

Welcome to Dickinson State University!
2006-2007 Pre-Departure Information

You have been accepted to attend Dickinson State University. Now what?

- Examine your acceptance letter and I-20 for accuracy.** If you notice any typographical errors, please notify the Center for Multicultural Affairs immediately.
- Apply for your student visa.** For more information about the visa application process and to obtain the proper forms and pay the appropriate fees, please consult the US State Department or check out their website at <http://travel.state.gov/visa>.

IMPORTANT: If you are a transfer student (student already in the U.S.), you must notify Dickinson State University immediately of your status.

- Submit Health and Immunization Records.** All students are required to provide Dickinson State University with a complete medical history, documentation and proof of required measles/mumps/rubella immunity.

Freedom from Tuberculosis. All students will be tested for tuberculosis upon arrival. Any student found to have tuberculosis must seek immediate treatment and meet our requirements in order to continue their studies at Dickinson State University.

Health Insurance. Because of the high costs of medical care in the United States, all international students (except those from Canada and Norway) will be enrolled in a student medical insurance policy designated by the Higher Education Board of the State of North Dakota. The international health insurance fee is added to your student account and must be paid at the time of your enrollment. **IMPORTANT: No exceptions are granted to students who have other medical insurance coverage.**

- Pre-register for courses.** All new students must meet with an Academic Advisor in order to register for courses. Due to the long distance, international students can pre-register for courses by completing the Course Selection and Pre-Registration Form.
- Make Financial Arrangements to Pay for Fees.** All students are expected to pay fees when they register for courses. Fees are charged on a semester basis. Please refer to your I-20 for the estimated costs of attendance. **Students are expected to purchase their own textbooks, which can cost up to \$800 US per academic year.**
- Calculate Spending Money.** Most students prepare to spend \$1,500 US dollars a year for personal expenses. Students will receive assistance with opening a US bank account upon arrival. **IMPORTANT: Banks in Dickinson do not exchange foreign currency upon immediate requests. Students are encouraged to depart for the US with at least \$200 in American currency.**
- Make Travel Arrangements.** Students can request that a representative from DSU meet them at the airport to bring them to the university. Please complete the Airport Pick-Up Request Form and email it to the Center for Multicultural Affairs at desiree.m.johnson@dickinsonstate.edu or fax at +1.701.483.2831.

IMPORTANT: If you do not receive an email confirmation from the Center for Multicultural Affairs 72 hours before you depart for the US, please contact us immediately.

Please refer to the academic calendar to assist you with your roundtrip air ticket purchase.

- Pack.** You will experience four distinct seasons during your studies at Dickinson State University. You will experience rain and snow. Fortunately, winter clothing can be purchased inexpensively in the US.
- Travel to the US.** Because the United States is such a large country, the port of entry may vary. The port of entry is where you enter the US for the first time from a foreign country. This is the airport where you will meet with US Customs Officials and have your passport stamped. An official will staple the departure portion of the Form I-94 to your passport and stamp your I-20.

IMPORTANT: DO NOT REMOVE THE I-94 FOR ANY REASON AND MAKE SURE THAT THE OFFICIAL STAMPS YOUR I-20.