

NOW THAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO BE A  
STUDENT .....

THERE ARE TWO THINGS YOU SHOULD **NOT** DO!

**1. DO NOT ENTER THE U.S. WITH A B-1, B-2, OR B-1/2 VISA**

If you use a B visa to enter the U.S. you are saying “I’m here as a visitor” only. Since you contacted our school about study, this would be viewed as a “fraudulent entry” and you could be refused permission to stay longer than six months or to extend or change your status. **DO NOT LISTEN** to people who say it is easy to enter the country as a visitor and change your status. It is **NOT** true! *B visitors are prohibited by U.S. law from pursuing a course of study prior to obtaining a change of status to F-1 student.*

**IF YOUR STUDY PLANS ARE NOT CERTAIN AND YOU WANT TO ENTER THE U.S. TO VISIT SCHOOLS**, you must explain this on your visa application and ask the visa officer for a B-2 visa with the words “Prospective Student” noted on it or have the words added to your B visa if you already have one.

**2. DO NOT ENTER THE U.S. WITHOUT A VISA** (Unless you are Canadian)

If you are from a country from which you can enter the U.S as a visitor by showing a round trip airline ticket, do not do this. If you enter without a visa, you will be permitted to stay for only 90 days. You will not be given more time or allowed to change to student status.