



International Student Application Process & Information

Ballet Academy East is authorized under Federal law to enroll non-immigrant alien students.

What is an M-1 Visa?

The M-1 visa is a type of student visa in the U.S. reserved for international students attending vocational schools.

Before applying for an M-1 Student Visa, you must audition for admission to Ballet Academy East's Pre-Professional Program. Please follow the instructions below.

1. Complete the Ballet Academy East [International Student Application](#), including your video audition. The video will be reviewed by the faculty and you will receive notification within one week of your submission. If the faculty should require any additional information or video we will let you know within two days of your submission.
2. If accepted to the program, BAE will issue you a Form I-20. Once the Form I-20 is submitted you will receive a Student and Exchange Visitor Information System ID# (SEVIS ID). The signed Form I-20 will be sent to you via FedEx or UPS.
3. Complete the Online Non-immigrant Visa Application (Form DS-160), and print to bring to your visa interview.
4. Upload your photo while completing the DS-160 (making sure to format according to the Photograph Requirements).
5. Schedule a visa interview appointment at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate.
6. Gather all required documentation for your interview:
 - a. Passport (must be valid for at least 6 months beyond intended period of stay in the U.S.)
 - b. Form DS-160 confirmation page
 - c. Application fee payment receipt
 - d. Signed Form I-20
7. **Review your application instructions on the embassy or consulate website; additional documents may be requested (i.e., transcripts, bank statements, etc.)**
8. Attend your interview, making sure to bring all necessary documentation.
9. Pay the SEVIS I-901 fee (if applicable).

Until you have had your interview and your Visa status is approved, do not make any travel plans. Once your Visa has been approved, you are ready to make your travel plans. Be sure to have the following on your person when arriving, and passing through U.S. Customs:

- Passport
- Form I-20
- 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 bring the following:

- Local telephone numbers
- Local address
- Local health insurance information
- Local emergency contact information

If you still need to sign up for health insurance and do not have access to a plan please go to:

https://www.isoa.org/Ballet_Academy_East

Reminder: Make sure to get a copy of your class schedule for the first day, including your placement class to confirm your level.

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:

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

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

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

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