## BASICS FOR STAYING LEGAL IN F-1 STATUS

- Keep your passport valid at all times, ensure current I-94 record is accurate
- Have your passport and I-20 with you when traveling inside and out of the U.S.
- Enroll in a full course of study each fall and spring semester
- You can enroll in maximum one online course in your full-time course load
- Get International Affairs (IA) Office approval before taking classes concurrently at another college
- Attend class 100% of the time, email <u>international@uccs.edu</u> about <u>any</u> issues preventing attendance
- Request extension BEFORE current I-20 expiration if not completing studies by program end date on I-20
- Inform IA Office if planning to move or transfer to another school at same or different program level
- Request new I-20 for any change in major, degree, ending date, or personal information change
- DO NOT work on-campus more than 20 hours a week while school is in session
- DO NOT WORK OFF-CAMPUS without prior authorization and follow authorization dates
- Report address in your UCCS portal within 10 days of any change
- Fill out the Travel Signature Request Form to receive an updated I-20 before traveling outside U.S.
- Inform IA Office of your plans for after graduation within 60 days of completing your current program
- Follow U.S. port of entry and exit procedures
- ALWAYS read emails from the IA Office, use your UCCS email address and check it daily
- If on OPT or CPT be sure to discuss any plans to attend classes, travel outside the U.S., or <u>anything</u> which may impact your immigration status, with the IA Office

# <u>Always remember – YOU are responsible for your F-1 status!</u>

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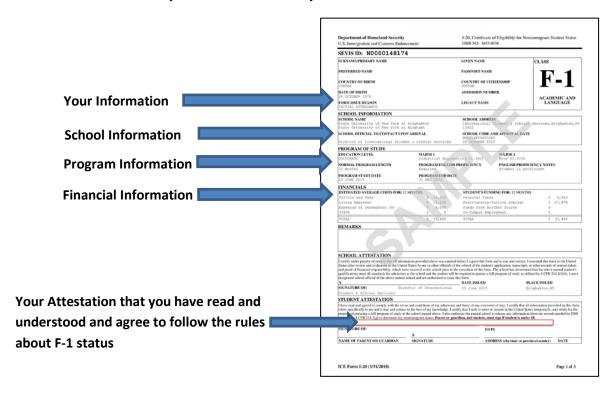
### About this guide:

F-1 regulations are complicated, confusing to understand, and occasionally change. This guide provides a quick overview of important basic points to remember about maintaining legal F-1 status but is not intended to give a full explanation of every regulation relating to F-1 status.

# **UNDERSTANDING YOUR F-1 DOCUMENTS**

### **I-20**

Your I-20 must always be valid and show your correct information.



### <u>I-94</u>

- Visit the following website: <a href="https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/l94/#/home">https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/l94/#/home</a> to <a href="mailto:Get Most Recent I-94">Get Most Recent I-94</a>
- When filling out the form, it should have your correct status, D/S, and your correct U.S. entry date (the most recent one).
- Check with the IA Office about any problems or errors.
- Repeat this process **each time** you enter the U.S.! *Make sure to print and keep your current I-94 and email to international@uccs.edu!*



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