

Staying in Status – F-1 Visa Regulations



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International Student Orientation – Spring 2017

Questions About Your Visa?

International Student and Scholar
Services and Outreach

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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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Level and Major

Program End Date

Your Signature

Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status
OMB NO. 1653-0038

SEVIS ID: **NO015764589**

US NAME (PRIMARY NAME)	GIVEN NAME	CLASS F-1 ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE
REFERRED NAME	PASSPORT NAME	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	
DATE OF BIRTH	ADMISSION NUMBER	
PERMITS REASON	LEGACY NAME	

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL NAME Appalachian State University Appalachian State University	SCHOOL ADDRESS Office of International Education & Development, Boone, NC 28608
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Adam Julian Interim Director, Int'l Student and Scholar Services	SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE ATL214F10028000 03 FEBRUARY 2003

PROGRAM OF STUDY

EDUCATION LEVEL MASTER'S	MAJOR 1 Higher Education/Higher Education Administration 13.0406	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000
NORMAL PROGRAM LENGTH 24 Months	PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient
PROGRAM START DATE 17 AUGUST 2015	PROGRAM END DATE 13 MAY 2017	

FINANCIALS

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR: 9 MONTHS	STUDENT'S FUNDING FOR: 9 MONTHS
Tuition and fees \$ 23,936	Personal Funds \$ 0
Living Expenses \$ 9,000	Funds From This School \$
Expenses of Dependents (0) \$	APU Education Project \$ 36,873
Health insurance, books and personal e \$ 3,936	On-Campus Employment \$
TOTAL \$ 36,872	TOTAL \$ 36,873

REMARKS

SCHOOL ATTESTATION

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.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DATE ISSUED	PLACE ISSUED
SIGNATURE OF: Adam Julian, Interim Director, Int'l Student and Scholar Services	28 July 2015	Boone, NC

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.**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SIGNATURE OF	DATE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SIGNATURE	DATE
NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS (city/state or province/country) DATE

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IMPORTANT!

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

#1 Form I-20

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SEVIS ID: [REDACTED] (F-1) NAME: [REDACTED]

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION	
EMPLOYMENT STATUS	TYPE
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EMPLOYER NAME	EMPLOYER LOCATION
COMMENTS	

CHANGE OF STATUS/CAP-GAP EXTENSION			
REQUESTED VISA TYPE	REQUEST/PETITION STATUS	RECEIPT NUMBER	BENEFIT START DATE/REQUEST DATE

EVENT HISTORY	
EVENT NAME	EVENT DATE

OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS		
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Travel Signature



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

Official Website of the Department of Homeland Security

I-94 Website
Travel Records for
U.S. Visitors

U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

HOME APPLY FOR NEW I-94 GET MOST RECENT I-94 VIEW TRAVEL HISTORY FAQ

Official Site for Travelers Visiting the United States:
Apply for or Retrieve Form I-94

International travelers visiting the United States can apply for or retrieve their I-94 admission number/record (which is proof of legal visitor status) as well as retrieve a limited travel history of their U.S. arrivals and departures.

Visiting the U.S. & Arriving via a Land Border?

An I-94 form is needed by all persons except U.S. Citizens, returning resident aliens, aliens with immigrant visas, and most Canadian citizens visiting or in transit. Air and Sea travelers will be issued I-94s during the admission process at the port of entry.

APPLY FOR NEW I-94
(Land Border Travelers Only)

Already Visiting & Need Proof of Visitor Status?

A traveler lawfully admitted (or paroled) into the U.S. may print their *lawful record of admission* (I-94 form) from this CBP website. If someone requests your admission information, this is the form you would provide.

GET MOST RECENT I-94

Need A History Of Your Arrivals & Departures?

View your U.S. arrival and departure history for the past 5 years (certain types of travel history may not be provided). Please know, this travel history is a tool to assist you but not an official record for legal purpose.

VIEW TRAVEL HISTORY

All I-94
Numbers
Ever Issued

Most Recent I-94

Appalachian
STATE UNIVERSITY

Retrieving Your I-94 Number

Get Most Recent I-94



Get your most recent I-94 form to prove your legal visitor status in the United States

Enter Traveler Info

Most Recent I-94 Results

Enter Your Traveler Info

Note: The info returned may not reflect applications submitted to or benefits received by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services or Immigration and Customs Enforcement.



* First (Given) Name :

* Last (Family) Name/Surname :



* Birth Date :

Day

Month

Year



* Passport Number :



* Passport Country of Issuance :



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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 Form:

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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		X		
		X		

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



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 CODE
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

質問は？

Questions?

คำถาม?

вопросы?

Питання?

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问题吗？

질문?

PREGUNTAS?