

Declaration of F-1 or M-1 Responsibilities

It is very important for an International Student (F-1 or M-1) to maintain his/her status while in the United States. Failure to do so could result in deportation. In order to maintain status, students must adhere to the following:

1. I understand that I must report to the school listed on my I-20 (authorized to attend) within **10 days** upon my arrival to the United States. _____
2. I understand that I must attend the school that has issued the I-20. _____
3. I understand that I must report to the International Advisor at least once every semester. _____
4. I understand that I must pursue a full-course of study (**12 credits**) during every academic session except during school break (summer) or special authorized break. _____
5. I understand that I need permission from the International Office in order to take a break. _____
6. I understand that I must make normal progress toward completing a course of study and that many failures (F grades) could jeopardize my status. _____
7. I understand that I must keep my I-20 valid by following proper procedures for extension of stay in case more time is needed than reflected on the I-20. _____
8. I understand that I must follow the required procedures in order to transfer to another institution. _____
9. I understand that I have **10 days** to report a Change of Address to the International Office. _____
10. I understand that if I plan to visit another country, I must obtain the signature of a Designated School Official (DSO) before traveling. _____
11. I understand that upon completion of studies, I must leave the U.S. within **60 days**, change to another immigration status, change my major, change my course of study, apply for OPT before the graduation, or transfer to another institution. _____
12. I understand that if I lose my status for any reason, I will be required complete the reinstatement process or depart the U.S. _____
13. I understand that it is important to maintain a valid passport. _____
14. I understand that I need permission from my international advisor before withdrawing from a class. _____
15. I understand that I must follow the procedures when changing majors or academic levels. _____
16. I understand that I am not permitted to work off-campus or engage in business unless I have received authorization to work by the United States Customs and Immigration Services (USCIS). _____
17. I understand that I am eligible to work on-campus **20 hours** per week during each term or up to **40 hours** while school is in break sessions. Working additional hours is illegal. _____
18. I understand that as an F/M student I do not qualify for in-state tuition unless my immigration status changes to a visa/status that allows me to claim FL residency for tuition purposes. _____

I have read the description of my rights and responsibilities as an International Student (F-1 or M-1) listed above. If I fail to comply it is possible I could lose my status and all of the privileges granted therein.

Print last name / First name

Signature

____/____/_____
Date