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NEW PANTHER CHECK IN WORKSHOP



WELCOME NEW PANTHERS, TO FIU!

You must review all the sections in this workshop and pass the Final Quiz. This is a **MANDATORY** part of the for the check in process. Failure to complete this requirement will prevent you from completing your check in with the ISSS Office, and can lead to the termination of your I-20.





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About ISSS

- We notify students of changes in immigration regulations via email and the ISSS website
- We issue all I-20s for continuing students
- We prepare letters and certifications needed by other agencies and institutions
- We assist students with managing their immigration status
- We promote and create activities for international students and scholars
- We provide comprehensive advising in matters related to employment immigration policies



Hours and Availability

- ISSS uses the Virtual Office to ensure students have regular access to a DSO, and one on one appointments can be requested through our website.
- Our office is available for document pickup, questions, resources and guidance

MON-FRI
8:30am-5:00pm



Our Office

DSOs and Advisors

ISSS is staffed by Designated School Officials (DSOs) and international student advisors- we process student requests and advise students on how to keep their immigration status while studying in the U.S.

The only people at FIU who should be giving you advice related to your immigration status are ISSS advisors.



Getting Advice

DO NOT

- Drop a class because your academic advisor says it's okay
- Accept employment that has not been authorized by ISSS because an employer says it's okay
- Accept an internship because your academic advisor says its okay
- Travel without documentation because your friends say it is okay



The logo for FIU International Student & Scholar Services, featuring the letters 'FIU' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font with a yellow outline.

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A large graphic with the text 'IMMIGRATION INFORMATION' in a bold, dark blue, sans-serif font. The text is centered and overlaid on a background image of a university courtyard. The courtyard features a large, white, net-like structure hanging from the ceiling, and several people walking around. The background is slightly blurred. The graphic is framed by dark blue geometric shapes on the left and right sides.

YOUR STATUS IS YOUR

RESPONSIBILITY



**Homeland
Security**



**STUDENT
EXCHANGE
VISITOR
INFORMATION
SYSTEM**



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U.S. Government and you

Department of Homeland Security oversees SEVIS, as well as:

- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)
- Customs and Border protection (CBP)
- U.S. Citizenship and immigration Services (USCIS)

- SEVIS is a government database used by all universities hosting international students

- FIU ISSS reports to SEVIS and SEVP



Your I-20 Page 1

You must review your I-20 to confirm all information is correct

You cannot let your I-20 expire while you are in the United States- request a program extension if you are close to the end of your program and you are not ready to graduate.

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: N0022386820			
SURNAME/PRIMARY NAME	GIVEN NAME	Class of Admission	
PREFERRED NAME	PASSPORT NAME	F-1	
COUNTRY OF BIRTH	COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP	ACADEMIC AND LANGUAGE	
CITY OF BIRTH	DATE OF BIRTH		
FORM ISSUE REASON CONTINUED ATTENDANCE	ADMISSION NUMBER		
SCHOOL INFORMATION			
SCHOOL NAME Florida International University Modesto A. Maidique Campus		SCHOOL ADDRESS 11200 SW 8 Street, MMC, SASC 230, Miami, FL 33199	
SCHOOL OFFICIAL TO CONTACT UPON ARRIVAL Alexandra Bruner Coordinator of Academic Support Services		SCHOOL CODE AND APPROVAL DATE MIA214F00503000 29 JANUARY 2003	
PROGRAM OF STUDY			
EDUCATION LEVEL BACHELOR'S	MAJOR 1 International Relations and Affairs 45.0901	MAJOR 2 None 00.0000	
PROGRAM ENGLISH PROFICIENCY Required	ENGLISH PROFICIENCY NOTES Student is proficient	EARLIEST ADMISSION DATE	
START OF CLASSES 26 AUGUST 2019	PROGRAM START/END DATE 26 AUGUST 2019 - 30 JULY 2021		

SEVIS ID #

Major/ degree program

Your program end date

Your I-20 Page 2

Page 2 of the I-20 contains a signature from the DSOs, which makes the document valid for travel.

This signature must be less than 12 months old if you want to travel outside the U.S.

DSO TRAVEL 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: N0032018989 (F-1)

NAME:

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS

CHANGE OF STATUS/CAP-GAP EXTENSION

AUTHORIZED REDUCED COURSE LOAD

CURRENT SESSION DATES

CURRENT SESSION START DATE	CURRENT SESSION END DATE
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TRAVEL ENDORSEMENT

This page, when properly endorsed, may be used for re-entry of the student to attend the same school after a temporary absence from the United States. Each endorsement is valid for one year.

Designated School Official	TITLE	SIGNATURE	DATE ISSUED	PLACE ISSUED
		X		
		X		
		X		
		X		

Your I-94

Use your I-94 to confirm that you were registered as an F-1 student whenever you return to the U.S. from abroad.

Update your I-94 each time you travel internationally.

The I-94 is extremely important as it shows the length of time you are permitted to stay in the U.S. under your current visa status. Your I-94 should look like the picture above.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection
Securing America's Borders

Most Recent I-94

Admission (I-94) Record Number : 51415565885
Most Recent Date of Entry: 2017 July 25
Class of Admission : **F1**
Admit Until Date : **D/S**
Details provided on the I-94 Information form:

Last/Surname : [Redacted]
First (Given) Name : [Redacted]
Birth Date : [Redacted]
Passport Number : [Redacted]
Country of Issuance : China

www.cbp.gov/i94

Your VISA and PASSPORT

The F-1 visa is an entry document only- it may expire while you are in the U.S. without affecting your F-1 status.

However, your Passport must always be valid for at least six months into the future.



Know your expiration date

**Always have a
valid passport**



End of program & Departure



After you complete your program:

60

Day grace period for F-1 students after completion of degree or after end of Post-OPT.

WITHIN THE GRACE PERIOD YOU MUST:

- transfer to a new academic program
- change to another status (if eligible)
 - Leave the U.S.

F-1 Withdrawal From program

**15**

Day grace period for F-1 students after dropping courses for permanent departure

When a student leaves the U.S. before finishing their program of study, they have 15 days after dropping classes to depart the U.S.

You must have authorization from ISSS before dropping your classes.

Academic Dismissal

If you cannot enroll at FIU, your only options to avoid falling out of status are to immediately transfer to another U.S. school or to depart the U.S.



When your cumulative GPA falls below requirements, you will receive warnings from your program for multiple semesters before you are dismissed.

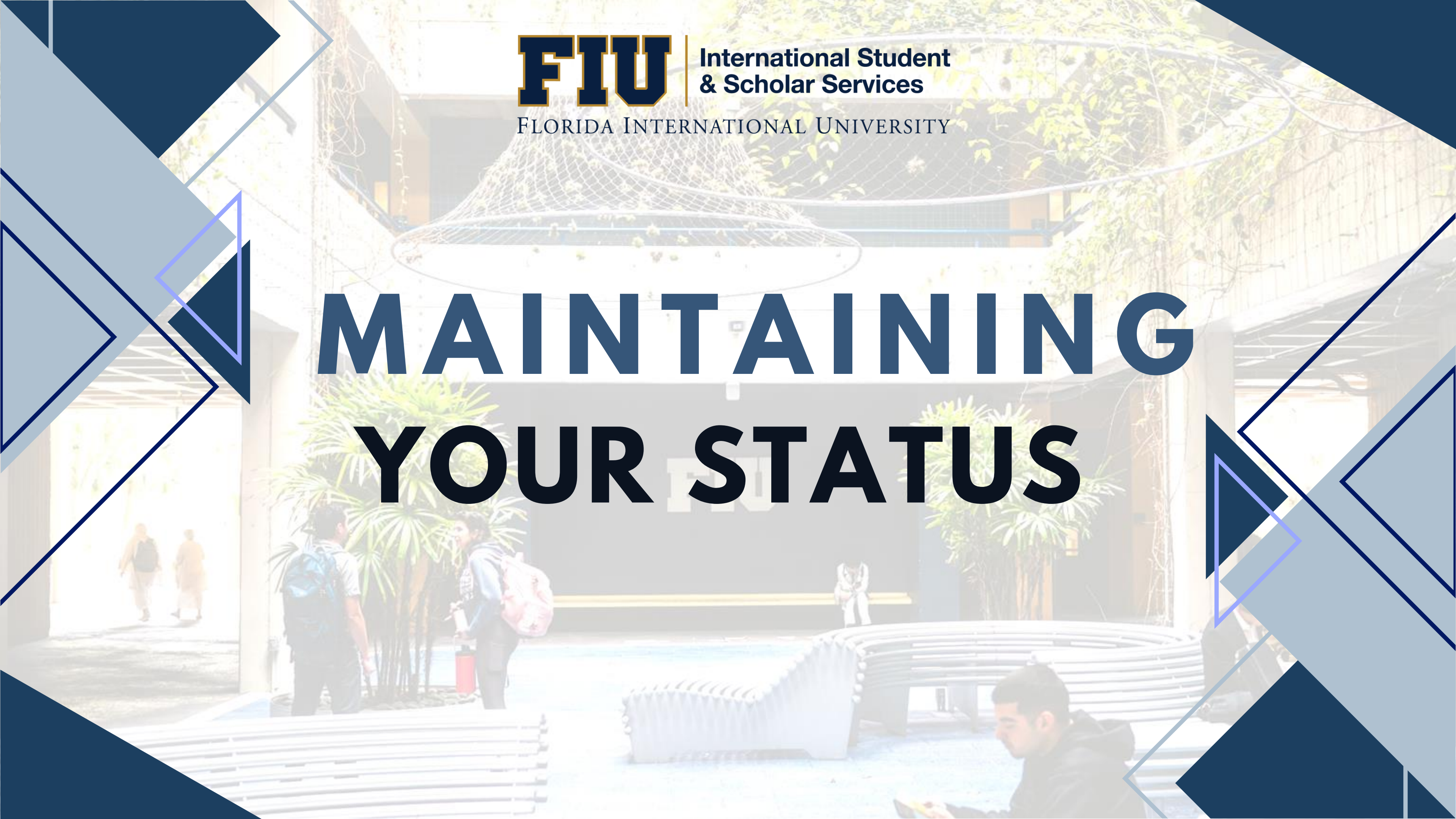
You will be out of status if you cannot successfully appeal this decision. (If you cannot enroll full time)

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MAINTAINING YOUR STATUS



What to do now

All Transfer and newly arrived students must check in using the ISSS portal within the first week of class.

DOCUMENTS YOU MUST UPLOAD TO ISSS:

- Proof that you completed this Information Session
- Passport and F-1 or J-1 Visa
- Electronic I-94 form
- I-20 or DS-2019 form
- Your local address and phone number



What to do Moving forward

ISSS is required to report information about you to DHS no later than 30 days after the semester has begun, **EVERY SEMESTER**. This means you must enroll full time to remain in status.

Maintain Enrollment

Use your academic advisor to choose classes, and your immigration advisor to ensure you are enrolling full time.

Report changes

If you move, travel, get a new passport, need a new I-20, or need to enroll less than full time, contact ISSS and report your new information!

F-1 Enrollment

TERMS	UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS	GRADUATE STUDENTS
FALL OR SPRING SEMESTERS	12 credits (Fall & Spring) Max 3 credits online	9 credits (Fall & Spring) Max 3 credits online
SUMMER A/C	12 Credits if first semester (Optional for continuing students)	6 credits if first semester (Optional for continuing students)
SUMMER B	6 credits if first semester (Optional for continuing students)	3 credits if first semester (Optional for continuing students)
EXCEPTIONS	RCL- completion of degree or medical RCL	PhD students advancing to thesis/dissertation, RCL- completion of degree

Failure to Maintain status

If you remain in the US after falling out of status you will begin to accumulate unauthorized presence. Unauthorized presence days will affect your ability to return to the US when traveling and may result in deportation.

Some consequences of falling out of status are:

- Denial of CPT and OPT
- Denial of on campus employment
- Termination of SEVIS record

Why you may be out of status:

- Remaining in the U.S. longer than authorized to do so.
- Failing to meet requirements or violating the terms of your F-1 status
 - Studying Part Time
 - Taking too many online classes
 - Unauthorized employment
- Failing to complete your program

Getting your Status back

ISSS is required to report information about you to DHS no later than 30 days after the semester has begin, **EVERY SEMESTER**. This means you must enroll full time to remain in status.

Reinstatement

- Only available for students who have been out of status for less than 5 months
- Must be applied for with an immigration attorney

Restart

- Requires international travel
- Must receive a new I-20 from ISSS
- Affects eligibility for CPT and OPT

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The main title of the document, 'F-1 STUDENT EMPLOYMENT', is centered in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white rectangular background. The background image shows a modern university courtyard with a curved walkway, greenery, and students walking. The entire image is framed by dark blue geometric shapes in the corners and along the sides.

Types of F-1 employment



F-1 Students are strictly limited when it comes to employment. Off campus employment is limited to internships (CPT) and post-graduation practical training (OPT) and must be directly related to your major area of study. Any off-campus employment must be authorized by ISSS, or USCIS with an ISSS recommendation.

Students may work on campus in any position that directly serves students, unrelated to their major

On Campus jobs



- Work on Campus is limited to 20 hours per week in the Fall and Spring semesters
- You may work 21 hours per week or more during Summer or School Breaks
- You must maintain your valid, F-1 status to remain eligible for on campus employment
- You must remain active in your program at FIU

On Campus jobs



- Once your degree is completed, you may not work on campus
- You may not work on campus during the 60 day grace period
- You may not work on campus after completing your SEVIS transfer to a new school

CPT (Curricular Practical Training)



CPT is employment or an internship that is performed for academic credit, part of your degree program curriculum and commensurate to your degree level, OR that is required as part of the academic plan or program curriculum.

THIS INCLUDES:

- Required internship, practicum, student teaching, or field experience
- Optional internships for credit, related to your major
- Co-operative education programs for credit

OPT (Optional Practical Training)



- F-1 students who have maintained their status for a minimum of one academic year may apply for 12 months of full time employment authorization from USCIS.
- Employment on OPT must be related to your degree program
- OPT may be used before or after graduation, though post-completion is most common, as students may only apply for 12 months OPT once per degree level.
- STEM students may apply for a 24 month extension while on Post-completion OPT



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FINAL QUIZ

After completing this quiz, you will receive your results in a confirmation email. Save your results as a PDF and upload them to the ISSS portal as part of your New Panther Check In.

[CLICK HERE](#)

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