

I-20 Form Details

To issue an I-20 form, Seattle Colleges will enter all the student's relevant information in SEVIS. SEVIS is an online database created by the Department of Homeland Security to track students and exchange visitors while they are in the United States. As a SEVIS-approved institution, Seattle Colleges will regularly update SEVIS with the student's enrollment information after the student is admitted to Seattle Colleges.

NOTE: Per SEVP policy, I-20 forms can only be sent or given to the student, their dependents, or, if the student is a minor, to their parents or legal guardian.

Helpful information on the different sections of the I-20 form can be found below.

Issue Reason

The I-20 form will list an issue reason, which could be one of the following:

- Initial Attendance (students who are not already in the United States)
- Initial Attendance, Change of Status Requested (for students in the United States changing to F-1 status from another non-immigrant status)
- Transfer Pending (students transferring from another U.S. institution)

Level of Study

The level of study on the I-20 form will vary depending on the student's intended program and information submitted to Admissions regarding the student's English proficiency.

Applicant's Program	Level of Study
Intensive English or College Bridge (Institute of English only, no intent to study in a college-level program)	Language Training
College-level program* - English proficiency provided sufficient for a guaranteed placement in College Bridge	Other: Pathway Program
College-level program* - No English proficiency provided	Associate***
College-level program* - English proficiency provided sufficient for a guaranteed placement in college-level classes	Associate
Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) programs	Bachelor's
College-level certificate programs**	Other: Post-Secondary Certificate
College-level, non-degree / prerequisite study	Other: Post-Secondary Non-Degree

*University Transfer, High School Completion Plus, or Career Training (degrees)

**Career Training (certificate) or IP Short-Term Certificate

***A note will indicate that the student will test on arrival prior to registration

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Length of Study & Start and End Dates

The length of study on the I-20 form will vary depending on the student's intended program and information submitted to Admissions regarding the student's English proficiency.

- Institute of English only: 24 months
- College Bridge only: 12 months
- College programs*: 36 months
- IP Short-Term Certificate and Career Training Certificate programs: 3-12 months
- Institute of English + IP Short-Term Certificate: 24 months

**University Transfer, High School Completion Plus, Career Training programs (degrees), or B.A.S. programs*

The I-20 form will reflect both the start and end dates of the student's academic program, as well as the first day of classes of the first quarter. The program start date will be the first day of orientation, which is about one week before the first day of the quarter.

English Proficiency & Campus Selection

Students applying to a college program at North Seattle or South Seattle College who do not submit proof of English proficiency will be issued an I-20 form for their chosen campus. Upon arrival, if their proficiency test places them in the Institute of English, their SEVIS record will be transferred to Seattle Central College, where the Institute of English is located, and they will be issued an I-20 form reflecting their placement. If they test at a college level, the SEVIS record will stay with the original campus.

Major

The major on the I-20 form is chosen by Seattle Colleges based on the kind of courses a student will take while enrolled here. It may or may not match exactly a student's intended major for the following reasons:

- When issuing an I-20 form, schools must select the subject from a list of majors in SEVIS. They may be restricted to majors reported to the U.S. Department of Education. Although there are hundreds of choices, the SEVIS major does not always match exactly the major offered at a particular school.
- University Transfer and High School Completion Plus students may have a specific major in mind for a bachelor's degree, but courses taken for this major in the first two years are preparatory and often in a different subject area. If the first two years of study for a particular major are very general without many specific classes required, the major may say "Liberal Arts and Sciences, General." Seattle Colleges will choose the subject area that most accurately describes the courses taken during the student's first two years, not necessarily the major. If students list "Undecided" as a major on the application form, or leave the major blank, the I-20 major will be "Liberal Arts and Sciences, General."

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Example of Intended Majors	I-20 Major as listed on I-20 form
Business fields: Accounting, Marketing, Management, etc.	Business Administration and Management, General
Graphic Design	Art/Art Studies, General
Environmental Science	Biology/Biological Sciences, General
Pharmacy	Biological and Physical Sciences
Engineering (all fields: Chemical, Civil, etc.)	Pre-Engineering
Architecture	Liberal Arts and Sciences, General

Major for Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) programs

The B.A.S. programs are generally 2 years in length, comprising the 3rd and 4th year of the bachelor's degree. With the exception of the Dental Hygiene and Respiratory Care programs (see below), all B.A.S. programs require completion of an Associate degree for admission. The major indicated for the Bachelor of Applied Science programs will vary depending on whether or not you have met B.A.S. program requirements.

The degrees accepted by each program are listed on the program websites. If you have not already completed a qualifying degree for the program, you will be asked by Admissions to indicate which associate degree you plan to pursue first with Seattle Colleges. The major on the I-20 form will be for the associate degree program you choose. Your I-20 form will be updated once you have completed the associate degree and are formally admitted to the B.A.S. program.

If you have already completed a qualifying degree when you apply, and you are formally admitted to the B.A.S. program, you will receive an I-20 form with the B.A.S. major.

Dental Hygiene and Respiratory Care: Because students must first complete prerequisites prior to applying to the B.A.S. in Allied Health program, the I-20 form will indicate a major of "Liberal Arts and Sciences", with comments indicating the long-term goal of completing a B.A.S. in either Dental Hygiene or Respiratory Care.

Financial Information

The I-20 form estimates tuition and fees, living expenses, and other expenses for one academic year (9 months) in the student's program. Students who have applied for a college program without proof of English proficiency will receive an I-20 form with a college program estimate.