

# TRAVEL AND ENTERING THE USA

## DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

When you travel to IMG Academy, you must carry the following documents with you:

- Passport
- Visa
- Form I-20
- SEVIS receipt
- Letter of acceptance from the school
- The address of where you will be staying
- The telephone number of IMG Academy in case of travel delays or problems at the airport

***DO NOT PACK THESE IN YOUR CHECKED BAGGAGE – keep these documents at hand to show to the Customs Officials and when you come to the IMG Academy orientation.***

## PORT OF ENTRY: ARRIVING IN THE USA

New (initial) students with an F-1 student visa may be admitted to the U.S. up to 30 days before their course of study begins.

Have the following documents available for presentation:

- Your passport
- Form I-20
- Customs declaration form (will be distributed by CBP officials)

All visitors entering the USA must state their reason for entering the country. If you are attending IMG Academy, and are in possession of a valid SEVIS form, tell the CBP Officer that you are a student.

Once your inspection is successfully completed, the inspecting officer will:

- Stamp your passport. For F-1 visa holders, the stamp must say D/S.
- Students who do not have “D/S” written on their I-94 or on a stamp in their passport must check their I-94 arrival record online: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home>. If you arrived in student status, your record will say F-1 D/S. In case it states anything else, please contact your International Student Advisor immediately.

Students should report to their school within 30 days of the date that appears on the SEVIS I-20 form to register for courses or to validate their intended participation. Failure to do so may result in serious consequences.

## IMG ACADEMY ORIENTATION

We will need a number of documents to facilitate the international orientation process. Please bring the following items to the orientation:

- Your passport with visa
- Original I-20 form (this document has three pages)

