Dubai Visa Process

1. Student completes advising appointment and study abroad interview.

2. Student accepted to program

3. Upon acceptance, student submits visa documents

4. RIT Global forwards visa documents to a staff member in RIT Dubai

5. Review process may take up to 15 working days

6. The visa will be forwarded electronically in PDF format via email.

7. Print your visa and insert it into your passport. The customs officials will register you under the appropriate student visa status when you arrive.

8. End of Semester : it is required that study abroad students turn in the Emirates ID card prior to departing Dubai. Failing to turn in your card will result in billing of a fee of $685.00 USD on your student account.
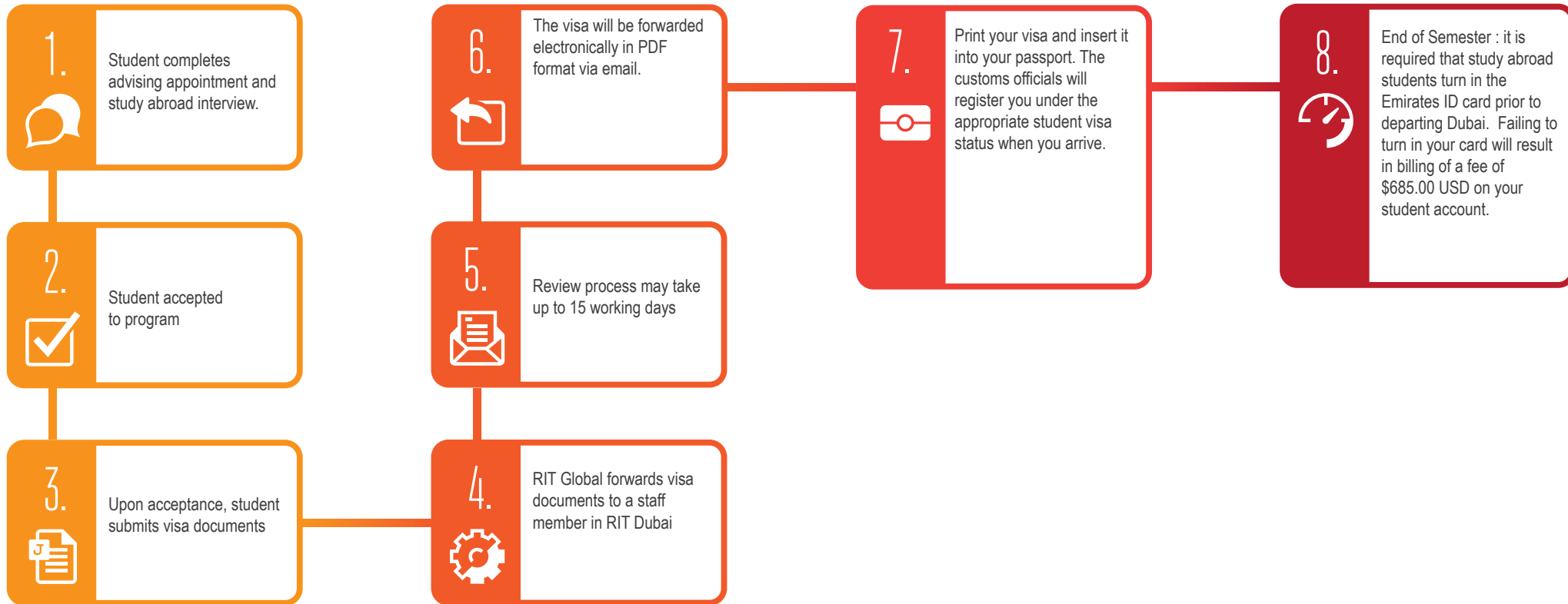
Student Visa Instructions
for Dubai

- All students studying abroad in Dubai for a semester must apply for a one year student visa

- You will be informed of deadlines for submission of required documents by the RIT Global office

- You can contact one of our Study Abroad advisors with any questions or concerns

- You must submit all required documents to a Study Abroad advisor

Before Starting the Visa Process

- Make sure to complete your profile and application on the Compass. All students applying for study abroad in Dubai must fill out a profile and application on the Compass database.

- Please make sure to upload a scanned <u>color </u>copy of your passport*, and add your health insurance information (including policy number and name of policy holder) under the 'Insurance' tab.
    √Please make sure the scanned passport copy is readable. You should also check to make sure all information is visible, including the numbers on the bottom of the page.

    *Prior to applying for study abroad, please make sure to check the expiration date on your passport. Visa approval requires that your passport be valid for a minimum of six months past the end date of your program. If necessary, you can apply to renew your passport through the local post office, or county clerk office.

- Upon acceptance into the program, you will receive an e-mail from the RIT Global office notifying you of the results and providing instructions with next steps.

F.A.Q.

WHAT TYPE OF VISA WILL I NEED FOR STUDY ABROAD IN DUBAI?

Students applying for a study abroad program in Dubai will apply for a one-year student visa.

HOW DO I APPLY?

You will receive information on how to apply for the Dubai visa during advising meetings and the advisor interview. You will submit all paperwork to the RIT Global office and an advisor will guide you through the process.

WHAT DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE STUDENT VISA?

Students must submit:
- completed visa application
- completed housing application
- digital passport size photo, in jpg format
- scanned copy of your passport, in jpg format

DO I NEED TO BOOK FLIGHTS BEFORE APPLYING FOR THE VISA?

No, it is not required to have flights booked before submitting your visa application.

WHEN SHOULD I SUBMIT MY PAPERWORK?

You will be asked to submit your visa paperwork upon approval of your study abroad application.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION FEE?

The visa application fee is included in the study abroad program fee. No extra out of pocket payment is required.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR THE VISA TO BE APPROVED?

The processing time is approximately 15 working days.

WILL I RECEIVE MY VISA BEFORE I DEPART?

You will receive your visa digitally via e-mail prior to your departure. It is important that you print your visa (on a color printer if possible) and bring with you, along with your passport, so that you are registered under the appropriate status when you arrive in Dubai.

CAN I KEEP MY EMIRATES ID CARD?

NO. It is required that you turn in your Emirates ID card to the RIT Dubai Student Services Manager before leaving Dubai at the end of the semester. RIT Dubai needs your ID card in order to close out your visa. Failure to turn in your card will result in a charge of $685.00 USD added to your RIT eServices account.