

Can I study part-time?

No. U.S. Immigration law requires international students on the F-1 or J-1 visa to be enrolled as full-time students. To be considered full-time, undergraduate students must be registered for a minimum of 12 credits and graduate students for a minimum of 9 credits.

How can I learn more about the academic programs offered at Drew?

Undergraduate programs:

<http://www.drew.edu/academics/undergraduate-studies/launch/majors-and-minors/>.

Caspersen School of Graduate Studies and the Theological School:

<http://www.drew.edu/academics/graduate-studies/>

How do I apply?

Undergraduate Admissions information:

<http://www.drew.edu/admissions-aid/undergraduate-admissions/international-admissions/>

Graduate Admissions: <http://www.drew.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions/>

Can I apply for financial aid and scholarships?

International students are eligible for merit-based scholarships which are based on previous academic performance. A limited amount of need-based aid is also available to international students.

More information is available for undergraduate students through the Financial Aid Office. Please review the information outlined under **Merit Scholarships, Other Merit Scholarships, and Need Based Grants and Financial Aid:**

<http://www.drew.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid-scholarships/>

Information on graduate merit scholarships can be found here:

<http://www.drew.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions/tuition-fees/>

Can I receive transfer credit for AP, IB, or college credit?

IB credit information:

<https://www.drew.edu/registrars-office/about-us/students/transfer-credit-policy-for-international-baccalaureate-diploma-and-courses/>

AP credit:

<https://www.drew.edu/registrars-office/about-us/students/advanced-placement/>

Accredited college credit transfer:

<https://www.drew.edu/registrars-office/about-us/students/transfer-credit/>

How do I apply for a student visa?

The first step in the visa process is to complete the I-20 Application Form:

www.drew.edu/international-student-services/wp-content/uploads/sites/33/2018/12/I-20_Application_Final.pdf.

You will find visa application information here:

<http://www.drew.edu/international-student-services/about-us/newly-accepted-student-info/>

and a link to the DS-160 visa application:

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/forms/ds-160-online-nonimmigrant-visa-application.html>

Which airport is closest to Drew?

Newark Liberty International Airport is the closest airport to Drew - 18 miles (29km). There are also many international flights to JFK International which is 60 miles (97km) - 2 hours travel with traffic.

Do I have to attend international student orientation?

Undergraduate students are required to attend the international student orientation. Students must complete the online registration form: [link](#).

Graduate students: Please contact Graduate Admissions for orientation dates for your specific program - <http://www.drew.edu/admissions-aid/graduate-admissions/>

Can I arrive to campus before International New Student Orientation?

You can arrive into the United States 30 days prior to your program start date.

Undergraduates are required to attend the International New Student Orientation; however, you will not be able to get into your dorm room until the international new student orientation arrival date. If you arrive earlier than the reporting date, please make arrangements to stay at a local hotel. <https://www.campustravel.com/university/drew/>

Graduate students in Theo should contact Professor Katherine Brown (kgbrown@drew.edu) in the Theological School to determine if they are required to attend the 3 week intensive Summer Language Program:

<http://www.drew.edu/theological-school/resources/>.

Do I need health insurance?

Yes, all full-time Drew students are required to have health insurance. The University offers both undergraduate and graduate health insurance plans:

<https://www.drew.edu/health-services/about-us/insurance-information/>

Can international students work on campus?

Yes, international students are eligible to work up to 20 hours per week on campus.

If I can't attend the one day undergraduate summer orientation program, how do I register for Fall classes? The University offers 'Distance Advising' for all undergraduate students. A faculty member will provide an academic advising session via Skype or phone about 6-8 weeks before the semester begins.

When do I pay tuition and fees and do I pay for one semester or the full academic year?

Drew University issues all billing statements electronically and for each semester. No paper statements are mailed. Students will receive an electronic bill for the fall semester in the beginning of July. The bill is emailed to the students official Drew email address. Tuition and Room/Board are due Aug 5 for the Fall semester and Jan 5 for the Spring semester. Please click here for more information on billing statements:

<http://www.drew.edu/university-finance/about-us/student-accounts/student-accountsinfo-for-students-parents/letter-to-new-students-parents/>

Is there a payment plan option?

Drew participates in a semester installment payment plan (Fall and/or Spring only) through Tuition Management Systems (TMS). For more information and to sign up for monthly payment schedule, click here:

<http://www.drew.edu/university-finance/about-us/student-accounts/student-accountsinfo-for-students-parents/payment-options/>