

## WHAT DOES SEVIS MEAN TO ME?

1. ALL STUDENTS must receive a SEVIS I-20 form.
2. Must submit change of address to the Office of College Information & Recruitment within 10 days of moving\* .
3. Must maintain 12 credits each academic semester.
  - If you have an academic reason to enroll in LESS THAN 12 credits, you must receive permission from the Office of College Information & Recruitment BEFORE semester begins. If you concurrently enroll in two colleges, you must receive permission from the Office of College Information & Recruitment BEFORE the semester begins.
  - Only one on-line course (3 credits total) per semester can apply toward 12 credit requirement.
4. Must apply for optional practical training before graduating.
5. If you plan to transfer to another school, notify your current school immediately. The new school cannot issue you an I-20 before your last school indicates your transfer in the SEVIS system.
6. There is no more grace period of “60 days to leave the United States” unless you complete your program of study.
7. **It is much more difficult to request reinstatement to F-1 status. DHS will only consider cases where natural disaster or serious illness has occurred.**

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\* Beginning in 2002, the DHS began special registration of certain nationalities temporarily in the United States. F-1 students from certain countries must visit the DHS and report all address changes directly to the local office. For more information on Special Registration requirements, look on the DHS website: <http://www.ins.usdoj.gov/graphics/lawenfor/specialreg/index.htm>

# SEVIS UPDATE

## I-20 INFORMATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name as it appears on your passport		
_____	_____	_____
Last Name (Family Name)	First Name (Given Name)	Middle
2. <b>Current U.S. Mailing Address:</b>		
_____	_____	_____
Street Number	Street Name	Apartment Number
_____	_____	_____
City	State	Zip Code
3a. U.S. Home Phone:		3b. U.S. Fax:
4. Home Country Emergency Contact:		
Name: _____		
Last Name (Family Name)	First Name (Given Name)	Middle
Address: _____		
_____	_____	_____
Street Number	Street Name	
_____	_____	_____
City	Country	
5a. Home Country Phone:		5b. Home Country Fax:
6. Birth Date: _____ / _____ / _____		
Month/	Day/	Year
7. E-Mail Address:		
8a. Passport Number: _____		
8b. Passport Expiration date: _____ / _____ / _____		
Month/	Day/	Year
9a. Visa Type: <input type="checkbox"/> F-1, Other: _____		
9b. Visa Expiration: _____ / _____ / _____		
Month/	Day/	Year
10a. I-94 Expiration: <input type="checkbox"/> D/S, Other: _____		
10b. I-94 Admission Number:		10c. Most Recent Entry Date in U.S.: _____ / _____ / _____
	(date stamped on I-94 card)	Month/Day/Year
11. First semester at Edison : ___ Fall ___ Spring ___ Summer _____ YEAR		

After completing Spring 20\_\_ semester, I plan to (you must check one):

- Return to Edison for Summer/Fall 20\_\_
- Transfer to another school: *Start date at the other school:* \_\_\_\_\_
- Return to my home country: *When:* \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ Photocopy documents    \_\_\_\_ Updated general ed. plan    \_\_\_\_ SEVIS I-20 created: \_\_\_\_\_

# *The ABCs of your F-1 visa status*

## *A*

- Attend all classes
- Address change must be given to international student advisor immediately

## *B*

- Be aware of your documents: I-20, passport, visa, I-94 card
- Bring your documents to the international student advisor BEFORE traveling outside the United States

## *C*

- Cannot work without permission
- Come see the international student advisor if you plan to leave school (for example, return home or transfer to another school).