

SEVIS and Your Status

Maintain a valid and unexpired passport (If your passport will expire within six months, you should begin the process to have it renewed as it may take a few months to complete the process inside the US.)

Maintain an unexpired I-20 & DS-2019. Contact us if your I-20 & DS-2019 is going to expire! Do not let it expire!

Maintain full-time hours every semester

- Undergraduate-12 hours
- Graduate- 6 hours
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Never drop below full time unless you have received permission from your international student advisor. A student may be less than full time if it is your last semester or if you qualify for a reduced course load. Please check with your international advisor before dropping below full-time status.

International students are restricted to the number of web courses that can be taken. Only one online course can count towards your full-time status. For example, an undergraduate student may take 9 credit hours of in-person classes and one 3 hours web-class. When in doubt..... Ask your international advisor!

If you are in your last semester and you only have one class to take, it must be a traditional class and not a web-class.

DO not work off campus! Unless you have received permission in the form of CPT or OPT.

If you are traveling outside the U.S., have your I-20 & DS-2019 signed prior to exiting the U.S. DO NOT FORGET TO DO THIS!!!

Update your information on myGate! This includes mailing address, email, phone number, etc... The IIS office needs copies of all your documents, including current I-20, DS-2019 current I-94, passport page, and visa page.

Apply for work study OPT & CPT before you complete your studies!

J-1 students can apply for Academic Training. If you are interested in Academic Training please see your international student advisor.

Passport has to be valid for at least 6 months. If it is not, you will not be allowed to come into the US.