

## When to Contact Your Designated School Official (DSO)

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Communicate with and contact your DSO for any of your SEVIS and Form I-20 needs at all times. Make sure that your I-20 is accurate at all times. Contact your DSO within 10 BUSINESS DAYS IF:

- Any changes need to be made to your Form I-20.
  - Changes include: a change in major, change of address, graduation dates, etc.
- You plan on leaving out of the country during school breaks or for emergency travels.
  - You will need to request an Online Travel Request Google Form prior to your departure.
    - Contact your DSO prior to your departure to complete the form and to schedule an in-person appointment for your approval to leave and return back to the US.
    - During your travel request appointment, bring your ACTIVATED Form I-20 with you. A signature will be required on your I-20 Form to get back into the United States.
    - Ensure your student visa is NOT expired. You will not be able to enter back into the US with an expired visa.
- You are planning to find employment or an internship. An employment authorization <u>IS REQUIRED.</u>
  - ALL employment authorizations MUST be approved by the Office of Admissions.
  - You are eligible to apply to on-campus employment through our Human Resources office as a part-time student when school is in session. (Please Note: a SSN card is required.)
  - ANY TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT NEEDS TO BE APPROVED BY THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS!

To be in compliance and remain in good standing with immigration services, PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

- ★ ALWAYS register for a full-time class schedule each semester. (12 or more credits per semester)
- ★ ALWAYS limit online class registration to 1 ONLINE CLASS PER SEMESTER
- ★ ALWAYS ensure you and your sponsor(s) pay off your student account balance each semester.
- ★ ALWAYS remember to communicate with your school official.

Failure to register full-time, register for no more than 1 online course per semester, and/or pay off your student account balance each semester is considered to be non-compliant with the University and Immigration Services.

Non-compliance will result in you returning to your home country or even termination of your Form I-20.

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