

Your responsibilities in maintaining F-1 Status

F1 student is admitted to the United States in F-1 status for a period known as “duration of status” (D/S). It is extremely important for a nonimmigrant to maintain his or her status while in the United States. Failure to maintain the terms and conditions of nonimmigrant status is a ground for removal from the United States (deportation) under I.N.A.

To maintain F-1 status, a student must:

- Report to Virginia Trujillo at the Diocese of Davenport or school office for Initial Registration in SEVIS upon arriving at the school. If registering at the school you need to provide all paperwork that is requested and the school will send proper papers to the Diocese of Davenport.
- For the first entry for initial school attendance, the school listed on the visa and on the I-20 must be the same, and that is the school the student must intend to attend.
- Pursue a “full course of study” at the school listed on the currently valid Form I-20 during every academic session or semester except during official school breaks, or unless approved under a specific exception, in advance, by Virginia Trujillo.
- Make normal progress towards completing the course of study, by completing studies before the expiration of the program completion date on Form I-20.
- Keep Form I-20 valid by following paper procedures for transfer of schools. If wanting to transfer to another school, Virginia Trujillo needs to be contacted immediately with the school name, location and phone number. Our office will need to transfer out the student and the new school will have to do a transfer in process to make sure the student is followed in SEVIS correctly. If this is not followed completely, could result in deportation by BCIS.
- Abide by the F-1 grace period rules, including remaining in the U.S. for no longer than 60 days after completing a full course of study, unless prior to completing the course of study the student has followed procedures for school transfer.
- Report a change of address to Virginia Trujillo within 10 days of the change, so that SEVIS can be updated.
- Abide by rules requiring disclosure of information and prohibition of criminal activity.
- Not Work, either on or off-campus.

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*Call for appointment if you are visiting our office

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