



State University of New York

Upstate Medical University

For Current SUNY Upstate Medical University Students

Rules for Maintaining Valid F-1 Status

AS AN F-1 STUDENT, YOU ARE MAINTAINING YOUR STATUS WHEN YOU:

- Keep your passport valid at all times
- Within 10 days of moving, report any change of address to the Office of International Student and Scholar Services (International Student Advisor). This address change is then reported by the ISSS to the federal immigration authorities.
- Attend the school that you are authorized to attend, as indicated on your I-20
- Pursue a full course of study
- Maintain registration each semester until graduation or transfer to a new school
- Obtain prior authorization from the International Student Advisor **before** dropping below a full-time course of study. The very limited exceptions to the full-time course rule are:
 - Academic Difficulty
 - Medical Condition
 - Completion of Course of Study
- Follow required procedures for:
 - moving from one educational level to another (e.g., Master's to PhD)
 - transferring from one school to another
 - filing a timely application for program extension
- Limit on-campus employment to 20 hours per week when school is in session.
- Refrain from off-campus employment without authorization
- Possess proof of health and accident insurance which includes a medical evacuation and repatriation benefit (either the SUNY mandatory policy or an **approved** comparable policy).