Pre-Arrival Checklist

For New International F-1/J-1 Students

- Pay SEVIS fee.
  https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/paying-your-i-901-sevis-fee

- Apply for New Visa (F or J).
  https://www.usembassy.gov/

- Prepare for your visa interview and take the following documents with you:
  - SEVIS Fee Receipt
  - Letter of Admission
  - Form I20/DS-2019
  - Passport
  - Proof of funding and/or educational sponsorship documents reflected on I-20
  - More information can be found at www.smu.edu/isss

- Register for Orientation.
  - Undergraduate Students: Register for International AARO Orientation.
    https://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/NewStudent/AAROJan

  - Graduate Students: Consult with your department regarding Graduate Student Orientation.

- Register for Health Insurance & Immunizations.
  http://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/HealthCenter/Insurance

- Plan for housing.
  http://www.smu.edu/studentaffairs/housing
  http://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/VPSA/OffCampusHousing

- Prepare for payment of tuition.
  https://www.smu.edu/EnrollmentServices/Bursar

- Prepare for travel.
  When purchasing your plane tickets please be sure to plan your travel allowing enough time to arrive for any scheduled orientation sessions. Students are allowed to enter the U.S. up to 30 days prior to the program start date listed on the form I20 or DS-2019. Be sure to enter the U.S. with your F-1 or J-1 student visa; do not enter the U.S. with a tourist visa.

- Complete the International Student Compliance Course.
  http://www.smu.edu/OIT/Services/Canvas