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• 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% of international students in F-1 status.
• A student who has applied for or received an immigrant visa
classification such as permanent residency or refugee or asylum
status, or who is undocumented is not categorized as an international
student.

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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 semester; 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/
current/cpt.html) or Optional Practical Training (OPT) (https://
www.international.txstate.edu/optandstemextension/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/current/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=%2Fin
ternationalofficeaddresschange%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))
• 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.
• Provide proof of health insurance coverage each semester enrolled 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, click here (https://
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• Serving as immigration and cultural advisors to international
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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;
• Promoting global awareness and internationalization at the university
by facilitating international agreements, and by administering
international programming through hosting and sponsoring
international events.

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the comprehensive internationalization goals of Texas State University
and assist the university in developing and maintaining an internationally
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