

Pre-Arrival

Once you have received your I-20, you will need to:

1. Pay your SEVIS fee (www.fmjfee.com)
2. Schedule your visa appointment with United States Embassy
3. Update Allen International Advisor on your visa status

Before you leave your home country, make arrangements for the following:

Airport Information

You will need to fly into either Kansas City International Airport in Kansas City, Missouri or Mid-Continent Airport in Wichita, KS. Allen will work with you to provide transportation; however, we must receive flight information no later than ten (10) business days prior to your arrival. We will also pick up no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. If your flight will be arriving outside of these days or times, you can either stay in a hotel until we can reach you or pay for your own transportation to campus.

On-Campus Housing

Housing on campus is assigned on a first come first serve basis. For any student to secure a room in the residence halls, they must complete the Housing Application/Contract ([hperlink](#)) and pay the \$100 deposit. The application cannot be completed until you have completed the Admissions process at Allen.

Health History

Medical, dental, and eye care are expensive in the United States. You may want to get these checked prior to leaving your home country. You will also need to bring an adequate supply of any medications you are currently taking in its original container and carry a copy of your prescription translated in English.

Weather

Students admitted for courses starting in August, will arrive in the summer. Temperatures during the summer months typically range from 89°F to 96°F and it can be very humid. Beginning in September, temperatures will cool for the fall season. During the winter months, December-March, daytime temperatures range from 23°F to 40°F. Students admitted for courses starting in January, will arrive in the winter. You will want plan your wardrobe for changing seasons.

Money

Student accounts **must be paid in full by one week prior to the first day of classes for EACH semester.** Any student with an outstanding balance at the end of the first day of classes will be removed from courses and the residence hall, if applicable. Do not carry large amounts of cash. It is in your best interest to bring your money in the form of traveler's checks or a bankcard that can be used to withdraw money from an ATM. The International Advisor can assist you with information for setting up a bank account upon arrival.

Temporary Shipping Address

If you would like to send some of your belongings to Allen prior to your arrival, you may address the package to your International Advisor using one of the addresses listed below. It is your responsibility to collect these items from you advisor upon arrival.

Iola Campus Address:

YOUR NAME
Allen Community College
c/o International Advisor
1801 N Cottonwood St.
Iola, KS 66749
USA

Burlingame Campus Address:

YOUR NAME
Allen Community College
c/o International Advisor
100 Bloomquist Ave
Burlingame, KS 66413
USA