HOW TO APPLY FOR A FLORIDA DRIVER’S LICENSE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS F-1 AND J-1 VISA STATUS

You may either walk in or make an appointment with the Florida Department of Motor Vehicles office. Following are the two locations closest to campus:

- **Broward County**: Deerfield Beach Office
  - 100 South Military Trail, Suite 26
  - Deerfield Beach, FL 33441
  - Phone number: (954) 497-1570
  - Open Mon-Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- **Palm Beach County**: Delray Beach Office
  - 501 South Congress Avenue
  - Delray Beach, FL 33445
  - Phone number: (561) 355-2264
  - Open: Mon-Fri 8:15 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

To make an appointment at any office go to: [https://services.flhsmv.gov/oasis/](https://services.flhsmv.gov/oasis/)

**STEP 1**: If you do not have a driver’s license from your home country you must first take the [Traffic Law & Substance Abuse Education Course](http://www.flhsmv.gov/ddl/TLSAE_providers.html)

**STEP 2**: Study the information in the Florida Driver’s Handbook: [http://www.flhsmv.gov/handbooks/](http://www.flhsmv.gov/handbooks/)

**STEP 4**: Go to the office with the following documentation:

- A. Valid passport
- B. Form I-20 (for F-1 students) or DS-2019 (for J-1 exchange visitors)
- C. I-94 printout
- D. $48.00 processing fee (cash, credit card except Visa, check, or money order)
- E. **Two** of the following documents showing your address in Florida to confirm your residence. The following are acceptable:
  1) Educational institution transcript forms for the current school year
  2) Utility bills (cell phone, electric bill), not more than two months old
  3) Mail from financial institutions; including checking, savings, or investment account statements, not more than two months old
  4) Credit card statement
  5) A letter from our office confirming your local address

**STEP 5**: Take the exams:

- **Hearing** - Drivers applying for a license who are deaf, or cannot hear conversation spoken in a normal tone of voice, are restricted to driving with an outside rearview mirror which should be mounted on the left side of the vehicle, or wearing of a hearing aid.
- **Vision** - Vision testing, using an eye machine located on the counter, is conducted in all driver license offices. Visual acuity readings worse than 20/40 are referred to an eye specialist. Color blindness will not cause any special condition for licensing.
- **Knowledge Exam** - 50 multiple choice questions about traffic laws and traffic signs.
- **Driving Test** - You must provide a vehicle for the driving test. The vehicle must have a valid tag, proof of insurance, and pass a vehicle inspection. During the driving test, the examiner will observe your ability to control the vehicle and how well you obey traffic laws.

**GOOD LUCK!** Please contact our office if you experience any documentation issues.