

MARIST

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SERVICES

NY State Driver's License Guidelines

A driver's license is often used as a form of identification in the U.S. when utilizing bank services, travelling, or filing official paperwork. International students arriving with a valid driver's license from another country coupled with an international driver's permit do not need to apply for a license. However, you may still obtain a NY driver's license if necessary.

Students applying will need to show the Department of Motor Vehicles enough proof of identification to earn 6 points and qualify for a learner's permit. The following forms of documentation will help when visiting the DMV:

- Passport – 4 points
- Visa
- I-94
- Marist College ID Card and transcript – 2 points
- Credit Card statements (VISA, MasterCard, etc.)
- I-20 Form
- Health Insurance Card – 1 point
- Social Security Card (or an ineligible letter from the SSA)
- Utility bill showing local address – 1 point
- Paystub or W-2 from *any* U.S. state – 1 point

Students will need to take a vision test, written test, a five-hour driving course, and a road test. After passing the road test, the DMV will provide an interim license while your license arrives in the mail. Additional rules and guidelines for driving in NYS can be found [here](#).