to book

TAXI SERVICE
• Arena Car Service: 516-676-1016 – Receive 10 percent off by mentioning you are a LIU Post student.
• The Taxi: 516-671-0707 – Set up your reservations one day in advance and call taxi service once you exit Customs at JFK Airport.

REMEMBER: All students must check in with Immigration Services Office within ten days of arriving in the U.S. Our office is located in Hillwood Commons, Room 222.

NEARBY HOTELS
For additional options, please refer to liu.edu/CWPost/About/Visit/Area/Hotels

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CAMPUS ADDRESS & CONTACT NUMBERS

ADDRESS
720 Northern Boulevard, Brookville, NY 11548

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER
Department of Public Safety 516-299-2222. This office is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

IMMIGRATION SERVICES OFFICE CONTACT NUMBER
516-299-1451. Normal business hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
PART TWO  SEVIS FEE REQUIREMENTS

SEVIS, the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, is a central computerized system that maintains and manages data about foreign (F-1) students and their dependents (F-2) during their stay in the United States. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has announced a SEVIS fee of $200 for all new F-1 applicants. The fee is required by DHS and is to be used to cover the cost of the operation of the SEVIS program. The following information specifically addresses fee issues for F-1 students.

Who pays the SEVIS fee?
- Prospective students with “initial attendance” I-20s ISSUED who are applying for an “initial” F-1 visa from outside the United States. (Since Canadians are not required to get a visa stamp, they will be required to pay the fee before going to the port of entry. The fee cannot be paid at the port of entry.)
- Prospective students with “initial attendance” I-20s ISSUED who are applying for a change to F-1 status from another visa category.
- Current F-1 students in the United States filing for reinstatement after being out of status more than 5 months, and who are issued an I-20 issued for reinstatement.

Who does NOT have to pay the fee?
Continuing F-1 students do not have to pay the fee unless circumstances change so that the student fits one of the categories mentioned above.

What about my F-2 dependents?
F-2 dependents do not have to pay the fee.

Do I have to pay if I transfer to another school, travel outside the U.S., or renew my visa?
The SEVIS fee is not required when transferring schools, changing to another degree program or level, requesting a program extension, renewing an F-1 visa or using F-1 benefits (such as practical training). If you are in status when you travel internationally and are not physically outside of the U.S. for more than five months, you will not be required to pay the fee.

I applied to more than one school, and have more than one I-20 form. What happens if I pay the SEVIS fee for one school, and I change my mind and decide that I want to attend the other school?
Is my paid SEVIS fee transferable?
Yes. But you must submit the I-20 form with the SEVIS number that you listed on the I-901 form with you to the U.S. Consulate/Embassy. To transfer the SEVIS fee to another SEVIS record, visit ice.gov/sevis/901. For change of status or reinstatement applications, please see next question.

What do I need to do if I fit into one of the categories above?
- Follow the payment option directions on page 5.
- Submit a copy of the I-797 or computer receipt with your visa, change of status or reinstatement application
  OR
- Students who are exempt from visa requirements, such as Canadians, should take a copy of the SEVIS fee receipt to present at the port of entry with the appropriate I-20. It will not be possible to pay the fee at the port of entry.

When do I pay the SEVIS fee?
The fee must be paid at least three business days prior to applying for your visa (OR three business days prior to applying for admission at U.S. port-of-entry for those exempt from the visa requirement – such as Canadians). The fee must be paid prior to submission of a change petition or reinstatement application (for those who have been out of status for more than five months).

What if my F-1 visa application is denied?
The SEVIS fee will not be refunded. However, if you reapply for a new F-1 visa within 12 months of the denial, you will not have to pay the fee again.

Can I pay the SEVIS fee at a university, consulate, or port of entry?
No. At this time the SEVIS fee can only be processed by the Department of Homeland Security via the Internet or by mail.

How do I pay the fee?
The fee can be paid to the DHS online (strongly recommended) or by mail and must be accompanied by a form I-901. It can be paid by you or by a third party, inside or outside the U.S.

To pay online (this method is recommended OVER mailing your fee application):
- Find the form I-901 at FMJfee.com
- Complete the form online and supply the necessary VISA, MasterCard, or American Express information.
  *Be sure to write your name exactly as it appears on your I-20 form.
- Print a copy of the online receipt.
- Be sure to make copies of your receipt, and keep it with your other important immigration documents.
To pay by mail

- Obtain a Form I-901 “Fee Remittance for Certain F, J and M Non-immigrants.”
  a) Download the form from FMJfee.com OR
  b) Request the form by phone at 1-800-870-3676 (inside the U.S.).
- Complete the form I-901. Be sure to write your name exactly as it appears on your I-20 form.
- Prepare a check, international money order, or foreign draft (drawn on U.S. banks only) in the amount of $200 USD. For more information, please see FMJfee.com.
- Mail the completed I-901 and payment to the address listed on Form I-901.
- A Form I-797 receipt notice should be mailed within 3 days of processing the fee. Be sure to make copies of your receipt and keep it with your other important immigration documents.

Will the DHS keep a record of my payment on file?

Fee payments should be entered into your permanent immigration (SEVIS) record but it is strongly recommended that you retain a copy of your fee receipt (Form I-797) to use as needed.

Helpful Websites

- SEVIS fee tutorial
  studyinthestates.dhs.gov/2013/10/i-901-sevis-fee-payment-tutorial
- Study in the States
  studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students
- U.S. Embassies Abroad
  usembassy.gov
- Visas for Third Country Nationals in Canada or Mexico
  travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/visit/visa-waiver-program.html
- Visa Photo Requirements
  travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/general/photos.html
- Airport Security Information
  tsa.gov/traveler-information
- What to expect upon arrival at the U.S. port of entry

PART THREE
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION

ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN INFORMATION

Please inform our office at post-international@liu.edu with your arrival information. Immigration requires all students to officially check-in with Immigration Services Office within 10 days of arriving in the United States (students must check-in with Immigration Services Office prior to the program start date on their I-20).

The International Student Office will hold an Arrival Day on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018. Please visit the office from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. for your immigration check in. Please bring your passport, visa, I-94 card and I-20(s) with you on this day. Our office is located in Mullarkey Hall (Admissions Building).

Please note that any changes to the schedule or location will be emailed to you to your MyLIU account prior to your arrival. Please see page 7 of this booklet for information on how to activate your MyLIU account.

ORIENTATION

The International Orientation program will begin on Thursday, Jan. 17, 2017 in Hillwood Commons.

ORIENTATION FEES

The fee for orientation is $150* and includes meals each day. Please note that this fee is included on your LIU Post financial bill.

*Please note that this amount is subject to change without notice.
ACTIVATE YOUR MYLIU
Long Island University’s My LIU portal provides students with convenient access to information about their records including financial aid, billing, grades, class schedule, e-mail account, and more. To activate your account, please go to my.liu.edu and click “Activate My Account”. For further information please see the Center for the Student Information located at csi.liu.edu.

HOUSING OPTIONS
As a student at LIU Post, one of the first and most important decisions you will make will be if you want to live on campus or off campus. Here is some information you may find helpful in making this decision:

OPTION ONE
LIVING ON CAMPUS IN A RESIDENCE HALL (Dormitory)
- Living on campus is a great way to meet other people and really get involved in campus life! Visit liu.edu/post/campuslife or call 516-299-2326 for more information.
- As an on-campus resident, you should expect to have one to three other students sharing your room.
- If you decide to live on campus, you must submit your housing application along with your $300 housing deposit to the Enrollment Services Office by June 1 for fall entry or November 1 for spring entry in order to be guaranteed housing. If your application is received after this date, then it is not guaranteed that you will receive on-campus housing. If you have already submitted your housing application and deposit, you do not need to re-submit these items!
- Please note: Your LIU Post residence hall room will include the following: bed, mattress, desk, chair, window drapes, wardrobe/closet, and dresser. Sheets, towels, pillows, etc. will not be provided.

OPTION TWO
LIVING OFF CAMPUS IN A HOUSE OR APARTMENT
Living off campus can provide students with greater independence. While it is certainly possible to live off campus without a car, if you choose to do so, we recommend you identify a location that is near public transportation.

HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATION FORMS
All students are required to submit completed health forms prior to their arrival in the United States. This form should have been mailed to you with your acceptance package; however, it can be accessed on our web page at liu.edu/post/forms. For specific information or questions about this form or the data required, contact the Center for Healthy Living at 516-299-2345 or 516-299-3477.

HEALTH INSURANCE
Health insurance is mandatory for all international students. If you have health insurance, you can waive the insurance on-line using your MyLIU account. If you do not waive your insurance by the deadline, you will be charged a health insurance fee with your tuition. The health insurance coverage is for one year. Students can print their health insurance cards from their MyLIU account. For further information, contact the Health Insurance Office at 516-299-2345.
REGISTERING FOR CLASSES
After students have completed the check-in process in the ISO Office, they will be allowed to register for classes. **Students who have not checked-in with the Immigration Services Office will not be allowed to register. There will be an opportunity to register for courses at Orientation.**

Registration is the actual choosing of the classes available. Students can access the schedule of classes online through your MyLIU account to see the courses and times available.

Most undergraduate courses are offered in the daytime from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., while most graduate courses are offered in the evenings. There are limited courses offered on the weekends.

- **First Year Undergraduate students** must register for a minimum of 12 credits. For questions about registration contact your Success Coach in LIU Promise. Success Coach names and phone numbers are available online at liu.edu/post/promise.

- **Undergraduate Transfer students** with 30 or more credits earned must register for a minimum of 12 credits. For questions about registration contact your Enrollment Services Coach in Enrollment Services at 516-299-2323 or post-enrollmentservices@liu.edu.

- **Graduate students** must register for a minimum of 9 credits. For questions about courses contact your Graduate Enrollment Services Coach for their academic major. Please contact your department for academic advising information. A list of departments can be found at: http://liu.edu/About-LIU/A-Z-Index.

- **ESL students** with questions about courses, liu.edu/post/eli, may contact Mr. Joseph Granitto, 516-299-4002, joseph.granitto@liu.edu.

PAYMENT OF TUITION AND FEES
Tuition and fees will not be charged until after a student registers for classes. You must register for classes and then you will be billed for tuition and fees. Students that wish to have their tuition payments wired electronically directly to LIU Post can do so. Please contact the Enrollment Services Office at 516-299-2323 or email post-enrollmentservices@liu.edu for bank wire information.

If you do not wish to wire funds, be prepared to pay your tuition by bank check, credit card or money order upon arrival at LIU Post.

ORIENTATION FEES
The fee for orientation is $150* and includes meals each day. Please note that this fee is included on your LIU Post bill.

*Please note that this amount is subject to change without notice.
CHECKLIST

CAMPUS PAPERWORK
- I have sent the $200 tuition deposit.
- I understand that the $150 orientation fee will be added to my bursar bill.
- I have submitted a copy of my completed health forms.
- I have decided where I plan to live and made appropriate arrangements.
- I have completed and mailed the On-Campus Housing Application to the Enrollment Services Office and have included my $300 housing deposit (in the form of bank check or money order).
- I have made accommodations to live off campus.

SEVIS FORM I-20
- I have signed “Student Attestation” section on the first page of my FORM I-20.
- I have paid the SEVIS fee and printed my receipt for payment of the SEVIS I-20 fee.

F-1 VISA APPLICATION DOCUMENTS
(needed for F-1 visa application at U.S. Consulate)
- Official SEVIS Form I-20
- Proof of payment/receipt for the SEVIS Form I-20 fee
- Completed non-immigrant visa application
- Visa application fee (consult the U.S. Consulate)
- Passport, valid for at least six months beyond the date of your expected stay
- Acceptance, scholarship, and/or fellowship letters from LIU Post
- Transcripts and diplomas from previous schools
- TOEFL, GMAT, GRE, SAT Scores
- Evidence of financial ability (bank statements, affidavits, proof of income)
- Evidence of social and economic ties to home country
- Proof of dependents and their relationship to student (If F-2 visas are required)

TRAVELING FROM YOUR COUNTRY TO NEW YORK
- I have remembered NOT to pack the following documents in my luggage: passport, I-20, SEVIS fee receipt, evidence of financial ability, contact information for LIU Post (found in this enclosure).
- I am aware that flight attendants will distribute an Arrival Record Form (I-94 card) while I am en route to New York. I will electronically print this form from i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home#section.

TRAVELING FROM THE AIRPORT TO LIU POST
- I know my options for Airport Shuttle Service and taxi service to LIU Post (found in this enclosure) and can make a decision about how I plan to travel to LIU Post.

LODGING ONCE YOU ARRIVE AT LIU POST
- I have thought about what time I will arrive at LIU Post and if necessary, I have made arrangements to stay at a nearby hotel (options found in this enclosure).
- I have planned my arrival to the LIU Post campus and understand that if I wish to live on campus I am not permitted to do so until Jan. 17, 2018.

If you have any questions please contact Immigration Services Office at post-international@liu.edu.
We want your entry to the U.S. and to LIU Post to be as smooth as possible!