Staying in Status – J-1 Visa Regulations

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International Student Orientation – Spring 2019



Questions About Your Visa?

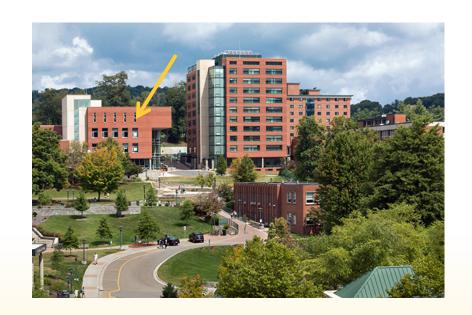
Office of International Education and Development (OIED)

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?



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!

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)



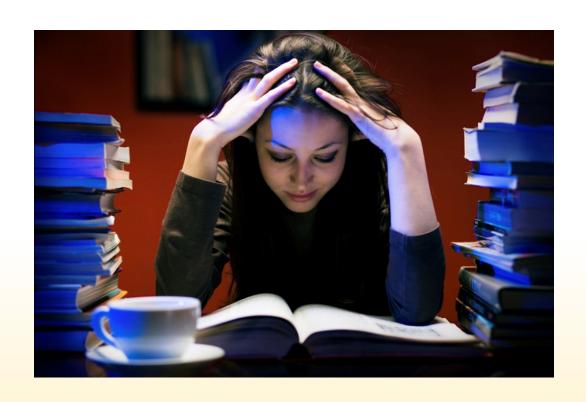
Purpose of J-1 Exchange Visitor Program

Promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States (U.S.) and the people of other countries by educational and cultural exchanges.

Exchange Visitor program participants are expected to return to their home countries to utilize the experience and skills they have acquired while in the U.S.



Primary Focus: Study





Secondary Focus: Cultural Exchange







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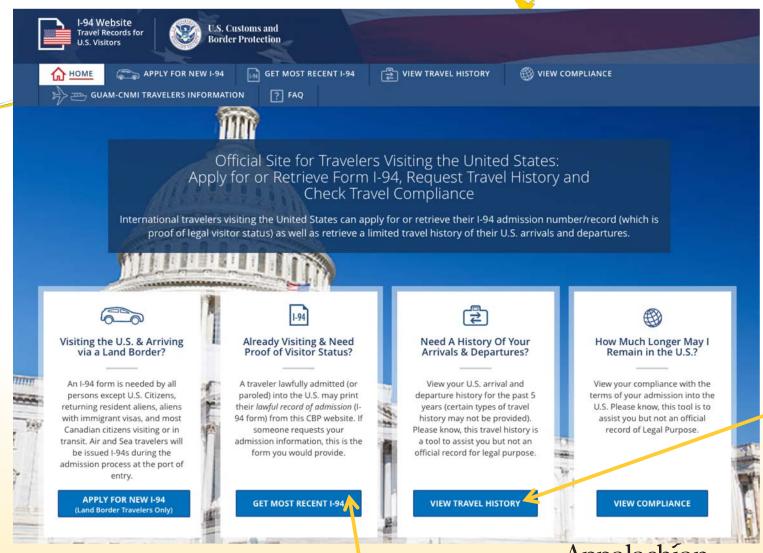
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I-94

- · 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

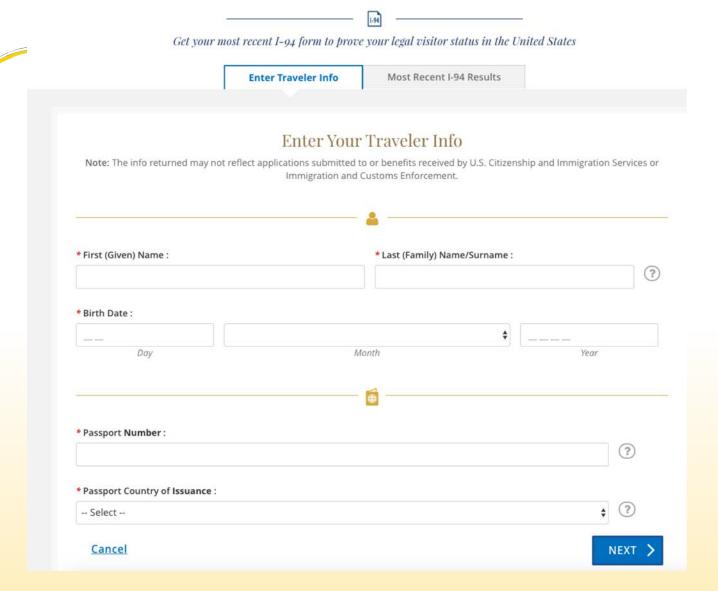


All I-94 Numbers Ever Issued

Most Recent I-94

Retrieving Your I-94 Number

Get Most Recent I-94



I-94 Number



Most Recent I-94 Results



Country of Issuance: China

Most Recent I-94

Admission (I-94) Record Number : 24416014440

Most Recent Date of Entry: 2017 January 10

Class of Admission : F1

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Details provided on the I-94 Information form:

Duration of Stay

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First (Given) Name :
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What is SEVIS?

Allows Appalachian to notify immigration officials of:

- Student arrival to campus
- Enrollment each semester
- Program completion
- Changes to your academic program
- On-campus employment
- Change of address



Maintaining your J-1 Status

Failure to maintain valid J-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 J-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 DS-2019
- Keep your local address update 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.
- Graduate Students with full assistantships (20 hours/week) may not work additional hours on campus
- Your paycheck must come from Appalachian State University or the University of North Carolina System to be considered on-campus employment.
- May engage in academic training (internships or field work) integral to academic program of study ONLY with ADVANCE approval from International Student & Scholar Services.



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 and Form DS-2019
- 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: Report your employment in the ISSSO Portal

STEP 5: Sign up for a trip to the Social Security Office

STEP 6: Contact Human Resources to set up a 1-hour

appointment to complete paperwork

STEP 7: 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.



Office of International Education and Development



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.?



Office of International Education and Development

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Scholarships

Current International Students

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Current International Students

Orientation Presentations

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

Home / International Students / Current International Students

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

Orientation Presentations

Here you will find copies of the presentations and tutorials.

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Submit your **Employment** Information here and login to the ISSSO Portal.

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

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.



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Student Apps

Traveling

Traveling within the US: Passport

Traveling outside the US:

- Office of International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach must sign the DS-2019 BEFORE you travel outside the U.S. – We will sign your DS-2019 this week
- To re-enter the U.S., you need a valid J-1 visa stamp (except for Canadians) in your passport and your DS-2019 with a signed travel validation from ISSSO



Traveling after the semester

- Federal regulations require you to leave the U.S. within 30 days of the end date on your DS-2019.
- If you are here for one semester you must leave the U.S. by June 10, 2019.
- If you are here for two semesters you must leave the U.S. by January 13, 2020.
- Once you depart the U.S. after your program end date May 11 (one semester) or December 14 (two semesters) you cannot re-enter in J-1 status.
- Everyone is required to move out of the residence halls by May 10, 2019!

Plan your travel accordingly!



Health Insurance

- Health insurance is required by federal immigration regulations
- Always carry proof of insurance in English with you at all times
- Always visit the Student Health Center first
- Follow proper procedure to waive out, if you have purchased your own plan
- You will be charged over \$1000 if you do not complete the waiver process by January 31!



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



Review



I have a question about my 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



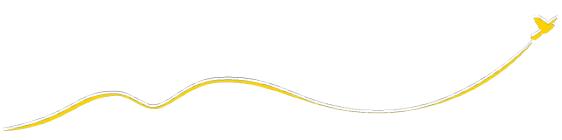
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Even though your friends, roommate, or your professor might be wonderful and intelligent people, they are not the people to ask for assistance. If you need advice or help with your student visa you should contact International Student and Scholar Services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



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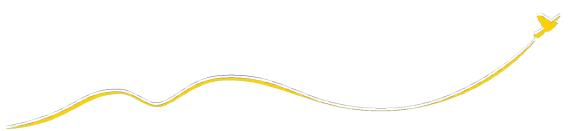


I know that International Student and Scholar Services and Outreach will need to contact me with very important information that will impact my visa status and my ability to remain in the U.S. legally. I will receive communication from via:

- 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!



C. My official @appstate.edu email account

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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