



DS-160 FAQ

1. Who is my contact at Harvard? What U.S. address should I use?

Please add the advisor's name on the bottom of page one of the I-20 (F-1 Students) or DS- 2019 (J-1 Exchange Visitors). Then, use the following address:

*Harvard International Office 1350 Massachusetts Avenue
Richard A. and Susan F. Smith Campus Center, 864
Cambridge, MA
02138*

Phone: 617-495-2789

Fax: 617-495-4088

2. Where is the code for my field of study located on the F-1 I-20?

For **F-1 Students**, the field of study code is located under the *PROGRAM of STUDY* section of the I-20.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL
DOCTORATE

MAJOR 1
Economics, General 45.0601

MAJOR 2
None 00.0000

3. How do I find the SEVIS number?

For **F-1 Students**, the SEVIS Number is found on the upper left hand corner of the I-20:

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status
OMB NO. 1653-0038

SEVIS ID: N0004705512

SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME
Doe Smith

PREFERRED NAME
John Doe-Smith

COUNTRY OF BIRTH
UNITED KINGDOM

DATE OF BIRTH
01 JANUARY 1980

FORM ISSUE REASON
INITIAL ATTENDANCE - Updated Form I-20 or Name

GIVEN NAME
John

PASSPORT NAME

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP
UNITED KINGDOM

ADMISSION NUMBER

LEGACY NAME

CLASS

F-1

ACADEMIC AND
LANGUAGE

For **J-1 Students and Scholars**, the SEVIS Number is located in the upper right hand corner of the DS-2019:

U.S. Department of State

FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J-NONIMMIGRANT)

OMB APPROVAL NO.1405-0119

EXPIRES: 10/31/2020

ESTIMATED BURDEN TIME: 45 min

*See Page 2

	Gender: MALE	N0027892026
Birth: GERMANY	Citizenship Country Code: GM	Citizenship Country: GERMANY
		J-1

4. How do I find the Harvard’s School Code (for F-1) or Program Number (for J-1)?

For **F-1 Students**, the school code can be found under the School Information section on page 1 of the I-20. The section is entitled “*School Code and Approval Date.*” The code begins with “BOS”:

SCHOOL INFORMATION	
SCHOOL NAME Harvard University Harvard University	SCHOOL ADDRESS c/o Harvard International Office, Cambridge, MA 02138
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL	SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE

For **J-1 Students and Scholars**, the Exchange Visitor Program Number can be found under #2 *Program Sponsor* section of the DS-2019. The number begins with “P-1-0...”:

2. Program Sponsor: Harvard University	Program Number:
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5. Whom can I receive a personal reference from if I have not been employed in the past?

Many students, particularly undergrads, have asked their school counselor or family friends for personal references.

6. Do I need to complete and submit a new DS-160 if I am renewing a visa?

Yes. You may use information from a previously-submitted DS-160 if the information has not changed, but you will need to complete a new DS-160 and pay a new visa application fee.

7. I have heard that I have to provide social media user names on my visa application. Is this true? I have not had to do this in the past.

Yes, this is a new question on the Form DS-160. Applicants are now asked to provide information regarding any social media platforms that they have used during the five years preceding their visa application. You will be asked to provide any usernames or handles used on those platforms. Applicants can choose from a pulldown menu.

8. Do my F-2 or J-2 dependents each need to submit their own DS-160?

Yes. Each visa applicant must complete and submit their own DS-160 and pay a visa application fee prior to their visa interviews. If any of your family members are under the age of 16 or physically unable to complete the application, the applicant's parent or guardian may complete and sign the application on his or her behalf.