

When should I meet with my international student advisor?


- When you have any questions
- Before you begin any off-campus work including CPT and OPT
- If you leave OU before finishing your program
- At the beginning of your last semester

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Is my I-20 correct?

What's new about my I-20?

- Your I-20 was redesigned to make it easier to read.

What's my program end date?

- Your program end date is listed under "Program of Study"
- You must apply for a Program Extension before your I-20 end date if you need additional time to complete your program.

Is my major correct?

- Your major is listed under "Program of Study"
- You must meet with your academic advisor to complete a change of major request. A copy of the change of major form is required to update your I-20.



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F-1 IMMIGRATION REMINDERS

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Am I enrolled as a full-time student?

You must register as a full-time student during the fall and spring semesters. Summer semester is optional.

- OPIE – 12 credit hours
- Undergraduate – 12 credit hours
- Graduate – 9 credit hours

Do online classes count towards full-time enrollment?

- Only one online course of no more than 3 credit hours may count towards full-time enrollment.
- If you are an undergraduate student, you can enroll in 9 in-person credit hours and 3 online credit hours. You will be considered a full-time student.
- If you are an undergraduate student, you cannot enroll in 6 in-person credit hours and 6 online credit hours. You will not be considered a full-time student because only 3 credit hours can count towards your enrollment.

Can I enroll in less than a full-time course load?

- You must complete a request for a Reduced Course Load with your International Student Advisor.
- Graduate students who enroll in 1 thesis/dissertation/project credit hour will be considered full-time. These classes must end in 6950, 6960, or 8950.

What happens if I don't enroll full-time without permission?

- Your SEVIS record will be terminated and you will no longer be in valid F-1 status.

Is my address up-to-date?

You are required to update your SEVIS US address and SEVIS Foreign address within 10 days of moving.

- Your SEVIS US address is your local address in the United States
- Your SEVIS Foreign address is your current address in your home country

Please follow the directions to update your address:

- Sign in to My OHIO Student Center (<https://sis.ohio.edu/student>)
- In the "Personal Information" section, click on "Addresses" in the dropdown menu
- Click "Edit" to update your SEVIS US and SEVIS Foreign address
- When you are finished, click "Save"

Can I work while I am a student?

You can work on-campus without authorization from ISFS.

- You can only work up to 20 hours per week during the semester.
- You can work up to 28 hours per week during university breaks.

You cannot work off-campus without authorization from ISFS.

- You must meet with an ISFS advisor before accepting any off-campus employment.

What happens if I work off-campus without authorization from ISFS?

- Your SEVIS record will be terminated and you will no longer be in valid F-1 status.

What do I need to travel outside the United States?

- Your I-20 with a recent travel endorsement. If your travel endorsement will be more than 6 months old on the day you plan to return to the U.S. you need to request a new one at least 2 weeks before you leave the United States.
- Your passport must be valid 6 months into the future at all times
- Your US visa must be valid