



# International Student Admissions

## Changing to F-1 Status Inside the United States

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This document provides an overview of the process to become an F-1 International Student at Century College. For details on the Century College application process and all required steps after admission please visit: [www.century.edu/admissions/international-student](http://www.century.edu/admissions/international-student).

Contact International Admissions at [IntlAdmissions@century.edu](mailto:IntlAdmissions@century.edu) with any questions. *If you need legal advice, please contact an immigration attorney. Century College cannot provide legal advice.*

### Step 1 Apply to Century College

- Visit our website for details and deadlines. (Follow link above.)

### Step 2 Receive Acceptance Letter and Form I-20

- Documents will be emailed to the address you provide in your online application.
- After receiving your acceptance letter, visit the Next Steps for Admitted Students webpage for a complete list of steps you must take before your first semester at Century College: [www.century.edu/admissions/international-student/next-steps-admitted-students](http://www.century.edu/admissions/international-student/next-steps-admitted-students).

### Step 3 Pay I-901 SEVIS Fee

- Students must register their SEVIS ID number by paying a government registration fee online at [www.fmjfee.com](http://www.fmjfee.com).

### Step 4 Submit Form I-539 (Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status) to USCIS

- Complete and submit Form I-539: [www.uscis.gov/i-539](http://www.uscis.gov/i-539) *Note: Most students choose to work with an immigration attorney on this process. Century College cannot provide legal advice.* For more information about applying to change status visit: [www.uscis.gov/working-united-states/students-and-exchange-visitors/students-and-employment/changing-a-nonimmigrant-f-or-m-student-status](http://www.uscis.gov/working-united-states/students-and-exchange-visitors/students-and-employment/changing-a-nonimmigrant-f-or-m-student-status).

### Step 5 Receive Approval Notice and Prepare for Semester Start

- Receive Official Change of Status Approval Notice from USCIS and submit to International Student Services at Century College.
- Follow all Century College instructions to prepare for semester start. Check your email on a regular basis so you do not miss any important information!

Note: United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) often takes between 4-9 months to process change of status applications and approval is not guaranteed. If a student's current status does not allow study in the United States, they cannot register for courses at Century College until an approval notice is received. For estimated processing times visit: <https://egov.uscis.gov/processing-times/>

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