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- enrolled at Texas State:

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**General Regulations**

- serving as immigration and cultural advisors to international students and scholars; advocating on their behalf, and providing services and information that facilitate their cultural adjustment, social integration, retention, and success;
- assisting the university at large and international students, scholars, alumni, faculty, and staff in particular, in complying with various governmental policies and regulations;
- contributing to the research and teaching mission of the university by assisting with employment authorization for distinguished international scholars, faculty, and staff; and
- promoting global awareness and internationalization at the university by administering international programming through hosting and sponsoring internationally minded events.

**Who is an international student?**

An international student is a student enrolled in a U.S. academic program in a non-immigrant visa classification.

- Common non-immigrant visa classifications are: A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2, E-1, E-2, F-1, F-2, H-1, H-4, J-1, J-2, K-1, L-1, L-2, M-1, R-1, R-2, TN, and TD.
- F-1 Student is the most common non-immigrant visa classification at Texas State with over 90 percent of international students in F-1 status.
- A student who has applied for or received an immigrant classification such as permanent residency or refugee or asylum status, or who is undocumented is not categorized as an international student.

**General Regulations**

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International students are required to:

- attend a mandatory F-1 Student Immigration Check-in session or J-1 Orientation.
- enroll in a full course of study every fall and spring semesters. Summer is an authorized break period, however, full-time enrollment is required in summer for students whose first semester begins in summer;
- obtain permission from International Student and Scholar Services before dropping below a full course of study for any reason. (See Reduced Course Load (https://www.international.txstate.edu/current/Reduced-Course-Load--RCL-.html));
- obtain permission from International Student and Scholar Services before engaging in off-campus employment. (see Curricular Practice Training (CPT) (https://www.international.txstate.edu/Work-Authorization/cpt.html) or Optional Practical Training (OPT) (https://www.international.txstate.edu/Work-Authorization/opt.html));
- not work more than 20 hours per week while participating in on-campus employment in the fall and spring semesters. Students may work more than 20 hours per week during the summer and authorized break periods (see On-campus Employment (https://www.international.txstate.edu/Work-Authorization/oncampus.html));
- report address changes or personal information to International Student and Scholar Services within 10 days of the change. (see Change of Address Update (https://tim.txstate.edu/internationalofficeaddresschange/Login/?returnurl=%2Finternationalofficeaddresschange%2f));
- report any changes in program of study (change of major, adding a minor/concentration, etc.) to International Student and Scholar Services;
- apply for a program extension from International Student and Scholar Services prior to the end date on the I-20 (see Program Extension (https://www.international.txstate.edu/forms/requests.html));
- apply for concurrent or transient enrollment approval when taking courses at an institution other than Texas State University (see Concurrent Enrollment);
- obtain a travel signature from International Student and Scholar Services for all international travel;
- request a transfer of their SEVIS record from International Student and Scholar Services to transfer to a new SEVIS-certified institution (see SEVIS Transfer-out (https://www.international.txstate.edu/current/TransferOut.html));
- notify International Student and Scholar Services upon approval of a change of non-immigration status, or an adjustment of status to permanent residency; and
- maintain continuous health insurance coverage from the time of enrollment to the time of completion of the degree program or until otherwise cease to be a student at Texas State by obtaining coverage under the designated international student health insurance policy, or apply for a waiver and present acceptable proof of other comparable and adequate health insurance coverage (see Health Insurance (https://www.international.txstate.edu/current/Health-insurance-.html)).

**An Overview of Our Services**

- Assist international students and academic departments with immigration processes and issues related to non-immigrant F-1 and J-1 students;
- Assist international faculty and staff and hiring departments with employment authorization issues;
- Provide mandatory F-1 Student Check-In and host International Student Resource Fair;
- Advise and advocate for international students and scholars;
- Plan and host programs for international students and scholars;
- Provide statistical reports
- For the complete list, visit the ISSS website (https://www.international.txstate.edu/about/about_us/Services.html).