Pre-Arrival Checklist
Credit-Spring 2020

PAYING THE I-901 Fee
☐ Review I-901 Handout included in this I-20 Packet and the following: https://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901
☐ Link to Pay Fee: https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.html

SCHEDULE THE Visa INTERVIEW
☐ Review the U.S. Visas handout, 10 Points to Remember when Applying for a Nonimmigrant Visa handout, and https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students
☐ Identify the U.S. Embassy or Consulate that is most convenient for you: https://www.usembassy.gov/
☐ Visit the website of the embassy or consulate you will visit, and follow the instructions on the site to:
  ☐ Pay your visa fee
  ☐ Obtain acceptable photographs
  ☐ Complete your online DS-160 application
  ☐ Get list of all required documents you must bring
  ☐ Schedule your visa interview appointment
☐ If you are not granted the F-1 Visa, please contact ISO at iso@collin.edu about your deferment options.

STUDY FOR Texas SUCCESS INITIATIVE (TSI) OR PREPARE TSI EXEMPTION
☐ When you arrive in the U.S., you will be required to take the Texas Success Initiative (TSI), provide TSI scores from a previous school, OR request an exemption with qualifying documentation with Academic Advising (academicadvising@collin.edu) before registering for classes.
☐ Passing the reading and writing portion is required to maintain F-1 status at Collin College and avoid a Change of Level to Collin’s ESL program or transferring to another institution.
☐ Review TSI testing procedures, locations, study materials, and exemptions here: http://www.collin.edu/studentresources/testing/availabletesting/tsi.html

PREPARE FOR ARRIVAL
☐ Recommended Arrival date: 01/02/2020. Allowed to arrive in U.S. up to 30 days before start of I-20. Your I-20 start date will be 01/02/2020.
☐ Review the International Student Handbook for information about Texas and your arrival to Collin College: https://sway.office.com/ZfB8c6KNVDOAxafA?ref=Link
☐ Review Port of Entry handout and Study in the States (https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/getting-to-the-united-states) for information about entering into the U.S.

For I-20 Questions: Email iso@collin.edu