

Wichita State University Spring 2025

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Agenda

- **Important Dates**
- **Visa Application**
- **Predeparture information**
- **Check-in & registration**
- **Money matters**



Spring 2025 Important Dates

Dec 21 – Jan 5: Winter closedown

Jan 12-14: Recommended arrival dates

Jan 15: Program Start Date

Jan 17: In-person orientation

Jan 21: First day of classes

Feb 3: Last day to make payment plan

Mar 17-23: Spring break

Apr 15: Last payment due

May 15: Last day of final exams



WINTER CLOSEDOWN

RECOMMENDED
ARRIVAL DATES

Program
Start Date

In-Person
Orientation

First Day
of Classes

Feb 3 – Last Day to
Make Payment Plan

Applying for An F-1 Student Visa

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SEVIS ID & I-20 Form

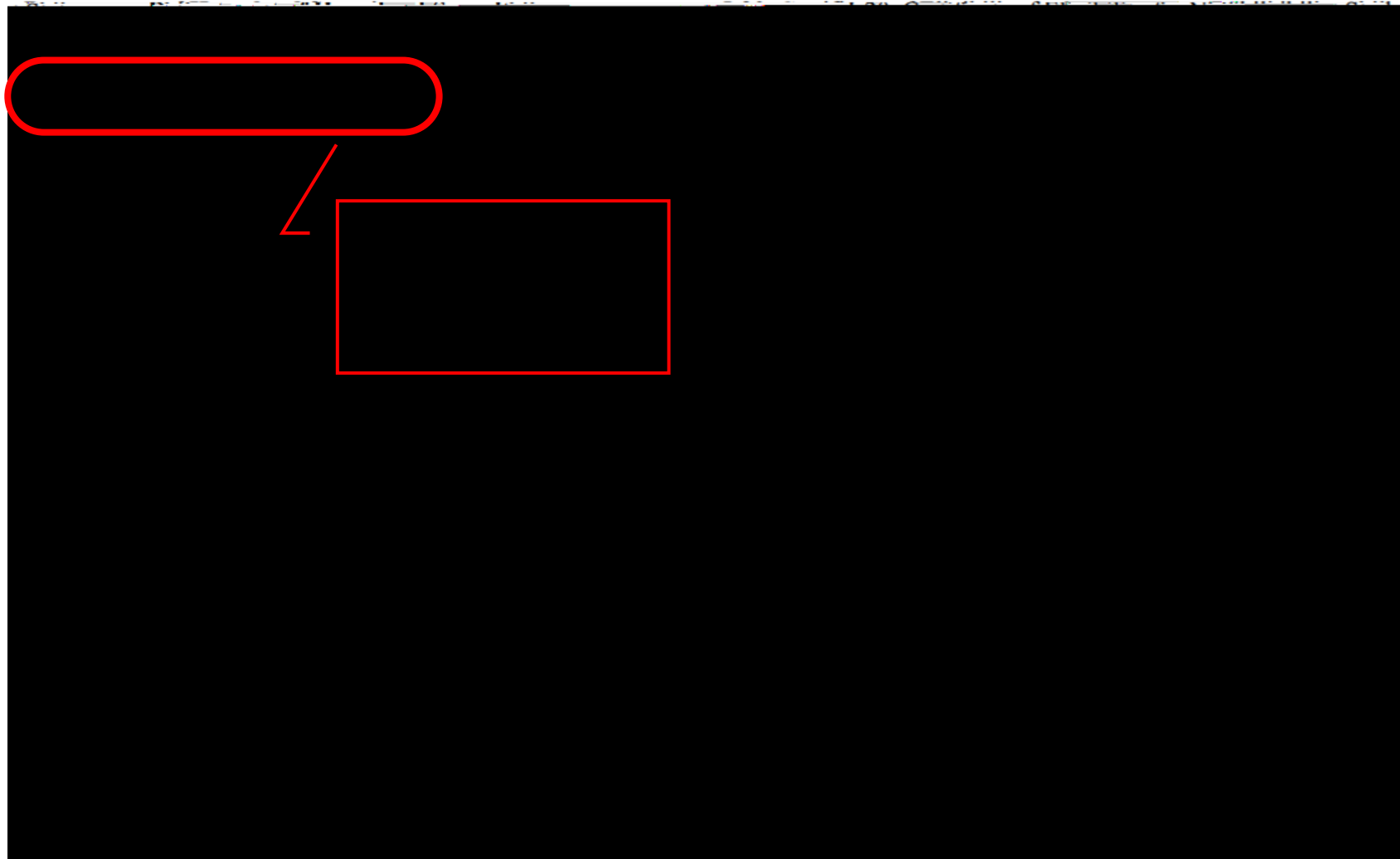
Visa Application

Visa Interview

Visa Approval / Denial

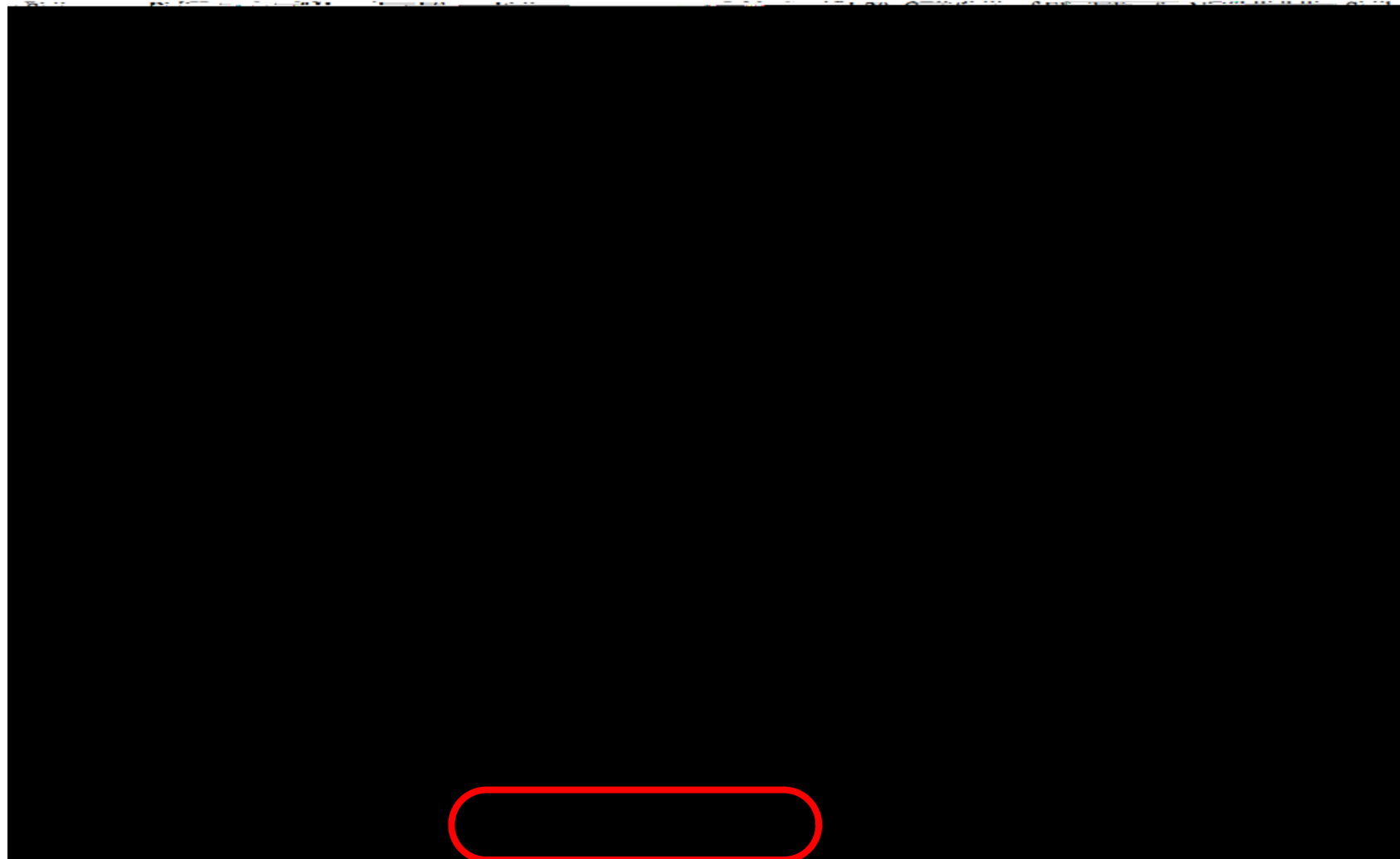


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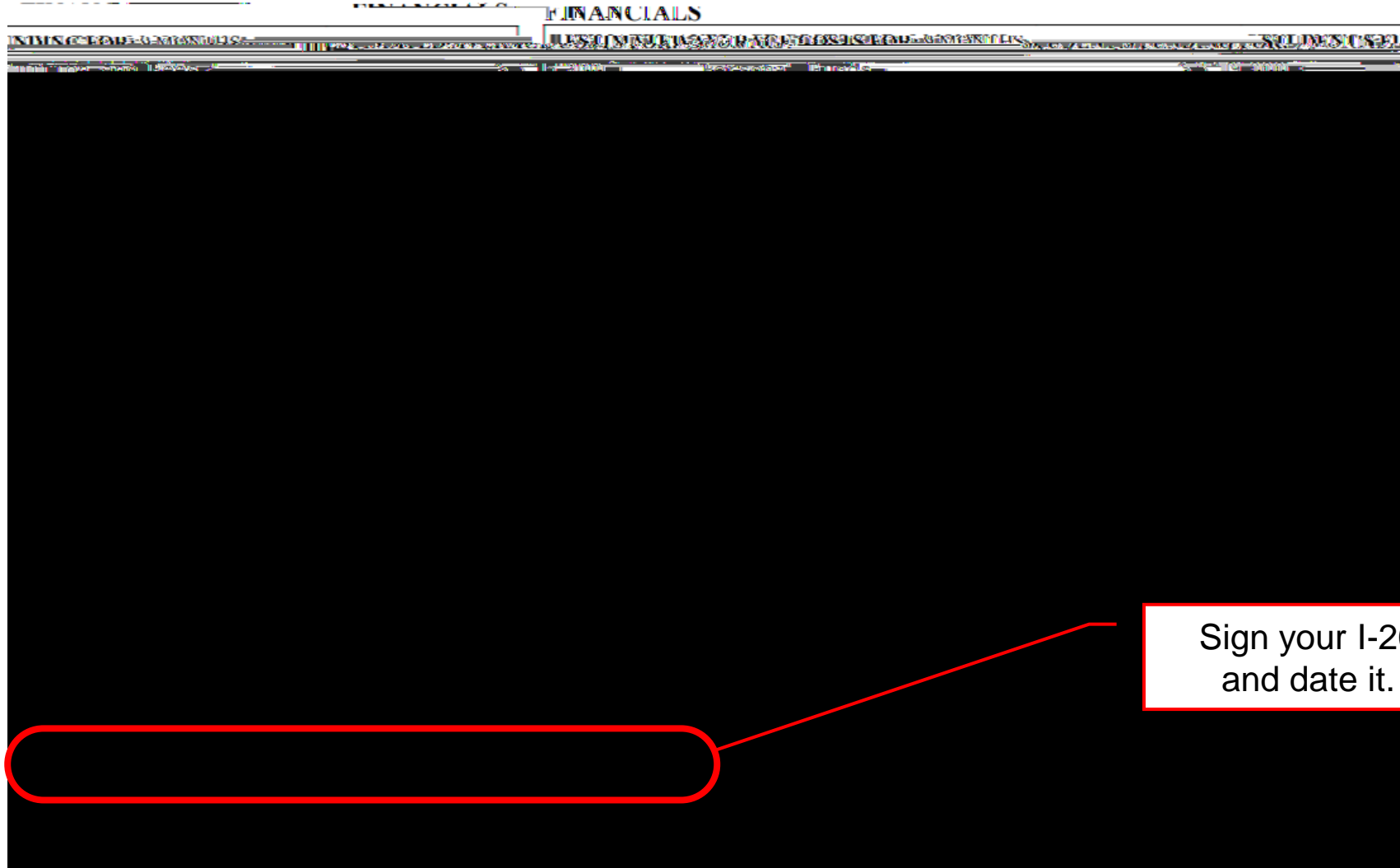




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Sign your I-20
and date it.



F-1 Visa Application



Pay SEVIS fee (I-901) US\$350



Visa application form DS-160



Pay visa application fee US\$160



Schedule a visa appointment



Required Items for Visa Application

A valid passport



Preparation for Visa Interview

Meet with EducationUSA Advisor

<https://educationusa.state.gov/find-advising-center>

Reasons for choosing WSU

About Wichita, WSU, your major

Chat with current WSU students

<https://wichita.edu/chat>

Your family's financial status

Your plan after graduation

<https://wichita.edu/visatips>





The Visa Interview

- **Why Wichita State? Why this major?**
- **Your post-graduation plans**
- **Job opportunities in your home country with the program qualification**
- **Your financial support**
- **Be honest, friendly, confident**
- **Do not talk too much, but not too little**
- **Do not recite data/information**

Visa Interview Result



Approved



Denied



Administrative processing



Reasons for Visa Denials

- **Intention of staying in the U.S. after graduation**
- **Insufficient financial support**
- **Missing or incorrect documents**
- **Behavior during the interview**
- **Background check failed
i.e. administrative processing**





Useful Links

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After Visa Approval



To-Do-List

Book your flights to arrive by Jan 14

Sign up for airport pickup

Book campus housing

Sign up for our next pre-departure meeting

**Prepare official documents:
transcripts, test scores, etc.**

Take an English test if needed



Check-in & Registration



Money Matters

- **Campus housing & meals charges**
- **Tuition & fees billed upon enrollment**
- **Global Select Scholarship, if awarded, applied upon enrollment**
- **Last day to make payment plan: Feb 3**
- **Avoid late fee \$100**
- **Sending money to the U.S. – Flywire vs. wire transfer**

Any Questions?