INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT IN DISTANCE PROGRAMS

INFORMATION FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION DIRECTORS

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

 International students who are NOT eligible to apply and enroll in distance programs:
  o Students who hold F-1 and J-1 student visas and who are currently residing in the U.S.

 International students who are eligible to apply and enroll in distance programs:
  o Students who hold “dependent” visas such as H-4 and L-2
  o Students who reside and currently are outside the U.S.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES REQUIRED BY THE DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

 If a Program requires a student who resides outside the U.S. to come to the U.S. to attend on-campus activities, including but not limited to orientation, laboratory experiences, learning activities, the student is required to enter the U.S. with an F-1 visa.

ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO DISTANCE EDUCATION PROGRAMS

1. Students must meet all program admission requirements including English language proficiency.
   a. Program admission requirements are located on the individual program pages: [http://www.creighton.edu/celai/distance-courses-and-programs](http://www.creighton.edu/celai/distance-courses-and-programs)
   b. English language proficiency requirements can be met by presenting a score of at least
      i. 80 on the TOEFL iBT with not less than 21 in reading and writing and not less than 19 in listening and speaking or
      ii. 6.5 on the IELTS with not less than 6.0 in any of the sub-scores.

2. Students must demonstrate financial resource availability to cover their expenses during the required visit to the campus.

STEPS FOR ISSUING THE DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO OBTAIN THE F-1 STUDENT VISA

Responsibilities of the Distance Education Program:

1. Once a student is admitted to the Distance Education Program, the Program sends the student’s file to the Office of International Programs (OIP).
2. The Program will provide the OIP with the estimated costs of the Program, including tuition, fees and orientation fees if applicable.
3. The Program will provide the OIP with a copy of the orientation schedule or details of the required on-campus activities in which the student will be engaged during the campus visit.
Responsibilities of the OIP:

1. The OIP contacts the student to obtain the required financial information.
2. If financial resource criteria are met, the OIP issues the student the documents needed for the F-1 visa application.
3. The OIP sends the documents to the student via courier service.
4. The OIP sends the student an email containing the steps he or she should follow to obtain the F-1 student visa.

Responsibilities of the Student:

1. The student pays the SEVIS fee.
2. The student applies for the F-1 student visa at a U.S. Embassy.
3. The student comes to the U.S. to attend the required on-campus activity in the F-1 visa status.
4. Upon arrival on campus, the student checks in with the OIP in Creighton Hall, Suite 302. During the visit to the OIP, the Student will
   i. provide his/her address for the duration of the stay in the U.S.
   ii. present his/her passport and visa documents for photocopying.

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Coordinator of International Student Scholar Services for any questions regarding the process. Please email Ms. Shama Ali at sali@creighton.edu