



Frequently Asked Questions for International Student Questions

1. Does Normandale provide student housing?

The college does not provide student housing, but apartments are available in the area for students to rent.

2. Can I work on campus?

Employment on campus is an option available to F-1 visa students; however, the number of jobs is very limited. While school is in session you can only work 20 hours per week, during the winter and summer breaks you can work more than 20 hours per week.

Authorization from Immigration and Naturalization Services is needed for Occupational Practical Training which may take 90 days for approval. Approval from your DSO is needed for Curricular Practical Training.

3. Do I need medical insurance?

All admitted F-1 students are required to purchase the approved MN State System medical insurance plan through the college. The college is not responsible for any medical bills incurred by any student. This may be waived with proof of insurance through an exchange program or government agency.

4. Can I pay my tuition before I register for my classes?

No, you cannot pay for your classes in advance. Your cost for tuition and books will be determined once you register for your courses.

5. How credits do I need to maintain my status?

To maintain your status as an F-1 visa student you are required to enroll for 12 credits or more.

6. Can I travel outside the United States?

Yes, you can travel outside the United States however, you must have a valid visa and passport and your DSO must sign your I-20 before you travel.