

International Student Orientation

Maintaining F-1 Status

- Report to DSO for SEVIS registration upon arrival to the U.S. including re-entry to the U.S. following holiday breaks
- Must provide copies of all documents each semester (Visa, Passport, I-94, Stamped I-20 and Insurance)
- Must provide proof of insurance each semester
- Pursue a full course of study - 12 credit hours per semester
- Make normal progress towards completing a program of study
- Obtain a new I-20 for a change in academic studies or program level of study
- Abide by the F-1 grace period regulations / know the law
- Report address change to DSO within 10 days / DSO must report change to SEVIS immediately
- Maintain a valid passport: Never let your passport expire / renew 6 months before expiration
- Never let your I-20 expire: Apply for a timely extension of stay
- Do not engage in unlawful employment
- Follow transfer procedures when transferring from one SEVIS approved school to another: You must apply to new school and request old school to transfer your SEVIS records.
- Depart the U.S. in a timely manner
- Follow all immigration laws

SEVIS: Student Exchange and Visitors Information System
ICE: Immigration and Customs Enforcement
DSO: Designated School Official