This document provides an overview of the process to become an F-1 International Student at Century College. For details on the Century application process and required steps after admission please visit our website.

Please Note: USCIS generally 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.

### STEP 1: Apply to Century College

- Complete the Century College online application and pay the application fee
- Submit proof of English proficiency
- Submit proof of high school completion
- Submit Financial Responsibility Form and supporting financial documents
- Submit Supplemental Admissions Form
- Submit International Student Agreement Form
- Submit copy of passport, current visa, and I-94

For details on the above requirements please visit: www.century.edu/admissions/international-student/international-student-application

### STEP 2: After Acceptance- Receive Form I-20 and Pay SEVIS ID Registration Fee (I-901 Fee)*

- Receive acceptance letter and Form I-20 with International Student Advisor (DSO) signature
- Register SEVIS ID number by paying $350 registration fee online at www.fmjfee.com. Keep your receipt.

*After acceptance, visit the Next Steps for Admitted Students webpage for a complete list of steps to take before your first semester at Century College.

### STEP 3: Submit Form I-539 (Application to Extend/Change Nonimmigrant Status) to USCIS

- Complete and submit Form I-539 with applicable filing fee, Form I-20, and other required documents. Note: Many students choose to work with an immigration attorney on this process.
- Wait for a response from USCIS. A response time will generally take between 4-9 months, sometimes longer. Application fees will not be refunded if change of status is denied.

For more information on completing the Form I-539 please visit the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) website at: [https://www.uscis.gov/working-united-states/students-and-exchange-visitors/students-and-employment/changing-a-nonimmigrant-f-or-m-student-status](https://www.uscis.gov/working-united-states/students-and-exchange-visitors/students-and-employment/changing-a-nonimmigrant-f-or-m-student-status) and [https://www.uscis.gov/i-539](https://www.uscis.gov/i-539)

### STEP 4: After Approval from USCIS- Receive Approval Notice and Prepare for Semester Start

- Receive Official Change of Status Approval Notice from USCIS (I-797)
- Submit approval notice to International Student Services at Century College
- Follow all Century College instructions to prepare for semester start

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