

All incoming international students in F-1 status are required to check-in online. Check-in with OIP is required by law for all F-1 and J-1 international students.

This requirement applies to all students who:

- Plan to begin their Fayetteville State University program in-person for the Fall 2026 semester;
- Transferred to Fayetteville State University this semester from another institution in the U.S.;
- Started their FSU program while living in another country, and plan to continue their studies in-person;
- Enrolled less than full-time while living in another country, and plan to continue their studies full-time in-person;
- Plan to return to the U.S. from a temporary leave of absence from their academic program;
- Completed the NC State Intensive English Program (IEP) program during Spring or Summer 2026; OR
- Have a pending change of status petition to F-1 or J-1 status with USCIS.

It does not apply to the following groups:

- Students on other visas (H-1, H-4, F-2, etc.) should NOT attend the OIS Check-in session, as it is not a requirement of those visa statuses.
- Dependents on J-2 visas are required to check in with OIS but do so through a separate dependent check-in process. Please complete the Dependent Check-in Form to schedule a J-2 check-in appointment. F-2 dependents are also encouraged to complete the dependent check-in process.

If you fail to check in by this date, please email oip@uncfsu.edu for further guidance.

Carefully review the instructions.

Documents Required For Check-In

For All Students:

- I-20 from Fayetteville State University
- Passport (biographical page),
- F-1 Visa and U.S. Entry Stamp (Except for Canadian Citizens)
- SEVIS Fee Receipt I-901 (Go to www.fmjfee.com and select "Check I-901 Status/Print Payment Confirmation")
- I-94 Arrival Record* (Go to <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home> and select "Get Most Recent I-94")
- *The I-94 form is proof of your legal visitor status and it reflects your U.S. arrival and departure history for the past 5 years. Please note that your I-94 Arrival Record will only be available for download AFTER you have been in the U.S. for 3-5 days. For example, if you arrive in the U.S. on on Saturday, July 18th, 2026, your I-94 Arrival Record may not be available until Friday, July 24th, 2026.

In addition, you may also need to submit the following:

- For Students with an On-Campus Job (GTA, Bookstore, etc.):
- Job Offer Letter
- For Students with Dependents (A dependent can be a spouse or child in F-2 status):
- I-20 for Dependents
- Passport for Dependents
- F-2 Visa and U.S. Entry Stamp for Dependents

DEVICES

You can use a computer or a mobile device (tablet or smart phone) to complete the Online Check-In Form. If you do not have access to a computer and/or internet, you can use one of the FSU computers in the computer labs or libraries.

ACCEPTED FILE UPLOAD FORMATS

Accepted File Upload Formats are pdf, jpeg, and png. We accept documents as scans, screenshots and photos. If the quality of the document is not good (illegible

or the entire image wasn't scanned) your check-in request will be rejected and you will need to upload new versions of your documents.

- **Required Steps to Complete the Check-in Requirement**
- **IMPORTANT – OIP will not be able to register your SEVIS record until all steps have been completed.**

Students are advised to wait 10 days from the date they arrive in the U.S. and several days from the date they receive confirmation of SEVIS registration after completing the immigration check-in process in its entirety **before attending appointments with government agencies like the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Social Security Administration (SSA).**

Check-In FAQs

OIP Check-In Process and SEVIS Registration

What happens after I complete my online check-in tasks?

The DSO will review your documents, check-in tasks, enrollment, and other registration checkpoints to confirm your eligibility for SEVIS registration. Provided there are no issues, we will register your SEVIS record and you will receive email confirmation of such.

Why is it taking some time to receive confirmation of my SEVIS registration?

Simply speaking, the large volume of check-ins to process is the main reason the SEVIS registration process takes time. Each of our new students uploads 4 documents, so that's a lot of documents to individually review!

Should I be worried there's something wrong with my submissions if I don't hear anything for several days?

Nope! As long as you've followed the check-in instructions, done all your check-in tasks correctly (including uploading your documents), your SEVIS record will be registered, it just may take some time due to the reasons mentioned above. If there is an issue with your check-in documents, check-in tasks, or enrollment, rest assured the DSO will notify you immediately and tell you how to fix it!

Can you give me an update on the status of my SEVIS registration?

Unfortunately, not. Due to the volume of registrations being processed, we are not able to provide each student with a "play by play" update of the process. Thank you for understanding this limitation and refraining from seeking an update. We

hope you will trust that we are working on your registration even if you don't hear anything from us for several days.

Do I need to wait for confirmation from OIP about SEVIS registration to apply for a SSN or driver's license?

It is strongly recommended that you wait at least 10 days from arrival and several days from receiving your SEVIS registration confirmation to apply for a social security number or driver's license. The reason for this is because the Social Security Administration (SSA) and Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) use a database fed by SEVIS and the CBP I-94 database to confirm your eligibility for these benefits. So, if you apply before that database has received information from SEVIS and the CBP I-94 system, the DMV/SSA may not be able to initially confirm your eligibility, resulting in a need for you to make a second trip to the DMV or SSA to complete the application process. We have also seen students experience delays in receiving their SSN or license/permit/State of NC ID card if they applied before their SEVIS record was active.

Do I need to wait for confirmation from OIP about SEVIS registration to start/complete the I-9 process and start my on-campus job?

No, you are not required to wait for OIP confirmation of your SEVIS registration to start/complete the I-9 process and start your on-campus employment. You are legally eligible to begin your on-campus employment once you are within 30 days from the start of classes. However, to ensure a smooth I-9 verification process, we strongly recommend that you have at least completed YOUR part of the check-in process so that we have everything we need to register your record. The I-9 process verifies your eligibility partly by a review of your documents and partly by pinging a database fed by SEVIS. As long as you have completed your check-in tasks completely and correctly, including uploading your immigration documents, the OIP will be able to work with the HR employment verification I-9 team to coordinate registration of SEVIS records that have an earlier deadline for registration after completing the I-9 process. So, if you need/want to start your on-campus job (and thus need to do the I-9), then please do go ahead and start that job!

Do I need to wait for confirmation from OIP about SEVIS registration to get my Bronco ID card?

Nope!

Social Security Numbers (SSN) and Driver's Licenses

Where can I find information about social security?

The best place for information is [International Students and Social Security Numbers](#).

Where can I find information about driver's licenses?

To get a North Carolina driver license, an individual must be at least 18 years old and apply in person at a N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles driver license office [DMV Office Locations](#). It is recommended to make an appointment before going to the office. [Official NCDMV: Driver License Office Appointments](#)

Do I need a social security number to start my on-campus job?

No, you are permitted to complete the I-9 and begin your on-campus employment prior to applying for and/or receiving a social security number. You should apply for one as soon as possible after that however, as the university must eventually collect this information for tax reporting purposes (see the question below about the application timelines)

Is there a special application process for NC State international students at the Social Security office?

Students are now able to schedule their own appointments to visit the Social Security office in Raleigh after completing the online application form for a SSN.

What is the recommended application timeline to apply for the SSN and Driver's License?

It is recommended that you wait to apply for the SSN and/or driver's license at least 10 days after your arrival in the U.S. and several days after OIP has registered your SEVIS record. The reason for this is because the Social Security Administration (SSA) and Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) use a database fed by SEVIS and the CBP I-94 database to confirm your eligibility for the SSN and driver's license. So, if you apply before that database has received data from SEVIS and the CBP I-94 system, the SSA/DMV may not be able to initially confirm your eligibility, resulting in delays or additional actions to complete the application process (such as an additional trip the SSA/DMV office). It is best to wait until the relevant government databases are updated and those offices can confirm your eligibility for the benefit to minimize inconveniences to you. If you choose to apply before these timelines, understand that you will likely experience

delays and that doing so may create additional steps for you to complete. OIP cannot expedite the registration process for you based on your decision to apply before the recommended timelines.