



International Student Application Process & Information

Ballet Academy East is accredited by the Federal Government to accept foreign students with M-1 Student Visas. For more information on the BAE International Student application process, please read this document thoroughly.

What is an M-1 Visa?

M-1 visas allow citizens of foreign countries to enter the United States for a temporary stay, to study at a vocational or other recognized non-academic institution.

Before applying for an M-1 Visa, you must audition for admission to Ballet Academy East's Pre-Professional Program. Once accepted, you can begin your Visa application process.

1. Complete the Ballet Academy East [International Student Application](#) online, complete with video audition.
2. Once accepted, you will be enrolled in the Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS).
3. Complete the Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application (Form DS-160), and print to bring to your visa interview.
4. Upload a photo while completing the DS-160 (make sure to format according to the Photograph Requirements).
5. BAE will provide you with a Form I-20, which you will present to the consular officer at your visa interview.
6. Schedule a visa interview appointment at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate.
7. Gather all required documentation:
 - a. Passport (must be valid for at least 6 months beyond intended period of stay in the U.S.)
 - b. Nonimmigrant Visa Application (DS-160) confirmation page
 - c. Application fee payment receipt (if applicable)
 - d. Photo (if not uploaded correctly through online DS-160 application)
 - e. Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (M-1) Student Status for Vocational Students (I-20)
8. Review your application instructions on the embassy or consulate website; additional documents may be requested (i.e., transcripts, bank statements, etc.)
9. Attend your interview, making sure to bring all necessary documentation.
10. Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee (if applicable).

Until your Visa status is approved, do not make any travel plans. To get a sense of processing times, you can visit the [Visa Appointment & Processing Wait Times](#) page on the U.S. Department of State website.

Once your Visa has been approved, you are ready to plan your trip to the United States! Make sure to have the following on your person when arriving, and passing through U.S. Customs:

- Passport
- Form I-20 (from BAE)
- Customs Declaration Form (you will receive this on the plane)
- All required documents from your visa application interview



Once you arrive in New York, please report to BAE with all documents from your visa application, for the purpose of updating our records.

If you have not done so already, please inform us of any updates, including local telephone numbers, addresses, and any other information.

Make sure to get a copy your schedule for first day, including a placement class.

Visit the [Ballet Academy East](#) website regularly for schedule updates, school holidays, and more. The following pages can be especially helpful:

[Pre-Professional Division Page](#)

[Calendar](#)

[Who We Are](#)

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to us at (212) 410-9140, or e-mail us at info@baenyc.com.

We look forward to having you study at Ballet Academy East!

Additional Resources:

[Bureau of Consular Affairs – U.S. Visas](#)

[Student and Exchange Visitor Program \(SEVP\)](#)

[U.S. Embassies, Consulates, and Diplomatic Missions](#)

[Arrival Procedures for Students or Exchange Visitors](#)

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