

Signature for Travel



In order to be permitted to re-enter the United States you must secure a signature on page three of your form I-20 or DS-2019. Please complete this form and submit it to ISS at least two weeks in advance of your trip to assure that someone will be available to sign for you. We will verify all of your information, and sign the existing form I-20 or DS-2019. If necessary we will prepare a new immigration document for you to revalidate an expired Visa. The signed document should be ready for you to pick up within several days. To make sure that your form has been signed call ISS at 453-5774.

Please complete the following questions:

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Telephone Number _____

E-Mail Address(es) _____

SIUC ID Number: _____

Dates of Travel: _____

Location of Travel: _____

Is your visa valid? Yes _____ No _____

Is your passport valid? Yes _____ No _____

► **Bring your current passport, visa and I-94 card with you to the ISS office.**

The following section is to be completed by your academic advisor or graduate program coordinator.

Is the student enrolled full-time for this current semester Yes _____ No _____

If no, indicate why _____

Has the student maintained full-time enrollment in all previous semesters Yes _____ No _____

If no, indicate why _____

Is the student registered for the following semester? Yes _____ No _____

If no, indicate why _____

Signature of Advisor

Name of Advisor (Print)

Date signed

EVERY TIME YOU RETURN TO THE U.S. YOU MUST BRING YOUR I-94 CARD TO THE ISS OFFICE, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN RENEWED (PASSPORT, VISA) WHILE YOU WERE AWAY. THIS IS A REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN YOUR VISA STATUS.

BE PREPARED FOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

ISS advises all students planning to travel outside the United States to carry extra documents for presentation to USCIS/State Department officials.



If your F-1 or J-1 Visa is valid, you should carry:

- Your I-20/DS-2019 - page three must be signed by ISS advisor
- Your passport, bearing the valid F-1 Visa
- A current bank statement proving financial sponsorship
- Your SIUC transcript showing proof of full time enrollment each semester (a copy from Salukinet will suffice)
- A copy of your residential lease
- A copy of your Graduate Assistantship contract
- A copy of your registration form confirming enrollment for the upcoming semester (a copy from Salukinet will suffice)
- Your valid EAD card for OPT
- Employment contract or letter from employer

If your F-1 or J-1 Visa is not valid, you should present the items listed above to the Embassy or Consulate during your Visa Renewal interview.

Please be prepared for more lengthy interviews at the Embassy for your Visa interview and at the airport upon re-entry to the United States. USCIS and Embassy officials have been instructed to ask additional questions to determine eligibility for return.

FLIGHT DELAYS ARE POSSIBLE, SO BE PREPARED!

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