

Agenda

- Rice Teams
- The MBA Journey Requirements
- Rice Account and Email
- I-20 Process
- OISS Portal
- Next Steps
- FAQ



The Rice Teams and Acronyms

- RAO Recruiting and Admissions Office
- Office of Academic Programs and Student Experience
- CDO Career Development Office
- OISS Office of International Students and Scholars



MBA Next Steps & Requirements

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Admitted Students Website

Student Application Portal

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Pay Deposit

Official Test Scores

Official Transcripts and Evaluations

Attend Events

Onboarding Checklists

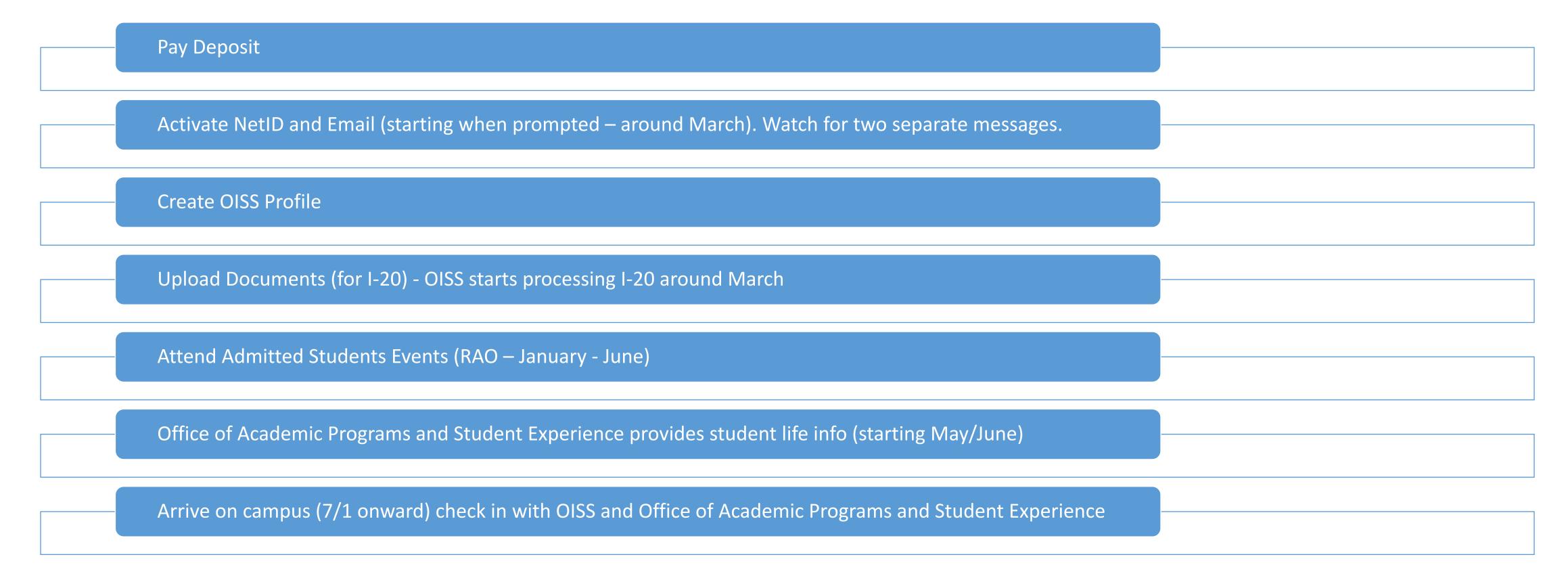
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Attend Launch

OISS Process



MBA Visa Process Overview





Rice Account & Email

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- Purpose: You will register* for your classes, pay your tuition, check your grades, fill out most of your course evaluations, etc.
- NetID and Email Activation (helpdesk@rice.edu)
- Keep checking your application portal and email for updates
- RAO uses your application (personal) email to communicate
- OISS Portal invitations will be sent to your personal email address
- Office of Academic Programs and Student Experience uses your Rice email address



^{*}You will be registered for your fall classes.

I-20 Process

- Primary contact: OISS Team (oiss@rice.edu)
- Pay your MBA deposit
- Starting in March, Rice record NetID and email created
- NetID created email sent
- Tech Pack* email sent (could be several days after NetID email)
- RAO sends admissions documents to OISS
- OISS starts sending invites to activate OISS Portal (from oiss@rice.edu) to personal emails

https://oiss.rice.edu/oissportal

- Upload necessary documents
- Documents verified, if all is well I-20 issued (starting in March/April) via email



^{*}Deferred students might face delays

I-20 Process

- If a student intends to use a loan as proof of funding for the I-20, OISS requires confirmation of a fully approved loan (conditional loan approvals are not acceptable)
- Upon receiving your I-20 form, you can apply for your F-1 visa.
- I-20 start date is scheduled for August 3, 2026.
- Visa interviews
 - please give regular updates about your appointments to the OISS team and the Office of Academic Programs and Student Experience.



OISS and The OISS Portal

- Services: https://oiss.rice.edu/
- Portal: https://oiss.rice.edu/oissportal
- Review the list of necessary documents before you receive the portal activation email
- Activate portal account
- Upload documents
- OISS reviews documents (could take 2 weeks)
- Track progress on your OISS portal
- Once approved, I-20 will be emailed



OISS - Pre-Departure

- Pre Arrival Information
- Housing: https://housing.rice.edu/graduate-housing
- Complete your Immigration Check-in within 15 days of arrival in the U.S.
 Make your travel plans accordingly.



Next Steps - RAO

- Confirm your address when prompted.
- Keep checking your application portal for events, updates and program notices, you can also see which official materials you'll need to provide.
- BEFORE you start your program, the RAO needs official copies of*:
 - Test Scores
 - Transcripts
 - Credential Evaluations:
 - SpanTran: The Evaluation Company
 - Educational Credential Evaluators
 - World Education Services
- RAO <u>Admitted Student Website & Events</u>
- You cannot start the program without providing your official materials.



Next Steps - Office of Academic Programs and Student Experience

- Program related questions
- RAO will start transitioning you to this team in late spring
- Complete your Pre-MBA courses (you'll need your NetID before you have access)
- Summer Scoop Onboarding Newsletters (starts in June)
- B-Speak! CDO initiative (profile and 10 hrs. of coaching)
- Onboarding Checklist To-Do List
- International Student Launch (Orientation) August 3-7
- Launch Week Starts on August 10



Frequently Asked Questions

Registering for classes

• The registrar department will enroll you in your fall courses. The Rice MBA program is cohort-based and the classes that you will take during your first year have been determined by Rice Business.

Can I miss Launch?

 No. Launch is a requirement with academic content that will tie to your grades throughout the year.

Travel Restrictions

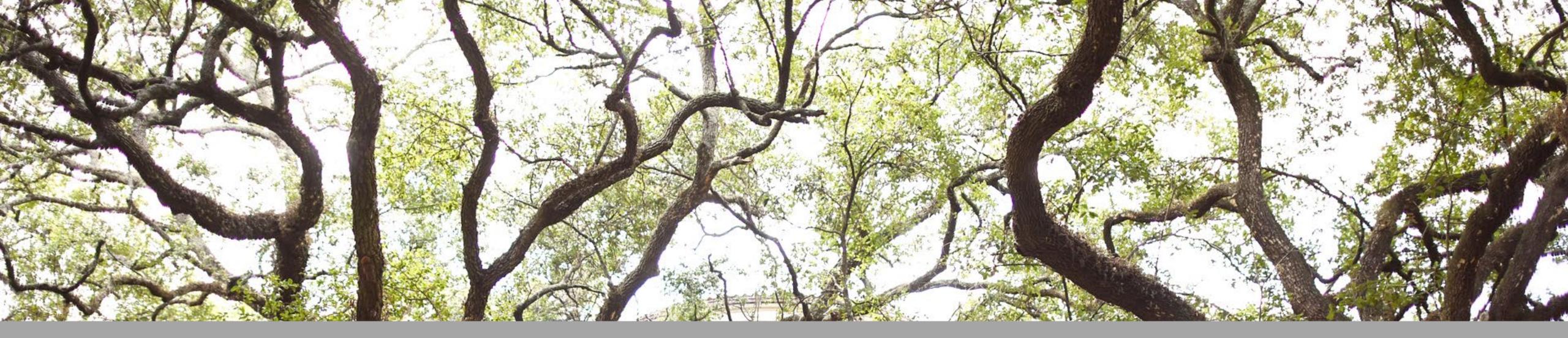
Watch for frequently changing updates. F1 visa students often are exempt.



Frequently Asked Questions

- When can I enter the US?
 - F-1 students can enter the U.S. within a 30-day window leading up to I-20 start date.
- Transferring SEVIS
 - If a student is already in valid F-1 status in the U.S., the SEVIS record can be transferred, and a new I-20 can be issued without the student having to leave the country. However, the new academic program must begin within 5 months of the previous program's completion.





ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

