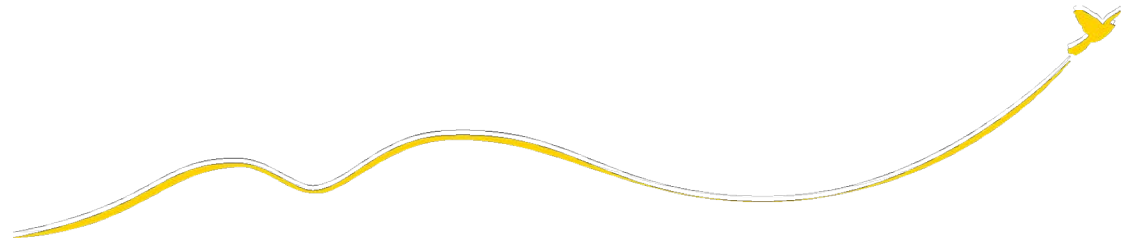


Staying in Status – F-1 Visa Regulations



Karen Marshall - International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach

International Student Orientation – Spring 2019

Questions About Your Visa?

Office of International Education
and Development (OIED)

International Student and Scholar
Services and Outreach (ISSSO)

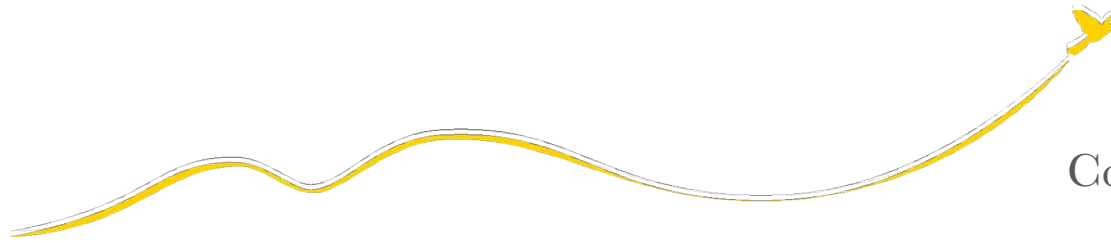
Email: issso@appstate.edu
Phone: 828-262-2046

Plemmons Student Union Suite 321
Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm



Important: Check your official Appalachian University e-mail often!

How Do I Meet with an Advisor?



Come to Walk-in Hours:

- Tuesday 1:00pm – 3:00pm
- Friday 10:00am – 12:00pm

OR

Go to **international.appstate.edu**

Click on **International Students**

Schedule an appointment with
Karen (undergraduate) or
Lindsay (graduate)

[Home](#) / [International Students](#)

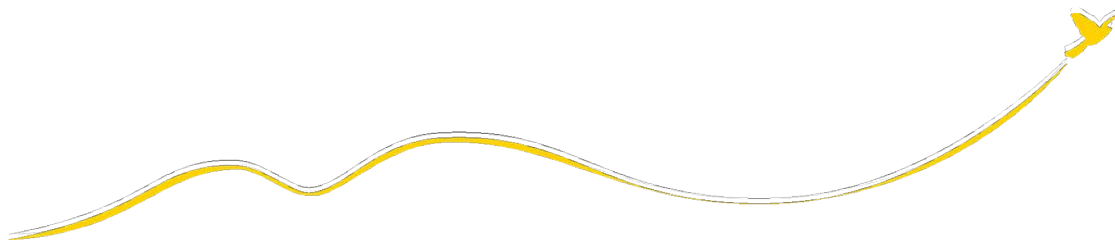
Make an Advising Appointment

Can't find the answer to your question on our [website](#)? Make an advising appointment or come to walk-in hours:

- **Mondays, 10:00am - 12:00pm**
 - [Make an appointment with Karen Marshall](#) - Undergraduate and Exchange Students, INTAPP
- **Tuesdays, 1:00pm - 3:00pm**
 - Walk-in Hours. Come to OIED - no appointment necessary!
- **Thursdays, 2:00pm - 4:00pm**
 - [Make an appointment with Lindsay Pepper](#) - Graduate and ESL Students, Get Involved programs
- **Fridays, 10:00am - 12:00pm**
 - Walk-In Hours. Come to OIED - no appointment necessary!



Our Role?



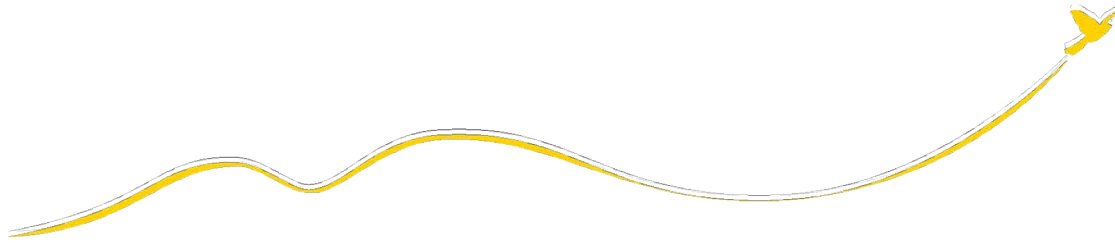
We work for Appalachian State University, **not** the Department of Homeland Security or the U.S. Government

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

Page 1

Level and Major

Program End Date

Your Signature

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

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OMB NO. 1653-0038

CLASS	
F-1	
ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE	

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	

FINANCIAL

ESTIMATED EDUCATIONAL COSTS 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)	\$	ABU 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.

SIGNATURE OF: Adam Julian, Interim Director, Int'l Student and Scholar Services

DATE ISSUED: 28 July 2015

PLACE ISSUED: 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.

SIGNATURE OF: [Redacted]

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

Page 2



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

I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status
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SEVIS ID: [REDACTED] (F-1) NAME: [REDACTED]

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION	
EMPLOYMENT STATUS	TYPE
EMPLOYMENT START DATE	EMPLOYMENT END DATE
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		
AUTHORIZATION	START DATE	END DATE

TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT				
<small>This page when properly endorsed, may be used for reentry of the student to attend the same school after a temporary absence from the United States. Each certification signature is valid for one year.</small>				
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		X		
		X		
		X		

Travel Signature



Visa

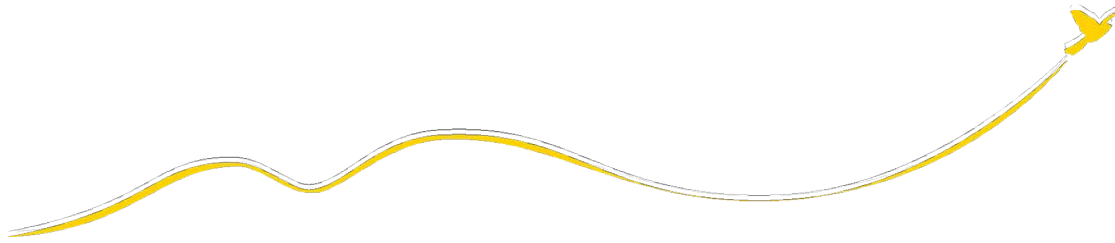


Number of
Entries

Expiration Date

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

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

The screenshot shows the homepage of the I-94 website. At the top left, there is a logo for 'I-94 Website Travel Records for U.S. Visitors' and the 'U.S. Customs and Border Protection' logo. A navigation bar contains links for HOME, APPLY FOR NEW I-94, GET MOST RECENT I-94, VIEW TRAVEL HISTORY, and VIEW COMPLIANCE. Below this is a section for GUAM-CNMI TRAVELERS INFORMATION and a FAQ link. The main content area features a large blue banner with the text: 'Official Site for Travelers Visiting the United States: Apply for or Retrieve Form I-94, Request Travel History and Check Travel Compliance'. Below the banner is a paragraph: '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.' There are four white boxes, each with an icon and a title: 1. 'Visiting the U.S. & Arriving via a Land Border?' with a car icon and an 'APPLY FOR NEW I-94 (Land Border Travelers Only)' button. 2. 'Already Visiting & Need Proof of Visitor Status?' with an I-94 form icon and a 'GET MOST RECENT I-94' button. 3. 'Need A History Of Your Arrivals & Departures?' with a folder icon and a 'VIEW TRAVEL HISTORY' button. 4. 'How Much Longer May I Remain in the U.S.?' with a globe icon and a 'VIEW COMPLIANCE' button. A yellow arrow points from the text 'All I-94 Numbers Ever Issued' to the 'VIEW TRAVEL HISTORY' button. Another yellow arrow points from the text 'Most Recent I-94' to the 'GET MOST RECENT I-94' button.

All I-94
Numbers
Ever Issued

Most Recent I-94

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 :



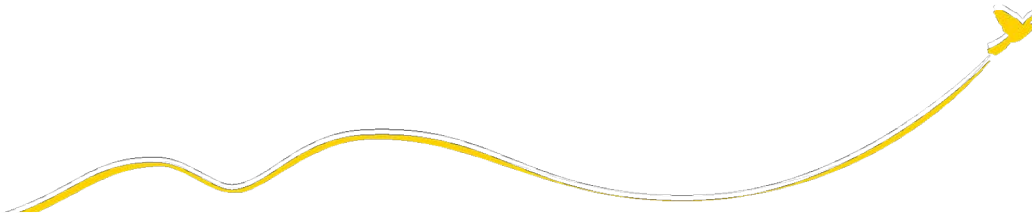
* Passport Country of Issuance :



[Cancel](#)

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I-94 Number



Most Recent I-94 Results



For:



Most Recent I-94

Admission (I-94) Record Number : 24416014440

Your I-94 Number

Most Recent Date of Entry: 2017 January 10

Class of Admission : F1

Class of Admission

Admit Until Date : D/S

Duration of Stay

Details provided on the I-94 Information form:

Last/Surname :

First (Given) Name :

Birth Date :

Passport Number :

Country of Issuance : China





**STUDENT
EXCHANGE
VISITOR
INFORMATION
SYSTEM**

What is SEVIS?

Allows Appalachian to notify immigration officials of:

- Student arrival to campus
- Enrollment each semester
- Transfer to another school
- Program completion
- Changes to your program of study
- Work authorization
- Change of address

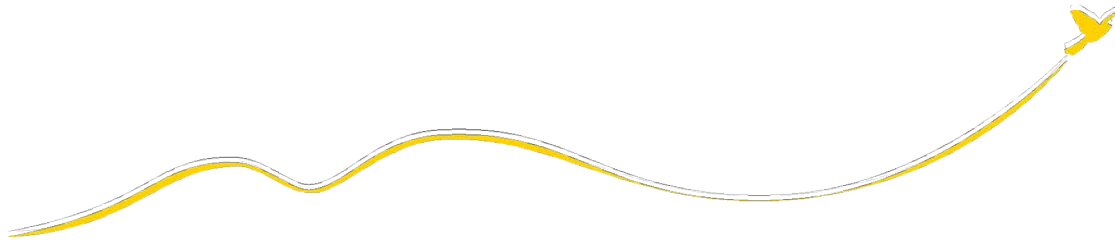
Maintaining your F-1 Status

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.

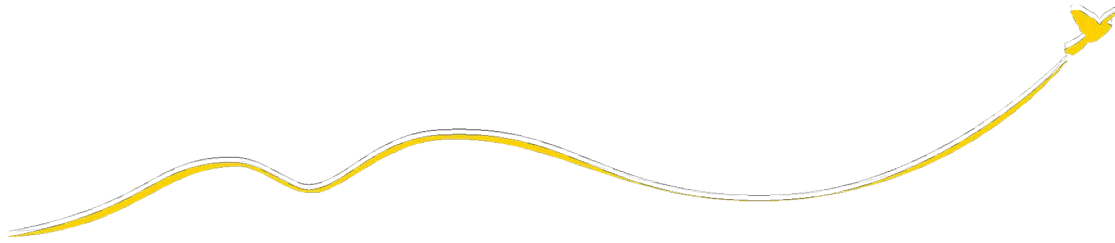


Best Practices



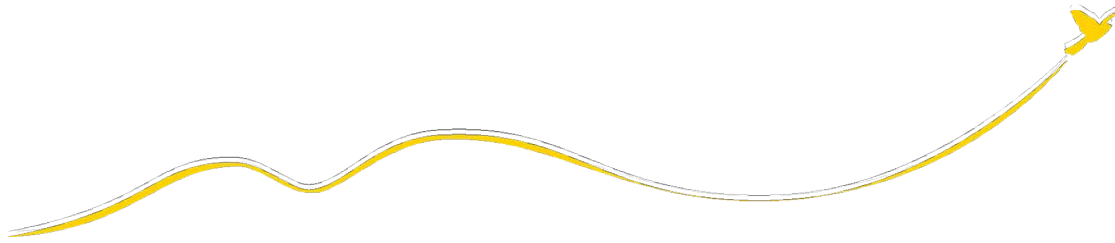
- Maintain full-time enrollment
 - ▶ 12 credits for undergraduates, 9 for graduates
- Read your @appstate.edu e-mail every day.
- Do not work **off-campus** without authorization from International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach
- Maintain an accurate and up to date I-20
- Keep your local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

Working on Campus



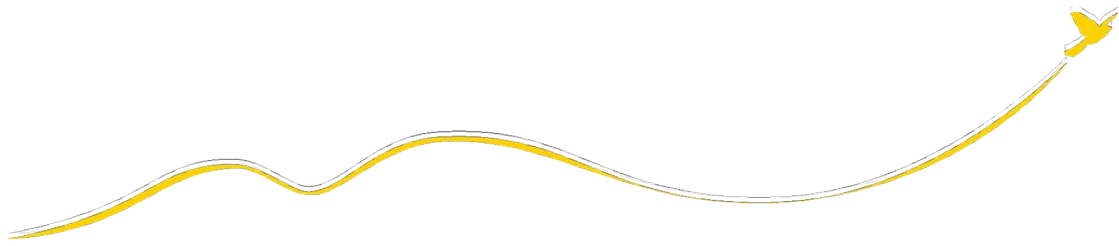
- You can work on-campus for up to 20 hours a week.
- You can work more than 20 hours a week during academic breaks and vacations.
- F-2 (dependents of F-1 students) are not allowed to work on or off campus.
- Your paycheck must come from Appalachian State University or the University of North Carolina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

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: Sign up for a trip to the Social Security Office

STEP 5: Contact Human Resources to set up a 1-hour appointment to complete paperwork

STEP 6: Attend the appointment at Human Resources 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 (unless you are a graduate student!)

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.

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HOW FAR WILL YOU GO?



Go to
international.appstate.edu

Click on **International Students**

APPLY NOW FOR SPRING 19
INTERNATIONAL.APPSTATE.EDU

Quick Links

- Newly Admitted Students
- Current International Students



Global Learning

We support global learning outcomes for our students by:

- developing globally competent knowledge
- cultivating intercultural competencies, and
- fostering globally competent citizenship.

OIED Service Promise

How can we better serve you?

News

- [Questions and Answers about the most recent Executive Order- Department of Homeland Security](#)
- [Attend our Next Global Exchange - international food, dance, and music!](#)

Get Involved

Whether you are an international student or scholar, U.S. student, faculty/staff member, or member of the local community, there are lots of ways for you to get involved. [Read more.](#)

Take a Tour



Scroll to the bottom of the page.

Click on **Current Students**



Prospective Students

Interested in becoming an international student at App?



Admitted Students

Learn how to acquire your U.S. student visa and prepare to join us at Appalachian.



Current Students

Do you have questions about visas, employment, graduation, taxes, or travel outside the U.S.?

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Global Learning

We support global learning outcomes for our students by:

- developing globally competent knowledge
- cultivating intercultural competencies, and
- fostering globally competent citizenship.

OIED Service Promise

How can we better serve you?

Home / International Students / Current International Students

Have a Question?

Use the links below to find answers to most of your advising questions.

Still have questions? [Make an advising appointment](#) or [come to walk-in hours](#).

Employment Questions

[Steps for Getting an On-Campus Job](#)

[Definition of Employment](#)

[Employment Authorization for F-1 Students](#)

[Employment Authorization for J-1 Students](#)

[Update OPT Employer Information](#)

[Social Security Number](#)

[Driver's License](#)

Travel Questions

[Travel outside the U.S. while in F-1 status at Appalachian](#)

[Automatic Revalidation](#)

[Travel outside the U.S. if taking a short-term trip from Appalachian \(that is-- classes\).](#)

[Travel outside the U.S. after OPT, F-1, and/or Graduation](#)

Visa Questions

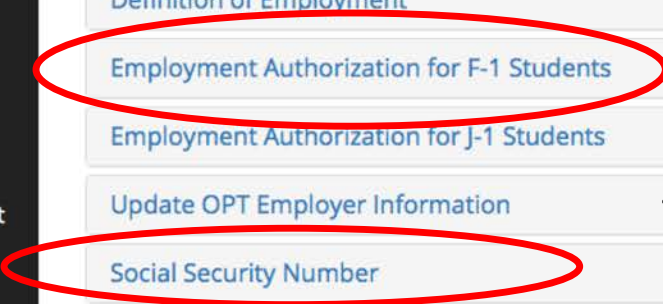
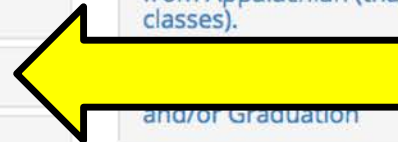
International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach are here to help you maintain legal status. If you need more information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Orientation Presentations

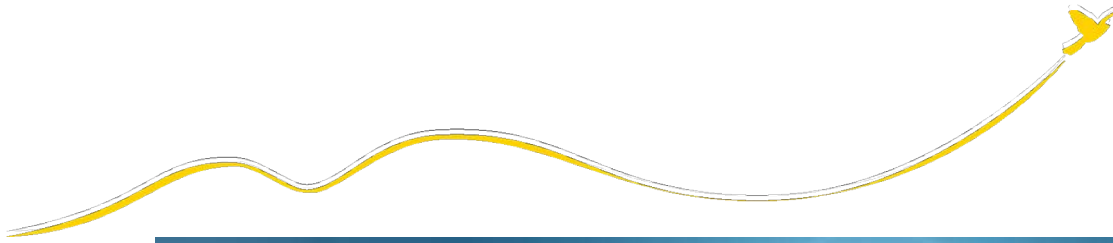
Here you will find copies of the presentations and tutorials

Read about your F-1 employment opportunities and find links to apply for them with the ISSSO Portal.

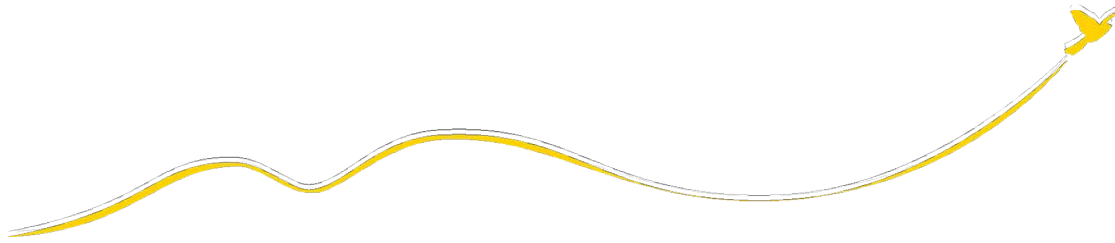
You may also review the forms you need to apply for your Social Security Number here!



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!

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

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION

EMPLOYMENT STATUS	TYPE
EMPLOYMENT START DATE	EMPLOYMENT END DATE
EMPLOYER NAME	EMPLOYER LOCATION
COMMENTS	

CHANGE OF STATUS/CAP-GAP EXTENSION

REQUESTED VISA TYPE	REQUEST/PETITION STATUS	RECEIPT NUMBER	BENEFIT START DATE/REQUEST DATE
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EVENT HISTORY

EVENT NAME	EVENT DATE
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OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS

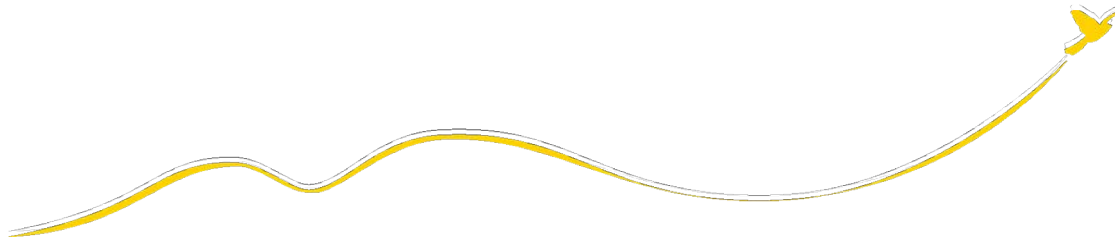
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		X		
		X		
		X		

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

Falling Out of Status

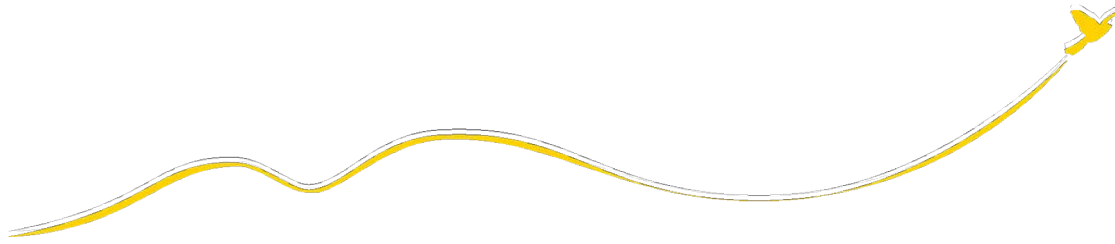
Termination of visa status and ability to continue education in the U.S.

Must depart the U.S. immediately

Loss of tuition and fees

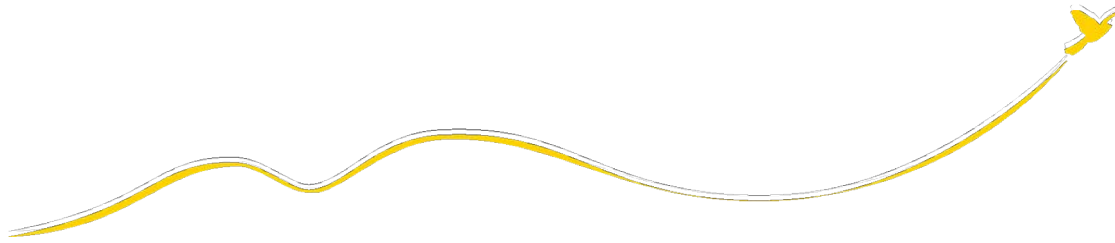
Current political environment and policies hold serious implications for *any* violation of status





Let's Review!

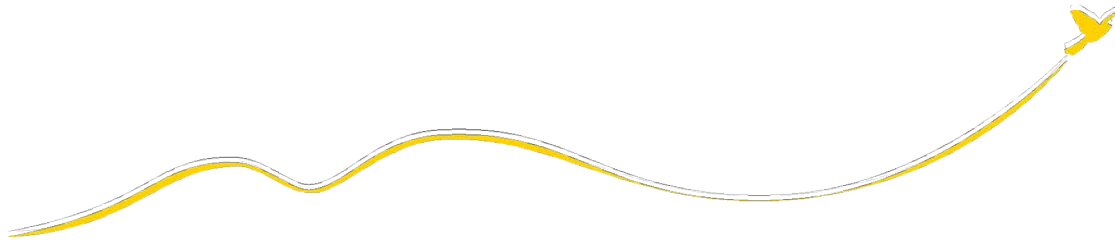
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I have a question about my F-1 visa. The best person to ask is:

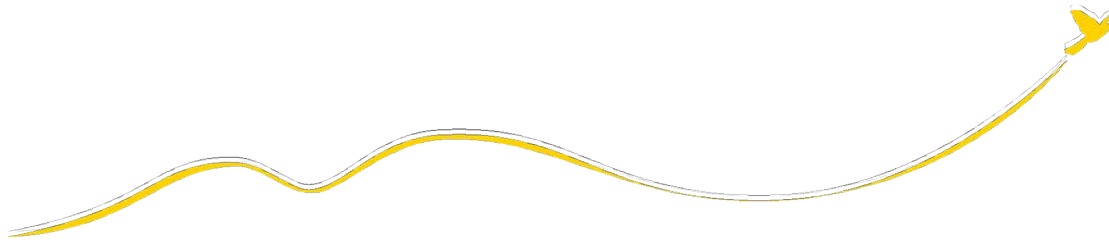
- A. My friend
- B. My roommate
- C. The staff of International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach
- D. My professor

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.

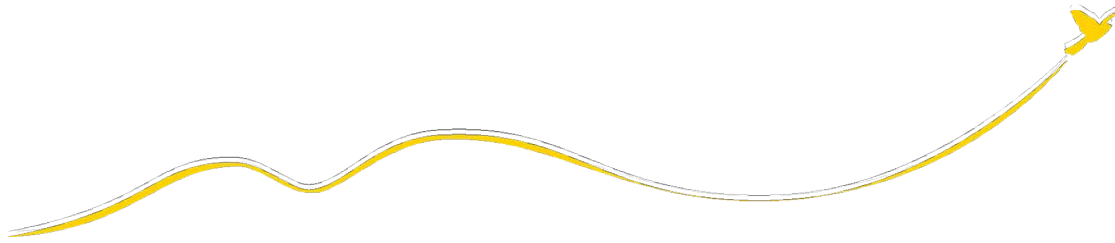
Review



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

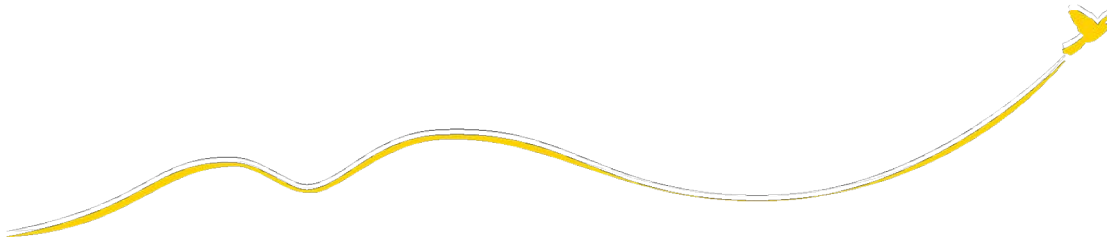
Correct!



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.

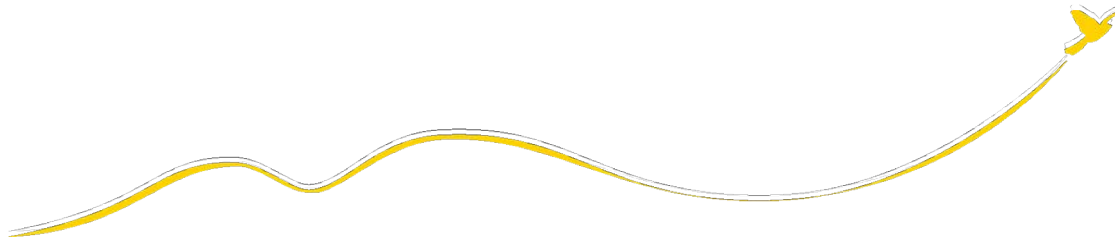
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As an undergraduate, I'm enrolled in 12 credits. I want to drop a class. I should:

- 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

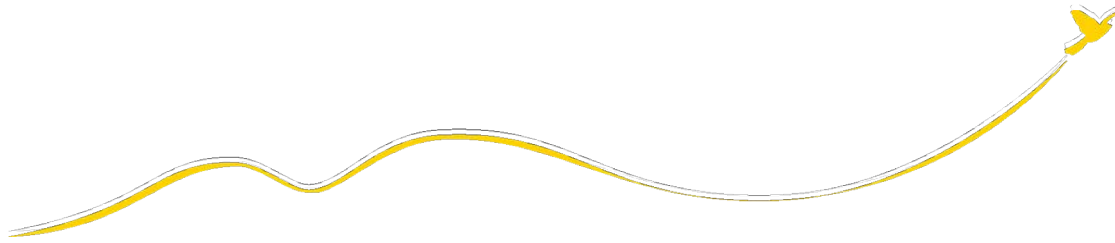
Correct!



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.

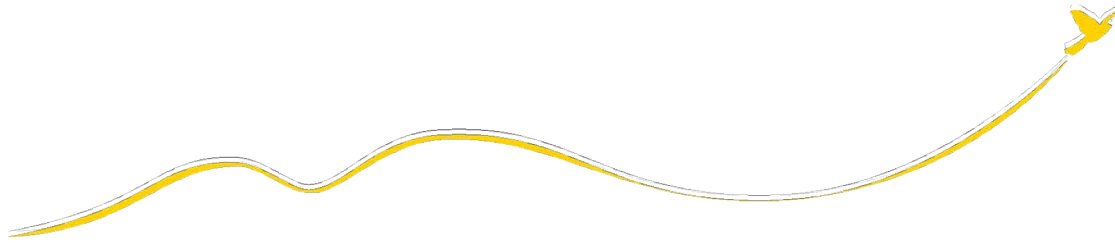
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My friend runs a business in Banner Elk and has offered me a job. I should:

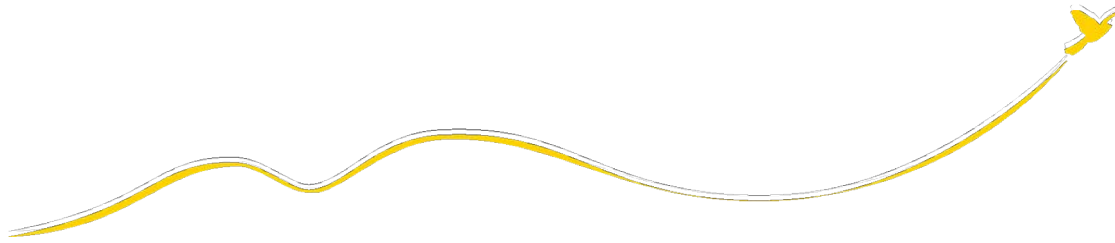
- A. Tell her I can start working tomorrow
- B. Start working immediately and sort it out later
- C. Begin employment only **after** I receive written authorization from International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach
- D. Start my own export and import business from my residence hall

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.

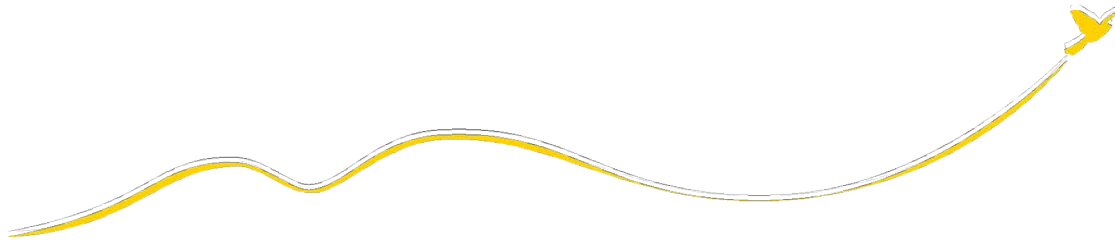
Review



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

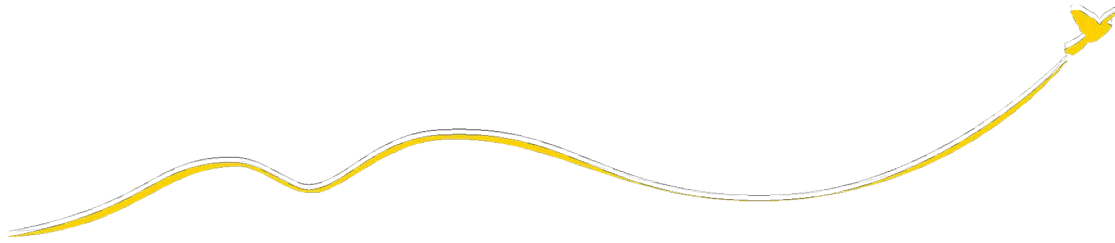
Correct!



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

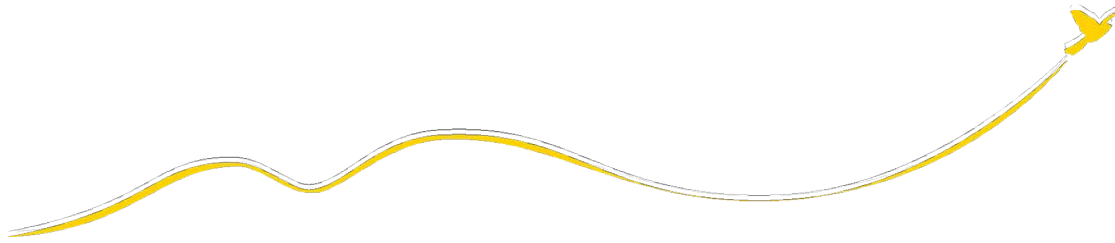
Review



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!

質問は？

Questions?

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