



UDM INTERNATIONAL SERVICES OFFICE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION for NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE U.S. IN A NONIMMIGRANT STATUS OTHER THAN F-1

▪ ARRIVING ON CAMPUS

If you are required to take the English proficiency test (see below) you must report to the International Services Office no later than January 4, 2010. You can check in Monday-Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The ISO is located on the McNichols campus in room 208 (2nd floor) of the Student Union Building.

Bring your passport and I-94 card. We will photocopy your immigration documents and take your picture for our records. You will sign up for the University's health insurance plan (if required), and you will be given a reservation for the English proficiency examination.

▪ ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TESTING AND PLACEMENT

Before you can register for classes, you must take the UDM English proficiency test, *The Detroit Test of American English*, unless you qualify for exemption under one of the following criteria: a) You are in H-1B status; b) you have a four-year degree from a U.S. institution; c) you have a recent TOEFL score of at least 250 (600 paper test) with a writing test score of at least 5, or an internet-based TOEFL score of 100 with a writing sub-score of 24. Based on the results of the test, you may either be exempted from taking English-language classes or placed into one of the following: a) Intensive English (23 hours a week); b) Intermediate English (9 hours a week); c) Advanced English, for those who need work on writing only, (3 hours a week). Students placed in Intermediate and Advanced English are required to take additional courses in their major field of study. A sample Detroit Test is available [online](#)

▪ TUBERCULOSIS (TB) SKIN TEST

The University requires international students (except those born and raised in Canada) to have a TB skin test performed at the University Health Center when they arrive on campus.

▪ HOUSING

You are strongly advised to make arrangements for housing before you arrive. On-campus housing is available in the University residence halls. Applications for housing should be submitted online at <http://www.udmercy.edu/reslife/live-on-campus/apply/index.htm> for the fall semester no later than July 14, for the winter semester, no later than December 1, and for the summer semester, no later than April 7. All applications will be processed and students who submit a residence hall contract will be expected to live in the halls for

the academic year. If you have questions about on-campus housing, please contact the Office of Residence Life reslife@udmercy.edu, 313-993-1230.

▪ INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS IN B-1 OR B-2 STATUS

Before enrolling in a degree program at the University, you must either leave the U.S. and reenter after obtaining an F-1 (student) visa or apply to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to change your status to F-1 from within the United States. You may not begin your studies until you have been granted F-1 status.

In order to apply for an F-1 visa or a change of status, you must have an I-20 form issued by the International Services Office. To obtain this document you must provide evidence of sufficient funds to support your studies for at least two semesters. More information is available at the International Services Office. If you are eligible to apply for a change of status from within the U.S., the ISO can help you to apply.

Please remember that the staff at the International Services Office will be available to provide information and assistance to you throughout your stay at UDM. In the meantime, if you should have any questions, please call, fax, or e-mail our office.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the University of Detroit Mercy!

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