

Staying Legal

F-1 / J-1 Basics



- Keep passport valid (6 months minimum)
- Always carry I-94
- Complete 12 hours each semester if undergraduate; 9 hours if graduate, unless you have prior International Student Advisor approval for fewer
- ALWAYS visit with your International Student Advisor BEFORE dropping any classes
- Request an extension PRIOR to current I-20 /DS2019 expiration
- Tell your International Student Advisor if you plan to transfer to another college or university
- Get a new I-20/DS2019 for any change in major or degree level
- After you finish your degree, leave the U.S. within 60 days (F-1) or 30 days (J-1)
- Do NOT work off campus without prior authorization
- Do NOT work on campus more than 20 hours per week while school is in session
- Report any change in local address to your International Student Advisor
- Have the International Student Advisor sign your I-20/DS2019 if traveling outside the U.S.
- Follow Special Registration requirements, if applicable
- ...and ALWAYS read e-mails from the International Student Services

If in doubt, ask the International Student Advisors:

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