

HAVANA CUBA

THE VISA APPLICATION:

Complete the Cuba Visa Application Form, which can be downloaded from your portal or acceptance packet, and submit it directly to Spanish Studies Abroad. The type of visa you are applying for is a Student Visa (D-2), and your application must include a regular, passport-size photo. On the next page is a sample application you can use as a guide for filling out your own. The address to which you should send this application is as follows:

Spanish Studies Abroad 446 Main Street Amherst, MA 01002

THE VISA PROCESS:

Your Resident Director, Rocío Haro, will provide the University de La Habana (ULH) with the names of our accepted students, your arrival dates/departure dates, your passport numbers and your addresses in Cuba. ULH will assign a radio number to each of you and inform the Cuban Embassy. You will receive more detailed instructions from Spanish Studies Abroad closer to departure.

You may follow these general guidelines below in the meantime:

- Read through the Havana Student Handbook and Cultural Guide included in your online acceptance packet.
- Connect with Rocío Haro, (<u>cuba.spanishstudies@gmail.com</u>), if you have not done so already. Rocío will be in touch with you soon to go over more details in preparation for your arrival.
- Student must complete the Cuba Visa Application Form and mail it, along with all visa materials, to Spanish Studies Abroad. The \$70 (subject to change) visa fee plus \$30 (subject to change) administrative fee will be added to your online account. You can log in and click on "View/Pay Bill" to pay these fees.
- Once the Resident Director has informed us that your radio numbers have been issued, we will send your applications as a group to the Cuban Embassy.
- We will receive your processed visas at our office in Amherst. We will notify you and ask that you confirm your address. We will then mail them to each student individually.

You will be responsible for purchasing your own flight to Havana, Cuba. Airline routes to Havana are increasing more than they ever have before. You may contact most commercial airlines in order to book your ticket. Please contact them to secure your space on your flight as soon as possible.

There is a list of airlines who are currently offering routes to Havana at the back of this handbook. As more airlines are able to secure routes to Cuba, this list may not include all possible options.

IMPORTANT:

Processes and guidelines in Cuba are ever-changing. Spanish Studies Abroad strives to give you the most up-to-date information, but please keep in mind that information in this handbook can change.

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Box for the Student visa option (D-2) is to the right!

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COMMERCIAL AIRLINE COMPANIES OFFERING FLIGHTS TO HAVANA

- American Airlines https://www.aa.com/
- Delta Airlines http://www.delta.com/
- JetBlue http://www.jetblue.com/
- United Airlines https://www.united.com/ual/en/us/

A note on charter companies:

Previously, U.S. or Mexican charter companies were the main method of flying to Cuba. As commercial airlines have been able to secure routes, the role of charter companies is changing. You may find that some commercial airlines may use a charter to have passengers connect from Miami to Havana. Ultimately, though, travelers do not need to book flights separately or directly through charters any longer.

If you ever have any questions about the information presented here in this Visa Handbook, please do not hesitate to contact the Amherst Office by phone at (413) 256-0011, or by email at info@spanishstudies.org.

IMPORTANT:

When you arrive in Cuba, the immigration officer will stamp your visa with the date of your entry into Cuba. Keep the visa stub with your passport since you will have to present it when leaving the country.

Make sure you do not lose your student visa. You will need it the first few days you are in Cuba to confirm your immigration status in the country, and to apply for a new identification card each month for the duration of your stay.