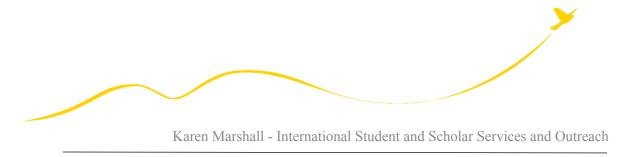
Staying in Status – F-1 Visa Regulations



International Student Orientation – Spring 2017



Questions About Your Visa?

International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach

Email: issso@appstate.edu

Phone: 828-262-2046

Plemons Student Union Suite 321

Monday – Friday 8-5



Important: The only way to guarantee that you will be seen when you arrive is to make an appointment. Please make an appointment via phone or email.



Our Role?



We work for Appalachian State University, **not** the Department of Homeland Security or the U.S. Government

We are required to report if:

- You drop below full-time enrollment
- You work without authorization
- Your I-20 expires

We are here to help assist and advise you with all matters.



Your Important Immigration Documents

- 1. Form I-20
- 2. Visa
- 3. I-94 Number



1. Form I-20

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Program End Date

Your Signature

Department of Homeland Security I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement OMB NO. 1653-0038 SEVIS ID: ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE SCHOOL INFORMATION SCHOOL NAME SCHOOL ADDRESS Appalachian State University Appalachian State University Office of International Education & Development, Boone, NC 28608 SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE ATL214F10028000 03 FEBRUARY 2003 Interim Director, Int'l Student and Scholar Services PROGRAM OF STUDY EDUCATION LEVEL MAJOR 1 MAJOR 2 Higher Education/Higher Education Administration 13.0406 NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficien PROGRAM START DATE PROGRAM END DATE 17 AUGUST 2015 13 MAY 2017 FINANCIALS ESTIMATED S FOR: 9 LONTHS STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR: 9 MONTHS \$ 23,936 Personal Funds Tuition an 9,000 Funds From This School Living Expenses \$ 36,873 Expenses of Dependents (0) APU Education Project Health insurance, books and personal e \$ 3,936 On-Campus Employment TOTAL \$ 36,873 REMARKS I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(f)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named school and am authorized to issue this form DATE ISSUED SIGNATURE OF: Adam Julian, Interim Director, Int'l 28 July 2015 Boone, NC Student and Scholar Services STUDENT ATTESTATION I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(g) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18. SIGNATURE OF NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE ADDRESS (city/state or province/country)

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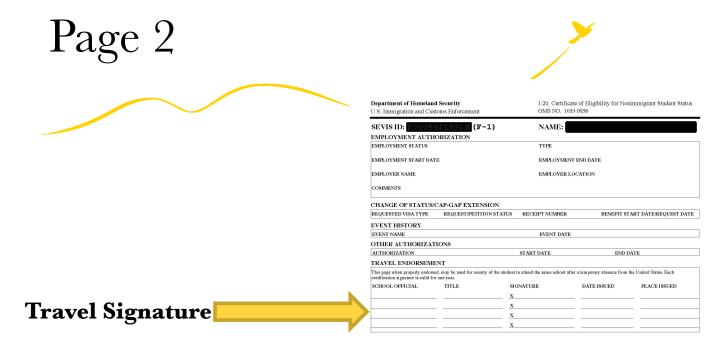
IMPORTANT!

Keep **every** I-20 you ever receive. Do not throw them away!



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Visa



Expiration Date

Number of Entries

You <u>can</u> stay in the US after the visa expiration date as long as your I-20 is current. You cannot <u>enter</u> the US if your visa is expired

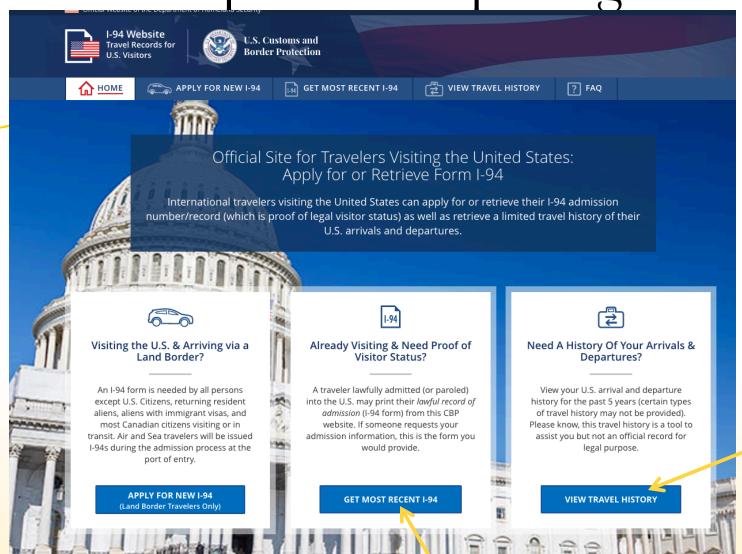
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I-94

- A record of arrival and departure
- · Assigned when you arrive.
- Different each time you enter the U.S.
- Used by some employers and government agencies.
- Issued electronically unless you enter the U.S. by land or sea.



https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov



All I-94 Numbers Ever Issued

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Retrieving Your I-94 Number

Get Most Recent I-94

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I-94 Number

Department of Homeland Security

U.S. Customs and Border Protection

I-94 Admission Record

Admission (I-94) Record Number:

8 5 2 3 6 3 1 4 2 3 0

Most Recent Date of Entry:

2016 November 28

Class of Admission:

F1

Admit Until Date:

D/S

Details provided on the I-94 Information round

1. Last/Surname:

PATHAK

2. First (Given) Name:

ENNAM

3. Birth Date:

1992 December 14

4. Passport Number:

Z2554377

5. Country of Issuance:

India

Your I-94 Number

Class of Admission

Duration of Stay



Maintaining your F-1 Status

Failure to maintain valid F-1 status can result in the termination of your visa and jeopardize your ability to enter the United States in the future.

It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to ensure that you maintain valid F-1 status. We are here to help if you have any questions.





Best Practices

- Maintain full-time enrollment
 - 12 credits for undergraduates, 9 for graduates
- Read your @appstate.edu e-mail every day.
- Do not work **off-campus** without authorization from International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach
- Maintain an accurate and up to date I-20
- Tell International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach if your local address changes
- Communicate any changes to your academic program or course of study to International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach



Working on Campus

- You can work **on-campus** for up to 20 hours a week.
- You can work more than 20 hours a week during academic breaks and vacations.
- F-2 (dependents of F-1 students) are not allowed to work on or off campus.
- Your paycheck must come from Appalachian State University or the University of North Carolina System to be considered on-campus employment.



Working on Campus

- Working on campus requires a US Social Security Number.
- In order to receive a Social Security Number you must take a letter from your employer and ISSSO to a Social Security Administration office along with your passport, I-94 number, and Form I-20.
- The closest Social Security Administration Office to Boone is located 31 miles away in Wilkesboro, NC. ISSSO will be arranging transportation to Wilkesboro at least once a semester. More information will be sent via email.



How do I get an on-campus job?

STEP 1: Search and apply for jobs at studentemployment.appstate.edu

STEP 2: Interview with potential on-campus employers

STEP 3: Receive a job offer



I have an on-campus job offer. Now what?

STEP 4: Notify OIED where you will be working

STEP 5: Apply for your Social Security Number

STEP 6: Contact Student Employment to set up a 1-hour

appointment to complete paperwork

STEP 7: Attend the appointment at Student Employment

and bring all completed documents and forms

Visit international.appstate.edu and click on "International Students" for a complete list of instructions.



Working Off - Campus

CPT (Curricular Practical Training)

Eligible **ONLY** after completion of two semesters of study

Work must be an integral part of your program of study

Requires authorization from your ISSSO

Requires a job offer from the employer

Requires approval from your academic advisor

OPT (Optional Practical Training)

Eligible **ONLY** after completion of two semesters of study

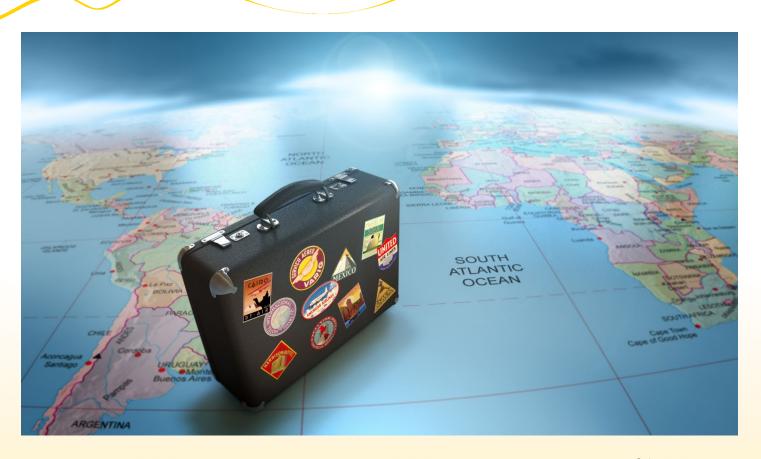
Designed for work after completion of studies

Work must be related to your field of study

Requires authorization from United States Customs and Immigration Services.



Traveling





Travel **Inside** the U.S.

Federal regulations require that you travel with your passport at all times. In addition to your passport, it is a good idea to travel with your I-20 if you are traveling outside of the general Boone area.



Travel Outside the U.S.

- The regulations state that you must have a travel signature on page 2 of your I-20 that was **signed within the last 6 months.**
- Travel with an up to date I-20. An
 up to date I-20 is one which
 reflects your current major,
 degree level and program start
 and end dates.
- How do I get a valid travel signature? Schedule an appointment!

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Travel Outside the U.S.

In addition to traveling with an up to date I-20 and travel signature, you should make sure that you have:

- A passport that is valid for at least 6 months past the date you plan to return to the U.S.
- An F-1 visa that is valid when you return to the U.S.
- A copy of your Appalachian Admit Letter



Let's Review!

Review

I have a question about my F-1 or J-1 visa. The best person to ask is:

- A. My friend
- B. My roommate
- C. The staff of International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach
- D. My professor



Correct!

That's correct. Even though your friends, roommate, or your professor might be wonderful and intelligent people, they are not the people to ask for assistance. If you need advice or help with your student visa you should contact International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach.



Review

I know that International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach will need to contact me with very important information that will impact my visa status and my ability to remain in the U.S. legally. I will receive communication from via:

- A. My home university's email account
- B. My cell phone
- C. My official @appstate.edu email account
- D. Morse code in my window



Correct!

That's correct. Your @appstate.edu email address is the primary form of communication we will use to communicate with you.

It is essential that you check your email daily.



Review

As an undergraduate, I'm enrolled in 12 credits. I want to drop a class. I should:

- A. Drop it if my professor says it's okay
- B. Make an appointment with International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach before I do anything
- C. Just drop the class as quickly as possible
- D. Stay enrolled but not attend class



Correct!

That is correct! Failure to maintain enrollment in a full-course of study (12 credits for undergraduate and 9 credits for graduate students) is a violation of your F-1 status and something we are required to report.

If you are having emotional, psychological or academic difficulties you **might** be eligible for a reduced course load approval. See the International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach if you are having difficulty.



Review

My friend runs a business in Banner Elk and has offered me a job. I should:

- A. Tell her I can start working tomorrow
- B. Start working immediately and sort it out later
- C. Begin employment only **after** I receive written authorization from International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach
- D. Start my own export and import business from my residence hall



Correct!

That is correct! Engaging in employment off-campus is a violation of your F-1 visa status and has serious consequences. Never work off campus without authorization from International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach.



Review

My aunt owns a restaurant in Boone. She wants me to help her. She won't pay me money but I'll get free food and a place to live if I help her a few days a week. I should:

- A. Go for it! Free food and a place to live!
- B. Yeah, why not? She's not actually giving me money and she is family after all
- C. Tell her that I can't work in exchange for food and housing
- D. Ask her to do my laundry too



Correct!

That's right! Receiving **ANY** compensation for work that you do is considered employment and is a violation of your F-1 status. It doesn't matter if you are being paid money or not.

You cannot work off-campus without first receiving written authorization from International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach



Review

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I'm going to visit a friend in Canada during a break but I noticed that my I-20 hasn't been signed by anyone for over 6 months. What should I do?

- A. Go to Canada without my I-20
- B. Go to Canada with my I-20 without a signature
- C. Contact the International Student and Scholar Services to get a travel signature
- D. Go to the Canadian border and find out



Correct!

That is correct! When you travel outside of the US you need an I-20 signed within the last 6 months. It is also important that your passport is valid for at least 6 months into the future from the point you arrive and that your visa is valid. It's a good idea to travel with your Appalachian admit letter too!



SEVIS Registration

BUILDING	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
App House	622 North Carolina Avenue Southeast	Washington	District of Columbia	20003
Appalachian Hall	214 Locust Street	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Appalachian Heights	536 Bodenheimer Drive	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Appalachian Sign				
Belk Residence Hall	324 Stadium Heights Drive	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Bowie Residence Hall	418 Stadium Heights Drive	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Cannon Residence Hall	286 Hardin Street	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Coltrane Residence Hall	193 Stadium Drive	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Cone Residence Hall	135 Brown Street	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Doughton Residence Hall	222 Hardin Street	Boone	North Carolina	28608
East Residence Hall	175 Locust Street	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Eggers Residence Hall	388 Stadium Heights Drive	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Frank Residence Hall	342 Stadium Heights Drive	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Gardner Residence Hall	191 Stadium Heights Drive	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Hoey Residence Hall	230 Hardin Street	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Justice Residence Hall	189 Stadium Drive	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Lovill Residence Hall	170 Locust Street	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Mountaineer Apartments				
Newland Residence Hall	657 Rivers Street	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Summit Residence Hall	240 Locust Street	Boone	North Carolina	28608
White Residence Hall	140 Brown Street	Boone	North Carolina	28608
Wilson Honors & Engagement Community Complex		Boone	North Carolina	28608





Questions?















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