

# **Maintaining Student Status**

# **How to Maintain your Student Status**

### 1. EDUCATION

- · Attend and satisfactorily complete all your classes
- · Maintain full-time enrollment every quarter
  - Note: Audit course units are not applied to your enrollment total
- Do not drop any classes or take a break from studies without speaking with your DSO (Designated School Official)
- Abide by all University policies (including those listed in the University Catalog, Student Handbooks, or other direction from University officials)

#### 2. MAINTAIN VALID IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS

- I-20: you must be aware of the expiration date on your I-20. If you cannot complete your degree
  by that date, you must request a program extension within a timely manner. If you fail to do so,
  you will be considered out of status.
- Passport: you should keep your passport valid at all times.

## 3. CHANGE OF LOCAL ADDRESS

If you move, you must report the change of address to your DSO within 10 days of moving. A
Change of Local Address form may be obtained at your DSO's office.

#### 4. WORK

- Do NOT work without authorization. If you want to work in the United States, talk to your DSO about obtaining authorization from U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).
- For more information, see: https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/working-in-the-united-states.

### 5. GRACE PERIODS

- Take action to maintain legal status after completing your program of study if you are planning to continue your studies or apply for a work visa.
- You have 60 days after the program end date on your Form I-20 to leave the United States.
- If you withdrew from classes with prior authorization, you have 15 days to depart the U.S. after the withdrawal date.
- If you withdrew from classes without prior authorization, you are not eligible for a grace period.

I, (STUDENT NAME), understand my duties as briefly stated above, and agree to abide by all instructions given by my Designated School Officer. I understand that this may not be a comprehensive list, and that I remain responsible for all obligations.	
STUDENT'S SIGNATURE	DATE