How to Apply to CELCIS

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☐ Complete the online application.
☐ If you are already in the United States at another school, you must submit a completed transfer-in form.
☐ Provide proof that you will have a minimum of $13,000 (United States currency) available each semester (four months) from your sponsor
☐ Provide a copy of your passport identification
☐ Provide a copy in English of your high school or university transcripts
☐ Pay non-refundable application fee of $100 (U.S.). WMU accepts MasterCard/Visa and Discover cards. Checks should be made out to CELCIS—WMU.
☐ Mail all application materials to the following address before the application deadline OR upload documents through the online application

International Admissions and Services
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo MI 49008-5246 USA

Review your admissions package

☐ Log in to GoWMU with your Bronco NetID and temporary password. Create your own password to access your student account and WMU email.
☐ Review Arrival and Orientation information

Obtain a passport and U.S. Visa as soon as possible

☐ Talk to the WMU Immigration Advisors for more information

Plan ahead: Find a place to live in Kalamazoo

☐ Live on Campus

☐ View Residence Halls or On-Campus Apartments
☐ Register for on-campus housing
Live off Campus

- Off Campus Apartment
  - Take a look at the [apartment List](#)

- Homestay
  - Do you want to live with an American Family? Contact Barb Curley at [Lodge and Learn](#)
  - Do you need help understanding [housing terms](#)?

**Purchase international student health insurance**

- For insurance assistance call Jan Vandevusse at (269) 387-5887 or email: ias-insurance@wmich.edu.

**Pack your bags!**

**Bring with you:**

- Some cash (around $250) and/or credit card for the first few days
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Toiletries: shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant etc.
- Personal electronics (cell phone, laptop, camera etc.)
- Prescription medication, if needed
- Weather appropriate clothing (winter is very cold in Michigan)
- Adapter for USA wall outlets
- If staying in residence halls, bring temporary linens for first couple of nights. Residence halls do not provide linens.

**Buy in Kalamazoo:**

- Bedding (pillow, blanket, sheets, etc.)
- Towels
- Laundry basket, detergent
- Fan (for the hot summers)
- Extension cords
- Iron and Ironing board, clothes hangers
School supplies: pens, paper, folders, etc.

Travel to Western Michigan University

CELCIS highly suggests that you arrive at least 1-2 days before orientation

- If you are coming by airplane —
  - Plan to fly directly to the Kalamazoo/Battle Creek International Airport (airport code: AZO)
  - Free transportation from the Kalamazoo Airport to your hotel or residence hall will be provided by Leisure Limousine
    - When you arrive at the Kalamazoo- AZO airport, go to Leisure Limousine, which is next to baggage claim.
- View orientation information about housing move-in dates here

- If you are coming by bus or train —
  - If you arrive in Kalamazoo by bus or train you can arrange for transportation to WMU’s main campus by calling a taxi. Two recommendations:
    - Bronco Express (269) 343-3000
    - Godspeed Transportation (269) 547-5477

Attend Orientation

- All new students are **required** to attend orientation
- Be prepared to bring the following to orientation
  - Visa, passport, I-20 or DS-2019 form, copy of electronic I-94 after arrival ([print from this website](#))
  - Paperwork from Western Michigan University
  - Paperwork from your sponsor, if this applies
  - Health insurance policy (not the card)
  - Copy of scholarship letter, if this applies
  - Orientation registration will open at 8 a.m. in the Bernhard Center
  - View complete orientation and arrival information [here](#)

Begin Classes

- You will receive your schedule on the first day of classes