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 those applying for an F-1 visa, the field of study code is located under the PROGRAM of STUDY section of the I-20. Generally, for undergraduate College I-20’s, the program code is 24.0199 Liberal Arts and Sciences.

For graduate students and non-Harvard College students, the code may be different. Please determine the code by looking at the I-20 PROGRAM of STUDY section.

3. How do I find the SEVIS number?

For the I-20, the SEVIS Number is found on the upper left hand corner of the I-20 document.
For the DS-2019, the SEVIS Number is located in the upper right hand corner.

For both the I-20 and DS-2019 the number begins with “N00........”

4. How do I find the F-1 I-20 School Code or J-1 DS-2019 Program Number?

On the I-20, the school code can be found under the School Information section of the I-20 on page 1. The section is entitled “School Code and Approval Date.” The code begins with “BOS.”
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 submit the DS-160 again when extending my F-1 I-20 or J-1 DS-2019 within the United States?**

You do not need to submit the DS-160 again if your I-20 or DS-2019 program end date has been extended and the SEVIS number (see item number 3) has not changed and you remain in the United States.

You will need to submit the DS-160 again if you choose to travel outside of the US and the I-20 or DS-2019 has been extended but the visa stamp in the passport has expired.

7. **What if the name of the country I am from has changed since birth? (example: Serbia vs Yugoslavia)?**

Please refer to the Department of State (DOS) website and the below FAQ they provide.