



International Student Services

Maintaining F-1 Status Quick Guide

For more detailed information on your responsibility to maintain F-1 status please visit Department of Homeland Security- Study in the States at <https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/maintaining-status> or Century College International Student Services at www.century.edu/iss.

Contact International Student Services (ISS) with any questions you may have at international@century.edu or 651-779-3344.

Enroll in and attend classes full-time each semester

- Register for 12 credits or more each semester. *Exceptions for those who have an approved "Reduced Course Load."*
- An **FW, FN, or W** grade in a class means you have not maintained enrollment. If that reduction in credits puts you below 12 credits you are out of status. *If this occurs, notify ISS immediately.*
- 9 of the 12 credits must be on-campus, 3 may be online. *You may take additional online courses above the 12-credit requirement.*
- Summer enrollment is optional. You may choose to attend classes during summer.
- Note: You must pay your tuition in full each semester before you can register for the next semester's classes.

Maintain satisfactory academic progress

- Earn a cumulative 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA) or higher.
- Complete 66.67% or more of registered credits each semester.

Purchase and maintain system-approved health insurance every year (annual payment due in July)

- Per Minnesota State Policy, all international students must purchase the system-approved health insurance, except those students whose sponsoring agency or government certifies that the student is covered under a plan provided by the sponsoring agency or government.

Have a valid passport at all times

- To renew your passport, search online for your country's embassy location in the United States.
- Submit a copy of your new passport to ISS.

Update address changes with 10 days

- You must update your address in e-services and then notify ISS of the change by emailing international@century.edu

Adhere to employment regulations

- You cannot work off-campus nor online without prior approval from USCIS and/or Century College.
- If you are required to work or train off-campus to complete a course requirement you must first apply for Curricular Practical Training. Consult with International Student Services for more information before beginning the off-campus work or training.
- You are allowed to work on campus, no more than 20 hours per week while school is in session. *You may work over 20 hours per week when school is not in session.*

Complete your program of study (graduate) by the program end date listed on your Form I-20

- If you need more time to graduate you must request a later program end date by contacting your Academic Advisor/DSO at least one semester in advance.

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Additional Student Responsibilities

- Request an I-20 Travel Signature from ISS before traveling outside the U.S.
- Request permission from ISS before enrolling in courses at other colleges/universities.
- Consult with ISS before taking a break from school or withdrawing.
- Obey all state and federal laws.
- Depart the U.S. in a timely manner following end of program or withdrawal from school.
- Notify ISS if:
 - you change your major.
 - you are put on probation or suspended.
 - you intend to transfer to another college or university.
 - you apply for change of nonimmigrant status.
 - you receive approval of an adjustment of status.
 - there are any changes to your F-2 dependents, or if a child F-2 dependent is nearing age 21.

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