

Students authorized to study in the United States using an F-1 visa must abide by the rules and obligations associated with maintaining status as an F-1 visa student at all times. Violation of such rules could lead to immediate termination of the F-1 visa, the student's authorized stay in the United States, and the student's ability to continue his/her studies at DeVry University and DeVry University's Keller Graduate School of Management.

It is the F-1 visa student's responsibility to be knowledgeable of and to take the proper actions to comply with the rules and obligations associated with maintaining his/her valid F-1 visa status. If an F-1 visa student should have questions regarding the rules or actions required for maintaining his/her F-1 visa status, his/her local International Student Advisor is available to assist.

Rules of Maintaining F-1 Visa Status

1.) Report to and maintain contact with the local International Student Advisor

F-1 visa students must report to their local International Student Advisor at the location they are attending upon their arrival in the United States and no later than the program start date listed on their Form I-20. F-1 visa students are required to maintain contact with their International Student Advisor throughout their studies and any authorized post-degree completion activities.

Students are responsible for maintaining accurate personal contact information on file with their International Student Advisor at all times. Any change in this information must be reported no later than 10 days after when the change occurs.

2.) Pursue a Full Course of Study

F-1 visa students are required to maintain a full course of study in their program/field of study. Any exception to this requirement must be approved by the student's International Student Advisor prior to a student's change in enrollment.

Undergraduate Students: A full course of study for F-1 visa students enrolled in an undergraduate program at DeVry University is defined as enrollment in at least 12 credit hours per semester with enrollment in no fewer than 9 credit hours of onsite coursework each semester. F-1 visa students must also enroll in at least one onsite course each 8 week term.

F-1 visa students enrolled in an undergraduate program may enroll in online coursework during a semester provided that they are maintaining the required level of enrollment in onsite coursework as noted above.

Graduate Students: A full course of study for F-1 visa students enrolled in a graduate program at DeVry University or DeVry University's Keller Graduate School of Management is defined as enrollment in at least 6 credit hours per semester. F-1 visa students must also enroll in at least one onsite course each 8 week term.

F-1 visa students enrolled in a graduate program may enroll in online coursework during a semester provided that they are maintaining the required level of enrollment in onsite coursework as noted above.

3.) Make normal progress towards degree completion

F-1 visa students are required to make normal progress towards completing their program of study by the program completion date listed on the student's Form I-20. Making normal progress includes, but is not limited to, enrolling in the proper courses required for degree completion, maintaining satisfactory academic progress, and continually meeting all institutional enrollment requirements.

If the F-1 visa student is unable to complete his/her program of study by the program completion date listed on his/her Form I-20, the student may apply to their International Student Advisor for an extension of the program completion date. Applications for such an extension must be submitted and approved prior to the program completion date listed on the student's current Form I-20.

4.) Abstain from criminal activity

F-1 visa students are required to obey all local, state, and federal laws during their stay in the United States. Students that are convicted of being in violation of such laws must report this violation to their International Student Advisor immediately.

5.) Maintain enrollment in the program/field of study listed on Form I-20

F-1 visa students are required to pursue degree completion in the program of study listed on their Form I-20. Students interested in either pursuing a degree in an additional program/field of study after the completion of their current program/field of study or changing their current program/field of study must contact their International Student Advisor and complete the necessary steps for the issuance of a new Form I-20 prior to enrolling in coursework that is not applicable towards the program/field of study that is listed on their current Form I-20.

6.) Follow proper vacation/authorized withdrawal approval procedures

F-1 visa students are eligible for a vacation and break in studies for one full semester after the completion of two semesters of studies at DeVry University and DeVry University's Keller Graduate School of Management. Students must apply to and receive approval from their International Student Advisor prior to the beginning of such vacation period.

F-1 visa students are able to request an authorized withdrawal from their studies to travel home as needed in case of emergencies, family needs, or for other unforeseen occurrences. Students must inform and receive approval from their International Student Advisor of their travel plans and itinerary prior to departure.

7.) Do not engage in unauthorized employment

F-1 visa students are restricted in the employment activities that they may engage in, including: on-campus employment, internships with approved international organizations, as a part of Curricular Practical Training, and as a part of Optional Practical Training. Different eligibility requirements exist for each area of authorized employment and students interested in pursuing such employment opportunities should speak with their International Student Advisor about such requirements. Students must receive approval from their International Student Advisor and, depending on the type of employment activity, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security prior to engaging in such employment activities.

8.) Disclose any and all information requested by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security

F-1 visa students must fully and truthfully disclose any and all information requested by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

9.) Maintain a valid passport

F-1 visa students are required to maintain a valid passport issued from their country of citizenship during their entire duration of stay within the United States.

10.) Do not remain in the United States beyond the allowable F-1 visa duration of stay and grace periods

F-1 visa students are eligible to remain in the United States for the time required to complete their program of study, any authorized post-degree completion activities, and applicable grace periods. Students not maintaining proper status as an F-1 visa student may be required to leave the United States at shorter notice. F-1 visa students must not remain in the United States beyond the duration of their authorized stay.

11.) Follow all University enrollment requirements and codes of conduct

All students attending DeVry University/DeVry University's Keller Graduate School of Management are required to abide by the University requirements for enrollment (including but not limited to any and all academic and financial requirements) and codes of conduct in order to maintain continued enrollment. Students failing to meet such standards will not be permitted to continue their enrollment at the University, which could lead to a failure to meet the requirements of maintaining status as an F-1 visa student.

Student Certification and Signature

I hereby certify that I have read, understand, and will abide by the rules of maintaining status as an F-1 visa student. I understand that maintenance of my status as an F-1 visa student is my responsibility and that should I have any questions regarding my status as an F-1 visa student, my local International Student Advisor is available to provide assistance. I understand that violating any of the requirements of maintaining valid F-1 visa status may lead to the termination of my authorized stay in the United States and my ability to study at DeVry University and DeVry University's Keller Graduate School of Management.

Student Name (printed)

Student DSI Number

Student Signature

Date