

Students should consult the International Admissions and Services office before traveling. You must have a current I-20 endorsed for travel outside the United States and we need to be able to verify that you are registered for classes.

If you are traveling outside of the United States:

- Make several copies of all your important immigration documents. Keep one set of copies in your carry-on luggage, one set in your checked baggage and leave a set at home preferably with someone who can send them to you if needed.
- Check the visa in your passport to learn if it has expired. You can only renew your visa in your home country. We can provide an enrollment letter to help you renew your visa. If you do renew your visa, please remember to stop by our office when you return on campus and “check in” with us. We’ll need photocopies of your new documents.
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What are the basic requirements for an F-1 to reenter the United States after traveling abroad?

A current SEVIS Form I-20 endorsed for travel by our office. A current passport valid for at least six months after the date of your reentry and visa. Financial information showing proof of necessary funds to cover tuition and living expenses. Make sure you are not out of the U.S. for more than five months.

If you are traveling in the United States, make sure to carry your original passport and I-20 with you at all times. If you are stopped by any government official (police, border patrols, immigration officers, etc.), you will be required to show them your original documents.

Can I come back into the United States after my term has started? You will need to get your academic advisors permission to come back late. Take the U.F. travel form to your advisor for approval.

What if I can’t get registered for the term I’m returning to? Talk to your advisor about getting “paper registered” for the term. You can also get registered from your home country by contacting your academic advisor. Once you are registered, mail your I-20 to our office, we will sign the I-20 and send it back you.