

International Students - Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. As an international student, will I qualify for any financial aid?**
St. Bonaventure University offers a variety of scholarships based on academic merit.
- 2. What degree programs and majors does St. Bonaventure offer?**
St. Bonaventure University offers more than 30 different majors at the undergraduate level. These programs are designed to be completed in four years. Students who successfully complete these courses of study are awarded a bachelor degree in arts, sciences, education or journalism and mass communication.
- 3. Do I have to submit a statement of financial responsibility and have it notarized?**
Yes. The "Certification of Financial Responsibility" is required for U.S. Immigration purposes, in order to prove that you have sufficient funds to complete your program. We will not issue an I-20 form (required to obtain a student visa) until you have completed the information on the "Certification of Financial Responsibility" to our satisfaction. Additionally, you are likely to need to have this form to prove to U.S. Consular officials that you have sufficient funds for your education. When you complete the form, you must sign it and have a bank official notarize it if you intend to use funds in a bank account to pay for any portion of your education.
- 4. Are there other fees that I am required to pay?**
All international students must pay a SEVIS fee, mandated by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, before receiving a visa to enter the U.S. This is not a visa fee; there may be visa fees associated with securing an appointment at an overseas embassy. The \$200US fee, along with the I-901 form, must be paid for and completed online with a credit card at: www.FMJfee.com

Scholarships for room and board are taxable income for non-resident alien students under federal (U.S.) tax laws. Accordingly, applicable income tax will be added to your student account and must be paid by the student each semester.
- 5. Do I have to take the TOEFL?**
Students who are not U.S. citizens and are residents of countries where English is not the official language must take the TOEFL and earn a satisfactory score. The code for St. Bonaventure University is 2793.
- 6. Do I have to take the SAT?**
If you intend to participate in our Division I intercollegiate athletics program, you must take the SAT to be cleared by the NCAA to participate. International students who do not intend to be members of our Division I athletics teams do not have to take the SAT as long as they have earned a satisfactory score on the TOEFL exam.
- 7. When will I get an I-20 from St. Bonaventure?**
The international student application is a three-phase process. Once we have reviewed your academic credentials and certified your financial responsibility, you must confirm your enrollment by sending a \$200 U.S. confirmation deposit to the Office of Admissions. When we receive this deposit, your application will be forwarded to the St. Bonaventure University Office of International Studies, where an I-20 student visa application will be initiated, signed and mailed to you. Delivery of the I-20 can take up to several weeks.