

## **Responsibilities of the F-1 Student**

It is very important for an International Student (F-1) to maintain his/her status while in the United States. Failure to do so could resort in deportation. In order to maintain status, students must adhere to the following:

- 1. I understand that I must report to the school listed on my I-20 (authorized to attend) within 10 days upon my arrival to the United States. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. I understand that I must attend the school that has issued the I-20. \_
- 3. I understand that I must meet with the International Student Representative at the start of each semester.
- 4. I understand that I must pursue a full-course of study (12 credits) during every academic session except during school break (summer) or special authorized breaks. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. I understand that I need permission from the International Student Representative in order to take a break.
- 6. I understand that I must make normal progress toward completing a course of study and that many failures (F grades) could jeopardize my status. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. I understand that I must keep my I-20 valid by following proper procedures for extension of stay in case more time is needed than reflected on the I-20.
- 8. I understand that I must follow the required procedures in order to transfer to another institution.
- 9. I understand that I have 10 days to report a change of address to the International Student Representative.
- 10. I understand that if I plan to visit another country, I must obtain the signature of a Designated School Official (DSO) before traveling.
- 11. I understand that upon completion of studies, I must leave the U.S. within 60 days, change to another immigration status, change my major, change my course of study, apply for OPT, or transfer to another institution.
- 12. I understand that if I lose my status for any reason, I will be required to complete the reinstatement process or depart the U. S. \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. I understand that it is important to maintain valid passport with at least 6 months remaining on it.
- 14. I understand that I need permission from the International Student Representative before withdrawing from a class.
- 15. I understand that I must follow the procedures when changing majors or academic levels.
- 16. I understand that I am not permitted to work off-campus or engage in business unless I have received authorization to work by the united states Customs and Immigration Services (USCIS).
- 17. I understand that I am eligible to work on-campus 20 hours per week during each term or up to 40 hours while school is in break sessions. Working additional hours is illegal.
- 18. I understand that as an F-1 student, I do not qualify for in-state tuition unless my immigration status changes to a visa status that allows me to claim Florida residency for tuition purposes. \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the description of my rights and responsibilities as an International Student (F-1) listed above. If I fail to comply, I could lose my status and all of the privileges granted therein.

Print Last Name / First Name Student ID:	Signature	/// Date: mm/dd/yyyy
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