

Welcome to Celebration Language Institute!

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME YOU TO CLI
AND TO THE VIBRANT CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA!

This booklet will help you prepare for your arrival, adjust to life in the United States, and succeed in your studies.



WELCOME

An illustration at the bottom of the page features the word "WELCOME" in large, bold, dark blue capital letters. Four stylized human figures are positioned around the letters: a woman in a blue top and pants stands by the 'W', a woman in a blue top and skirt stands by the 'E', a woman in a blue top and pants sits on the ground by the 'O', and a man in a blue top and red pants stands by the 'E'. The background includes light blue clouds and falling confetti.

Before you Arrive

TRAVEL & DOCUMENTS

- Keep your **passport, F-1 visa (if applicable), I-20 Form, and admission letter** in your carry-on bag when traveling.
- You may be asked to present these documents to the immigration officer when you enter the U.S.
- Make photocopies or digital copies of all important documents and store them safely.

If your Form I-20 is not used within one year of issuance, it may be cancelled in SEVIS per federal guidelines. If your plans change, please contact the school.



Before you Arrive

STUDENTS ARRIVING FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES (INITIAL ENTRY)

If you are outside the U.S. and will obtain your F-1 visa in your home country, please follow these important steps:

- Once you receive your visa, please contact the school to confirm your travel plans and program start timeline.
- Students may **enter the United States no earlier than 30 days before** the program start date listed on the Form I-20.



Before you Arrive

STUDENTS ARRIVING FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES (INITIAL ENTRY)

- **If your travel plans change** (arriving earlier or later than expected), contact the school **before you enter the U.S.** so the DSO/PDSO can review and, if needed, update your Form I-20 start date.
- **After you enter the U.S., the school cannot change the program start date on your Form I-20.**

For this reason, it is critical to communicate any changes before travel.



Before you Arrive

ENROLLMENT PACKET (SENT BY ADMISSIONS)

- Once your start date is confirmed, Admissions will send your **Enrollment Packet**, which includes the Enrollment Agreement, Student Handbook, Code of Conduct, and Student Orientation information to review and sign before your first day of class.
- Admissions will also schedule your placement test (written and oral) as needed.
- All students **must be present** in class starting on their **confirmed program start date**, as required by immigration regulations.

If you anticipate any delay, please contact the DSO/PDSO and Admissions as soon as possible.



After you Arrive

Important:

- Students should be prepared to provide **proof of lawful status in the U.S.** if requested by authorities. Please **keep your identification and I-20 Form** with you **at all times**. Failure to provide proof of status may lead to serious immigration consequences.
- When you arrive in the U.S., please contact the DSO Department within **24 hours** to confirm your arrival and schedule your first day of class.

Failure to attend the first day may affect your SEVIS record and student status.



Placement Test

All new students complete a placement test before starting classes. The test includes written and oral sections and determines your English level and class placement.

Details and scheduling are provided by the Admissions Department as part of your enrollment packet.



Maintaining Your F-1 Status

It is your responsibility to maintain your legal F-1 student status while in the United States.

Failure to follow immigration regulations can result in loss of status.

TO MAINTAIN YOUR F-1 STATUS:

- Attend classes regularly and make satisfactory academic progress.
- Carry your original I-20 form at all times.
- Keep your passport valid at all times.
- Notify the school within 10 days of any change of address or personal information.
- Do not work off-campus without proper authorization.
 - Maintain a full-time course load each term as required.
 - Contact your Designated School Official (DSO) if you have any questions.

For more information about F-1 visa rules, visit:

 studyinthestates.gov



Housing & Health Insurance

- Celebration Language Institute does not provide housing or accommodation services.
Students are responsible for arranging their own living accommodations before or after arrival. We recommend researching safe areas close to the school and arranging temporary housing in advance if needed.
- CLI strongly recommends that all students maintain valid health insurance while studying in the U.S.
Staff can provide general guidance on how to find affordable options, but students are responsible for selecting and maintaining their own coverage.



Transportation Guide

The nearest airport is Orlando International Airport (MCO).

Transportation options include:

- Uber or Lyft (ride-share apps)
- Taxis (available at the terminal)
- Public bus (LYNX) – an affordable option

The school can provide general guidance on local transportation after you arrive.

If you plan to drive in the U.S., you will need a Florida driver's license.

You may use your international license for a short time, but a local license is recommended for long-term stays.

More information is available at the school office.



Understanding American Culture and Customs

GENERAL ETIQUETTE

- Americans are friendly and informal.
- They value punctuality and personal space.
- Say 'please,' 'thank you,' and 'excuse me.'
- Tipping is customary (15–20%).

LIFE IN ORLANDO

- Known for theme parks and diverse community.
- Public transportation available, but most drive.

WEATHER & TEMPERATURES

Orlando has a subtropical climate, meaning warm weather year-round.

- **Summer (May – September):** Hot and humid, frequent rain. Around 90°F / 32°C.
- **Winter (November – March):** Mild and comfortable. Around 72°F / 22°C.
- **Spring & Fall:** Warm and pleasant. Bring light clothing, sunscreen, an umbrella, and a light jacket for cooler evenings.



School Contacts & Helpful tips

Questions about enrollment

- Admissions Department: admissions@celebrationlanguage.com

Questions about your I-20 or immigration status

- DSO: dso@celebrationlanguage.com

Class schedules and placement

- Academic Department: academic@celebrationlanguage.com

Questions about payments

- Finance Department: finance@celebrationlanguage.com

Helpful tips

- Open a U.S. bank account for convenience.
- Get a SIM card or mobile plan to stay connected.
- Use apps: Google Maps, Uber, Weather, Translation apps.
 - Learn about LYNX, Orlando's public bus system.
 - Carry a photo ID with you all the time.

For more detailed information and local recommendations, please visit our Orlando Student Guide through the link below.

[CLI STUDENT GUIDE](#)



HELPFUL
TIPS

Thank you!

We're here to help!

OUR TEAM AT CELEBRATION LANGUAGE INSTITUTE IS HERE TO SUPPORT YOU AS YOU ADJUST TO LIFE IN THE U.S. AND WORK TOWARD YOUR ACADEMIC GOALS.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT IMMIGRATION, CLASSES,
OR LIFE IN ORLANDO, PLEASE CONTACT US ANYTIME.

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