Immigration Briefing

International Student Orientation
Topics to be Discussed

- Required Immigration Documents
- Maintaining your F-1 Status
- Traveling outside the U.S., Leave of Absence, and Reinstatement
- Completing
Required Immigration Documents

- **Passport:** Maintain valid at all times, renew in a timely manner

- **Automated/Electronic I-94 Form,** Arrival document

- **I-20 Form:** Maintain unexpired, process extension when needed

- **Visa:** Only needed to enter the U.S.
Maintaining Your F-1 Status

- **Maintain academic progress**
  - Undergraduate: **12 units** each semester and 2.0 GPA
  - 2nd bachelor’s: **12 units** each semester and 2.0 GPA
  - Graduate: **8 units** each semester and 3.0 GPA

**All international students are limited to one online course to count towards their full course load.**

***Note: If you have only one class left to graduate, this class must be an in-class traditional course to be in compliance with legal guidelines governing your F-1 status.***

- **Changes/Updates of Personal Information, Emergency Contact, Address in the U.S., and Major** Report any changes or updates to the IESC office within 10 days. The information is used to maintain your SEVIS immigration record in active status. Also, update your student portal account with any address changes within 10 days.

- **Transfer of SEVIS Record to another school** Must submit an Acceptance Letter from new school and CSUN Transfer Release Form.
Alternative Options for Full Course Load

- Online Classes
- Concurrent Enrollment
- Part Time Status
Maintaining Your F-1 Status Continues...

Working in the U.S.

Please visit us at www.csun.edu/international for more detailed information.

- EMPLOYMENT
  - On-Campus
  - Off-Campus (Economic Hardship)

- PRACTICAL TRAINING
  - CPT
  - OPT
    - PRE
    - POST
    - STEM Extension
**Travel outside the U.S., Leave of Absence, and Reinstatement**

**Travel Signature:** Obtain a travel signature when traveling outside the U.S.

**Leave of Absence:** For one or two semesters with approval from an International Student Advisor in the IESC office.

**Reinstatement to F-1 Status:** Needed to correct your SEVIS immigration record when it is in closed status.
Completion of Studies

✔ You complete all coursework and / or
✔ You complete OPT (Optional Practical Training)
✔ You have **60 days** to choose one of the following:
  a) Transfer to another school
  b) Return home
  c) Change of status

• Check out the IESC website for updates and further immigration information:
  [www.csun.edu/international](http://www.csun.edu/international)
Final Tips for Success

• Be Patient
• Learn to prioritize
• College is what you make of it...get involved!
  Success is yours for the taking...it’s now up to you!
• Stay on top of your immigration status...if you don’t know, ask your Foreign Student Advisor!
Have you completed the In Person Reporting Requirement at the IESC?

SECTION 1 : STUDENT INFORMATION

Please select one: Government Sponsored by (Foreign Country)
Self-supported or Supported by Third Party (Please read and sign SECTION 2)

SECTION 2 : Government Sponsored Student Acknowledgement

To ensure that you are familiar with your financial responsibilities and the consequences for failing to provide your financial guarantee letter, please read the statements below and sign and date to confirm your awareness of this information.

I understand that I am required to submit a copy of my current, valid scholarship letter for my file at IESC which must contain current information about my financial guarantee as well as coverage of health insurance.

I understand that I must request authorization for employment prior to engaging in on or off campus work. I understand the consequences it may have on my immigration status.

I understand that I must pay before the payment deadline and the delay of my registration into classes and disenrollment of all classes.

I understand that in a timely manner.

I understand that I am responsible for verifying the expiration date of my current, valid scholarship letter for my file at IESC, it is my responsibility to request and obtain one in a timely manner.

I understand that I must obtain permission from my financial sponsor before I take classes concurrently at another educational institution.

I understand that failure to provide this letter to both the Office of Student Accounting and the International and Exchange Student Center will result in the delay of my registration into classes and disenrollment of all classes.

I must meet IESC deadlines. Should I fail to adhere to university policies and immigration regulations, I understand the consequences it may have on my immigration status.

SECTION 3 : Self-Supported or Supported by Third Party Student Acknowledgement

To ensure that you are familiar with your financial responsibilities and the consequences for failing to pay your tuition and registration fees by the payment deadline, please read the statements below and sign and date to confirm your awareness of this information.

I understand that I am responsible for paying all required tuition and fees to CSUN.

I understand that I am responsible to visit the University Cash Services website at http://www.admin.csun.edu/ucs/ to learn about tuition payment information, including payment methods and deadlines.

I understand that I must pay before the posted payment deadline to avoid disenrollment.

Please come to report in person!