



Student Agreement to Maintain F-1 Status

U.S. immigration law states that it is your responsibility to maintain lawful F-1 student status. Read the *Instructions to Students* on page 3 of your Form I-20. By following those instructions and the guidelines listed below, you should be able to maintain F-1 student status without issue. You must maintain lawful student status if you wish to enjoy the benefits associated with it, such as employment, practical training, and travel in and out of the U.S.

It is every F-1 student's responsibility to follow all of the rules set forth by the U.S. government.

Here are some of the basic tips for maintaining your F-1 status:

- Register **full-time every semester and make normal progress toward completing your program**. Undergraduates must register for at least 12 credits. Graduates must register for at least 7 credits.
- **Do not drop below full-time enrollment** without prior permission from your Student Services Counselor and a DSO.
- Attend all of your courses. **Do not stop attending** without prior permission from your Student Services Counselor and a DSO.
- Notify your Student Services Counselor and a DSO immediately if you have a medical situation and cannot attend school.
- Check your Form I-20 periodically to verify the program end date listed in #5 on page 1. If you will not complete your program by the date listed, apply for an extension with a DSO before the end date is reached.
- Obtain a travel signature from a DSO on page 2 of your Form I-20 before you travel outside the U.S. Make sure your passport and visa will both still be valid upon your return to the U.S.
- Notify a DSO of changes to your address or legal name within 10 days of the change.
- Obtain a new Form I-20 from a DSO if you change your major, education level or funding source.
- Keep your passport valid for at least six months into the future. All travel documents should be kept in a safe place with additional copies available.
- Do not work without authorization. **Unauthorized employment will result in the termination of your SEVIS record and your legal status in the U.S.**
- Contact the Office of Student Services with any questions about F-1 status. The office is located in Main Hall on the New Rochelle campus. We can be reached by phone at (914) 740-6420. Always ask for a DSO.

I understand and agree to the above:

Printed Name: _____ ID Number: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____