ATTENTION INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES

To receive your Form I-20 follow the additional steps below.

NOTE: Transferring your academic record and immigration record are two different procedures. Contact the Office of Admissions at NMU with questions regarding academic credit transfers.

F-1 STUDENTS
If you are in lawful F-1 status and are completing or leaving your current institution, or are authorized for Optional Practical Training (OPT) and have decided to further your studies at Northern Michigan University (NMU), you must complete the F-1 transfer process. The transfer process is initiated by your current institution and is completed by NMU.

ELIGIBILITY:
- Students must be maintaining legal F-1 status.
- Students must notify NMU of intention to transfer
- You must transfer to NMU in the semester admitted. If you are unable to attend in the semester admitted, contact International Programs Office (906) 227-2510 or ipo@nmu.edu.

TRANSFER PROCESS:
1) Request the transfer of your SEVIS record from your current institution to NMU.
2) Complete the NMU Transfer-In Form.
3) NMU will issue a Transfer-pending Form I-20 when your current institution has released your record in SEVIS.
4) You must report to IPO within 15 days of the program start date to complete your SEVIS record check-in.
5) Once checked-in, NMU will issue a new Form I-20 to complete the transfer.

TRAVEL and TRANSFER:
If you intend to travel outside the U.S. after you have transferred out of your current institution and before you begin your studies at NMU, you must reenter the U.S. on your NMU issued Form I-20. In this case, you must request that IPO send your new Form I-20 to you. Use the Transfer-pending Form I-20, your valid passport and valid U.S. visa to enter the U.S., if you travel. If you are currently outside the U.S., we will mail your documents by express mail either by USPS or UPS. Please provide the IPO office your mailing address and local phone number.

All new international students are required to check-in with International Programs Office prior to the start of their first semester at NMU. The check-in process happens during NMU’s Orientation.