

**REMEMBER**  
**THESE BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTAINING F-1**  
**STATUS:**

- Report to the DSO for SEVIS registration upon arriving at the school.
- Attend the authorized school.
- Carry a full course of study and make normal academic progress towards completion of the program:
  - 15 credit hours per semester for undergraduate students. (12 hours minimum, 9 hours must be in face-to-face classes).
  - 6 credit hours per semester for graduate students (3 in face-to-face classes).
- Report any changes of address to the DSO within 10 days of the change.
- DO NOT engage in unauthorized work.
- File timely requests for extensions of stay (be aware of the end date on your I-20!), change of status, transfer, Optional Practical Training (OPT), etc.
- Keep your passport valid for six months into the future.
- Keep continuity in your program of study:
  - In general, an absence from the U.S. or any other academic break of more than 5 months will terminate your F-1 status.
- Obey all state and federal laws including laws regulating domestic disputes, child endangerment, sexual assault, driving while under the influence, etc.