



## **BASICS FOR STAYING LEGAL IN F-1 STATUS**

- Keep passport valid at all times, keep current I-94 stapled in your passport, have passport and I-20 when traveling inside the U.S. and out of the U.S.
- Enroll in full course of study each fall & spring semester
- You can enroll in maximum one online course in your full-time course load
- Get IA international student advisor approval before taking classes concurrently at another university/college
- Attend class 100%, talk to IA advisor and academic advisor about any issue preventing attendance
- Request extension BEFORE current I-20 expiration if not completing studies by program end date on I-20
- Inform IA advisor 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 OFF-CAMPUS without prior authorization and follow authorization dates
- DO NOT WORK on-campus more than 20 hours/week while school is in session
- Report address in your UCCS portal and to IA advisor by email within 10 days of any change
- Have IA advisor sign your I-20 before traveling outside U.S. if you plan to re-enter to continue your studies
- You must leave the U.S., apply for change of status or OPT, or be admitted to another academic program and inform IA advisor of plans within 60 days after finishing current program
- Follow U.S. port of entry and exit procedures
- ALWAYS read emails from your IA advisor, use your UCCS email address and check it daily
- If on OPT or CPT (work permission) be sure to discuss any plans to attend classes, travel outside the U.S., or anything which may impact your immigration status, with your IA international student advisor.

### **Always remember – YOU are responsible for your F-1 status!**

Questions or Concerns about your F-1 Status? Contact us:

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#### **About this guide:**

The 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.

