



Alabama A&M University
Spring 2021 International
Student Orientation

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SEVIS REGISTRATION

All international students are required to complete the SEVIS registration procedure within the first 10 days of classes. This is to ensure that the required documents are placed on file to comply with federal immigration regulations to report necessary information about your status to the U. S. Department of Homeland Security via SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System).

- The SEVIS Registration Form (as well as other Forms) may also be accessed using the following link: [Resources - Alabama A&M University](#)
- Please submit the completed SEVIS Registration Form by 12:00 p.m. (CST) on **Friday, January 29, 2021**.
- Failure to complete the SEVIS Registration process in the given time will result in automatic termination of your SEVIS record by SEVP.

F-1 Student Requirements

- All F-1 students must enroll **full-time each semester** to remain in status unless you have applied for and your DSO has approved a reduced course load for you.

12 credit hours for undergraduate

9 credit hours for graduate

- Even if you have approval from your academic advisor, your **DSO must approve** your Application for a Reduced Course Load **BEFORE** you drop below a full course load.

International Student Association

- Registered student organization that focuses on the concerns and needs of all international students. ISA hosts events and activities and provides the main basis for international students. We encourage you to become a member of ISA and get involved in activities. It will help you get adjusted to an environment different from your home country more quickly.
- If you would like to be a member of ISA, please contact the ISA secretary, Anita Bozhko, at abozhko@bulldogs.aamu.edu

Resources

Community College Relations and Global Initiatives

Community Colleges Relations & Global Initiatives - Alabama A&M University

Bulldog International (Monthly International Student Newsletter)

Bulldog International Newsletter - Alabama A&M University

Study in the States

<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/>

US Citizenship and Immigration Services

<https://www.uscis.gov/>

Let's Be Social

Facebook: Community College Relations and Global Initiatives

Instagram: @CCRGIAAMU

Twitter: CCRGIAAMU

AND while you're at it, help us CAPTURE your memories at AAMU!! We'd love to see your pictures! Share your pictures and use our hashtag **#AAMUInternational** when attending any AAMU events!!

