

To stay in legal F-1 visa status in the United States as an F1 student, you must remember these important requirements:

-Report to the office of International Admissions and Services within 30 days of I-20 start date

-Always enroll FULL-TIME during the academic year: Your academic advisor can tell you what full time is for your program of study

-Update your local address within 10 days of any move: You can update your new address online on our website

-Keep your immigration documents VALID and CURRENT:

- **KEEP YOUR PASSPORT VALID:** You should keep your passport valid for at least six months in to the future while you are studying in the U.S.
- Apply for an **EXTENSION BEFORE** the "completion of studies" date in Item 5 of your I-20
- Be sure your I-20 states the correct degree program and level in Item 4
- If you plan to transfer to another school, come in to the International Admissions and Services office to discuss the immigration status transfer.

-NEVER work off-campus without PRIOR authorization

Employment opportunities for international students in the U.S. are restricted by law. In general there are two types of employment: on-campus and off-campus employment.

On-campus Employment: Enrolled F-1 students are permitted to work on campus for 20 hours per week during academic year and 40 hours per week during official breaks.

Off-campus Employment: Off-campus employment is any type of work or services performed in exchange for money, tuition, fees, books, supplies, room, food or any other benefit. A work permit is required **BEFORE** any off-campus work is allowed. See the Assistant Director of Immigration for advice and assistance.

-Notify the International Admissions and Services office when you leave the U.S. or change visa status

When you finish your program and leave the U.S. permanently or you change to another visa status (for instance if an employer plans to do an H1B visa application for you after you graduate or finish your OPT), come to our office or email us to notify us of your plans.