

PLAN YOUR *WorldsAhead* JOURNEY

FIU FLORIDA
INTERNATIONAL
UNIVERSITY

BE IMMIGRATION READY

PREPARING FOR YOUR ARRIVAL IN THE U.S.

Please make sure you read all the information here and online before you embark on your academic journey to the United States! You will find all the related information and links on our website: go.fiu.edu/NewStudent



VISA PROCESS

Follow these steps to receive your new F-1 student visa

- Pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee. Visit <https://www.fmjfee.com>
- Make an appointment with your local American Embassy and apply for your F-1 visa.

EducationUSA has excellent information on their website to help you with the transition. Visit <https://educationusa.state.gov> and check out the **5 steps to Studying in the US!**



WELCOME TO THE UNITED STATES!

Arrive at Miami (closest) or Fort Lauderdale Airport (approximately 1 hour from the main campus also known as Modesto A. Maidique Campus). Don't forget to also research and pre-plan your transportation to FIU.

- **Uber** and **Lyft** are widely used mobile ride apps.
[\\$30 Miami airport to FIU Modesto Maidique Campus.](#)
- **Super Shuttle** shared ride is a low cost option. You can book this online prior to your trip here:
<https://www.supershuttle.com>.
[\\$25 Miami airport to FIU MMC campus](#)
- **Local taxis** are also available upon arrival.
[\\$35 Miami airport to FIU MMC campus](#)



HOUSING & PRE-ARRIVAL

UNDERGRADUATES: secure your on-campus (housing.fiu.edu) or decide on off-campus options (classifieds.fiu.edu)

GRADUATES: off-campus housing (classifieds.fiu.edu)
If you arrive before your move-in date, please make sure you have other accommodations. The closest hotel to the Modesto Maidique Campus is the Comfort Suites Miami- Kendall.

International students are required to have medical insurance. Please visit go.fiu.edu/insurance and click on "Insurance" for more information.

Attend one of the [Virtual Pre-Arrival Sessions](#) offered by the Office of International Students. Find more information on pre-arrival session on our website go.fiu.edu/Welcome

FIU

WELCOME TO FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

- Set up your FIU e-mail. Visit go.fiu.edu/NewEmail
- Attend orientation and speak to an academic advisor from your program
- Register for classes through your my.fiu.edu portal
- Complete your Virtual Check-in. Review go.fiu.edu/CheckIn for more information
- Attend the International Student Welcome Session (go.fiu.edu/Welcome)