How to Stay in Status on a F-1 Visa





Know the Rules

It is your responsibility to follow these rules and make sure you are meeting all the requirements of your visa.





Enrollment Requirements

- Undergraduate students must enroll in 12+ credits
- Graduate students must enroll in 9+ credits
- Only 1 online course may taken as part of full time enrollment





Employment Restrictions

- On-campus jobs are allowed
- Off campus jobs or internships are not allowed exceptions through CPT or OPT
- Discuss CPT/OPT options with CIS office before you apply to make sure you qualify





Travel Requirements

If you plan to leave & re-enter the US

- Have the CIS office sign your 1-20 before you travel
- · Make sure your passport and visa dates are still valid
- Take all required travel documents with you





Update CIS About Changes

Contact CIS within 10 days of any changes to your address, contact information, visa status, or if you switch majors. Let CIS know if you need a visa extension, work authorization, or a reduced course load before the changes occur.