

# DEFIANCE COLLEGE

## INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AGREEMENT

1. I understand all application forms must be received by the Undergraduate or Graduate Admissions Office before the deadline listed on the *Information for International Admission Application*. If my application fails to meet the deadline, it will be considered for the next earliest semester.
2. I understand all information given on the application forms must be accurate. Failure to list all colleges previously attended, or falsification of application information on any of my academic or personal records will result in my suspension for academic misconduct, leading to my withdrawal from Defiance College, *and information may be reported to INS*.
3. I understand I must submit official academic credentials from all schools I am currently attending and/or have attended in the past. If I am applying for a graduate program, I must have a four-year bachelor's degree equivalent from an accredited institution. I understand that I must meet the grade point average for the program I intend to pursue.
4. I understand if English is not the official language in my country, I must meet the English proficiency requirement outlined on the application package before admission will be granted. However, I may submit the application for admission to Defiance College without having met the English requirement but only for evaluation of my academic credentials. If I have met all the admission requirements except for the English proficiency and wish to attend an intensive English program, I must apply to the English Language School of my choice (in the United States) to receive the I-20 from the English Language School. Defiance College will submit a provisional acceptance letter.
5. I understand I must be prepared to bring with me to the United States sufficient funds to cover tuition, fees, textbooks and supplies, health insurance (purchased at time of registration), and living expenses for two fifteen-week semesters. I understand that additional funds must be available for my subsequent semesters at Defiance College.
6. I understand I will be living in on-campus accommodations, unless special circumstances require and/or allow me to live off-campus.
7. I understand if I cannot be at Defiance College on or before the date specified on the Form I-20, I must return the form immediately. If I wish to defer my admission to any future semester I may request a new I-20 when I return the old I-20. I may be required to submit updated financial documents if over one year old.
8. I understand it is my responsibility to pay the US\$200 (one hundred American dollars) SEVIS service fee<sup>1</sup> three days prior to my visa interview at an American consulate or embassy. This fee **cannot** be paid at the consulate or embassy.

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<sup>1</sup> Please visit <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.jsp> for more information on the SEVIS fee.

9. I understand it is very important to maintain my visa status by making good academic progress at all times during my stay in the United States. I am required to enroll and successfully complete at least a minimum of 12 credit hours as an undergraduate student during all Spring and Fall semesters. If I am a graduate student, I must enroll and successfully complete a minimum of 9 credit hours during all Spring and Fall semesters.
10. I understand I must be in proper status with United States Immigration and Naturalization Services (INS) while I am in the United States. If reinstatement of F-1 visa status or change in visa classification is required, I must consult the *Defiance College International Office* and file the appropriate application with the INS. I will not be permitted to enroll until I have completed all the proper work for reinstatement of student status with the Defiance College International Office. If I am changing from any other non-immigrant visa status to student visa status, I will not be allowed to enroll until INS notifies Defiance College of the approval.
11. I understand my F-1 visa status will prohibit my engaging in off-campus employment without prior authorization from INS. If I am found to be working off-campus without a proper authorization, I will lose my visa status and may face immediate deportation.
12. I understand I am required to have hospitalization insurance coverage while I am a student at Defiance College. This mandatory insurance plan can be purchased through Defiance College.
13. I understand I must attend a mandatory cultural orientation and an academic orientation for new students at the beginning of my initial semester at Defiance College.
14. I understand I must always submit current address information to the Defiance College International Office when there is any change in either my residence in the United States or in my family address in my home country.
15. I understand if I plan to leave Defiance for longer than a 24 hour period I must report the address(es) and phone number(s) of place(s) that I will be visiting.

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_