

International Students Studying Abroad (Outside of the United States) and establishing a New F-1 Status on return



(for International Students Studying abroad for a Fall or Spring semester or longer)



- When you have left the United States prior to your period of study abroad, email the International Students and Scholars Center (ISSC) at (issc@asu.edu).
 - *ISSC will update your SEVIS record to show you are out of the U.S.*
- Three months prior to returning, email ISSC to request a new I-20. (*Be prepared to provide a new financial guarantee*)
- Upon receipt of the new I-20 you will need to pay the SEVIS fee (<http://www.fmjfee.com>) and print the receipt.
- ***If your current F-1 visa is still valid and unexpired*** you can use the current visa, the new I-901 SEVIS Fee Receipt and the new I-20 to enter the U.S.
- ***If your current F-1 visa has expired*** then use the new I-20 and the new I-901 SEVIS Fee Receipt to apply for a new F-1 visa at a U.S. embassy or consulate then use the above documents and the new F-1 visa to enter the U.S.
- Once you arrive in the U.S. complete the New Student Check-In with ISSC with your immigration documents including:
 - Your visa,
 - Your passport,
 - the new I-20 signed by ASU and yourself, and
 - Your new I-94 record retrieved after your arrival from <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/>



This process is immediate and upon re-entry, and presentation to the school of the above evidence, the student has established their F-1 status once again.

Travel Planning:

Do not plan on entering the U.S. any more than 30 days before the new semester start date.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Entering the U.S on a new I-20 restarts your clock with regard to Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and Optional Practical Training (OPT) both of which require maintenance of F-1 status for a minimum of one academic year in order to be eligible.

***If this will be a problem
contact ISSO prior to travel
to obtain advisement!***

