

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Travel Guidance for International Students:

International students who leave the United States must have the following documents with them to ensure their re-entry:

- Valid passport
- Valid U.S. visa
- Valid Form I-20/DS-2019 endorsed for re-entry by DSO/RO
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You need to have a valid signature on your I-20/DS-2019 by a staff member of the Office of International Programs. The signature is valid for one academic year, but we recommend a signature each semester. (NOTE: during F-1 post-completion practical training, the I-20 must have been signed within the last six months for re-entry)

YOUR VISA: Visa classification as determined by the United States Consulate after reviewing Form I-20/DS-2019.

EXPIRATION DATE: Date after which visa is not valid. Renewal is required only for re-entry to the United States after this date; students and their dependents may remain in the U.S. with an expired visa.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES PERMITTED: Indicates the number of allowed entries into the U.S. Multiple (M) or unlimited applications permit entry into the U.S. as long as the visa is valid and the student has a valid, endorsed Form I-20/DS-2019 to present at the time of entry.

NAME OF SCHOOL: Name of school for which visa was issued. (If you are in F-1 status and transfer to another school, the name of the school does not need to be changed at a U.S. Consulate before returning to the U.S., as long as the visa is still valid.)

RENEWAL OF U.S. VISA: Student visas cannot be renewed within the United States. (Do not confuse renewal of your visa with a request for extending your authorized stay in the U.S.; contact the International Student Advisor at the OIP if you will not complete your studies by the ending date on your I-20/DS-2019.) Students and their dependents who need to renew their visas in order to re-enter the U.S. must apply in person to a U.S. Consulate or Embassy in your home country. These offices are only located outside of the United States and they hold regular office hours. We suggest you visit the appropriate U.S. embassy/consulate website for instructions. They are closed evenings, weekends, and holidays.

It is very important that if you are planning on traveling out of the U.S. AND need a new visa in your passport that you speak to someone in the OIP prior to traveling.