SEVIS I-901 FEE REQUIREMENT
A Guide for Incoming Students & Scholars at Brandeis University

What is SEVIS and the SEVIS I-901 Fee?
SEVIS, the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System, is a central computerized system that maintains and manages data pertaining to Foreign Students (F-1), Exchange Visitors (J-1 Students and J-1 Scholars), and their dependents (F-2 and J-2), by way of individual SEVIS records, during their program in the United States. SEVIS is monitored by the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP).

In October of 2004, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) mandated that all new F-1 and J-1 visa applicants must pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee. This fee is required by U.S. law and is used to support SEVP and the automated system that keeps track of students and exchange visitors - ensuring that they maintain their status while in the United States. This SEVIS I-901 Fee is a separate fee in addition to any other visa application/processing fee(s).

Is there a SEVIS Fee payment receipt?
You may print out a receipt confirmation of your I-901 SEVIS fee payment via www.fmjfee.com once you pay your SEVIS fee or any time after. This SEVIS fee payment receipt should be taken along to the student/scholar’s visa interview appointment.

How much is the SEVIS fee?
As of October 2008, the SEVIS fee is $200 for students with a Form I-20 (F-1 visa) and $180 for students/scholars with a Form DS-2019 (J-1 visa).

Exemption from the fee:
• F-2 and J-2 Dependents
• J-1 Exchange Visitors whose Forms DS-2019 are issued by the U.S. government

When do prospective students or exchange visitors pay the SEVIS fee?
• Applicants needing a visa to enter the U.S. should pay the SEVIS fee at least 3 business days before going to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate for their visa interview.
• Applicants who are citizens of Canada or Bermuda or residents of certain other islands (described in 8 CFR 212.1a) applying for F-1 or J-1 status should pay the SEVIS fee at least 3 business days before entering the U.S. The fee cannot be paid at the port-of-entry.
• Non-immigrants currently in the U.S. who apply for student or exchange visitor status must pay the fee prior to filing their change of status application.

How do I pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee?
Please find SEVIS Fee frequently asked questions (FAQs) and SEVIS Form I-901 Payment instructions online at: http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901
• For F-1 students the SEVIS School Code for Brandeis is BOS214F00063000
• For J-1 students/scholars, the Program Number for Brandeis is P-1-01781

If you are unable to pay the SEVIS I-901 Fee on-line via credit card, please find instructions on other payment methods at: http://www.brandeis.edu/isso/incoming/stepstosecurevisa/sevisfee/index.html
Helpful Links – Take a Look!

SEVIS I-901 Fee and Form I-901 Payment Instructions:
http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901

SEVIS I-901 Fee Frequently Asked Questions:
http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/faq

List of U.S Embassies/Consulates:
http://usembassy.state.gov

Visa Application Fees:
https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/fees/fees-visa-services.html

Check the Status of Your Visa Application:
https://ceac.state.gov/CEACStatTracker/Status.aspx

Visa Denial Information:
https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/visa-denials.html

Visa Photo Requirements:
https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/photos.html

Visa Wait Times for Interview Appointments and Processing:
https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas.html

What To Expect Upon Arrival at a U.S. Port of Entry:

ISSO Website:
www.brandeis.edu/isso

Airport Status:
http://www.fly.faa.gov/flyfaa/usmap.jsp