



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

- Keep passport valid at all times, keep current I-94 stapled in your passport, have passport and DS-2019 when travelling inside the U.S. and out of the U.S.
- Enroll in full course of study each fall & spring semester
- Get IA international student advisor approval before taking classes concurrently at another university/college
- Request extension BEFORE current DS-2019 expiration if not completing program by program end date listed on DS-2019
- Inform IA advisor if planning to move, transfer to another college, university, or program sponsor
- Request new DS-2019 for any change in major, degree, ending date, or personal information change
- DO NOT WORK OFF-CAMPUS without prior authorization
- DO NOT WORK on-campus UNTIL you receive permission from your international student advisor
- 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 DS-2019 before traveling outside the U.S. if you plan to re-enter to continue your studies
- You must leave the U.S. or, if eligible, apply for change of status or Academic Training, or be admitted to another academic program, and inform IA advisor of plans within 30 days after finishing current program
- Properly 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
- Carry approved health insurance for yourself and J-2 dependents throughout entire program

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

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

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

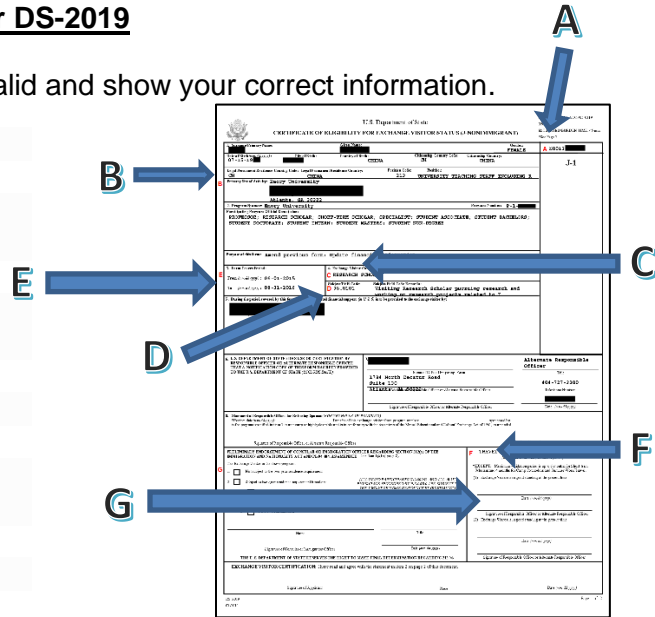
The J-1 regulations are complicated, confusing to understand, and occasionally change. This guide provides a quick overview of important basic points to remember about maintaining legal J-1 status but is not intended to give a full explanation of every regulation relating to J-1 status.

# UNDERSTANDING YOUR J-1 DOCUMENTS

## Your DS-2019

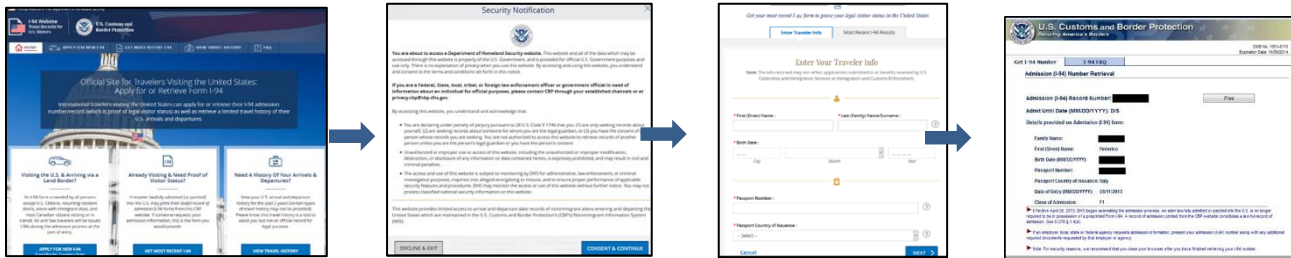
Your DS-2019 must always be valid and show your correct information.

- a. Your SEVIS ID number
- b. Name of your school (or site of activity)
- c. Your degree level or exchange visitor category
- d. Program description
- e. Program start and estimated completion date
- g. Travel signatures



## Your I-94

- Visit the following website: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home> to 'Get Most Recent I-94'
- 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 your IA International Student Advisor 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!*

## Important Links and Resources

Check out the International Affairs website at <https://www.uccs.edu/international/> for great information!

- Forms for International Students: <https://www.uccs.edu/international/international-students-and-scholars/current-international-students/forms>
- i-Workshops: <https://international.uccs.edu/international-student-and-scholar-events-and-workshops>
- Visit the following website for information regarding taxes, Social Security Numbers, Health Services, Driver's Licenses, international clubs, and more! <https://www.uccs.edu/international/international-students-and-scholars/current-international-students>