It is not required to get a Minnesota Driver’s License or State ID, but F-1 students are eligible to apply for these IDs. Students are responsible for following the processes to obtain a Minnesota State ID or Minnesota Driver’s License.

Both IDs require a “sealed letter” which can be obtained from the International Student Advisor. Please email the International Student Advisor to request this letter.

**Minnesota Driver’s License**

You can apply for a Minnesota Driver’s License. A new F-1 student would apply for a “Class D license” as a “new resident”.

**To apply for a Minnesota Driver’s License, you must have:**

- Valid passport (not a copy)
- Valid I-20 (not a copy)
- Your I-94
- Official, paper transcript from Saint Paul College
- Sealed letter which you can obtain from the International Student Advisor
- Something with your address on it (utility bill, cell phone bill, bank statement, lease, etc.)
- Driver’s license from home country (if applicable)

You must first take a written test and pass a vision test. If you pass the written and vision tests and have a driver’s license from another country, you can schedule the road test at the next available appointment. If you do not already have a driver’s license, you will receive your learner’s permit, and must wait six months before scheduling the road test.

You must have your own vehicle with insurance to take and pass the road test before you are issued a driver’s license. The road test is given at limited locations – the closest locations to Saint Paul College are in Eagan and Arden Hills. Click here to find locations for the road test.

**Minnesota State ID**

You apply for a Minnesota State ID at a Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services (DVS) office location. The closest location to Saint Paul College is in downtown Saint Paul: 445 Minnesota Street, Saint Paul, MN 55101.

**To apply for a State ID, you must have:**

- Valid passport (not a copy)
- Valid I-20 (not a copy)
- Your I-94
- Official, paper transcript from Saint Paul College
- Sealed letter which you can obtain from the International Student Advisor
- Something with your address on it (utility bill, cell phone bill, bank statement, lease, etc.)

Take the Request for Official Transcript to the Tuition Office, and pay the $6.25 fee. It can take a few business days for your official transcript to be prepared.

If you have a Social Security Number or other forms of ID, you should plan to bring those items with you to the DVS office as well. It takes 1 to 3 weeks to be mailed your State ID card.