International Students

You have a student that needs a visa to pursue his vocation. Now what?

1. Figure out his situation. Ascertain his citizenship and visa status. **2.** Get in touch with us here at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology (SHSST). It is never too soon to start talking about admission for an international student. **3.** Work with us! Our Admissions Office and International Student Services Office are here to make this as easy as possible.

Pathways for prospective students

Applied for admission to Sacred Heart?
SHSST can only sponsor the visa applications of our officially admitted students.

Currently residing *outside* the US?
SHSST issues documents to sponsor the admitted student's application for an F–1 Student Visa. The student applies for it online, then makes an interview appointment at an embassy or consulate. If approved, the student will have his visa within the week, and can enter the US 30 days before classes begin.

Already *studying* in the US?
Following the completion of his program at the previous institution, the admitted student requests that the previous institution transfer the sponsorship of his F–1 Student Visa to SHSST.

Already here, but *not* on a Student Visa?
The admitted student either files an I–539 "Application to Change Non-immigrant Status" with USCIS, or he leaves the US to apply for a new visa the traditional way. This does not apply to residency permits or "Green Cards."

What about language issues or culture shock?

SHSST has a robust English and Culture Studies Program to provide international seminarians and priests with the tools that they need to thrive in US academics, ministry, and the global Church. Our dynamic and intercultural environment is supportive of the men who come to study with us from around the world.

Learn more

shsst.edu/immigration-visas/ and ***shsst.edu/ecsp/***

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