
STUDENT GUIDELINES TO MAINTAIN F-1 STATUS

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~Please be advised that your immigration status is *your* responsibility~

- Maintain a passport valid for at least six months into the future.
- Attend the college or university that the Student Exchange and Visitor Program (SEVP) has authorized you to attend. Do not change schools without first contacting a Designated School Officer (DSO).
- Concurrent enrollment at other colleges/universities must be approved by your DSO.
- Registration must be done by the registration deadline of each regular semester.
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA or better. Attend all classes and complete assignments.
- A change in educational level or extension request will require updated/new financial support documents. Contact a Designated School Officer (DSO) at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the new program/semester or the program end date on your I-20, whichever is earlier.
- A change of major will require approval by a Dallas College DSO.
- Limit on-campus employment to 20 hours per week while school is in session.
- Do not engage in off-campus employment without the proper authorization.
- Report a change of address, phone number, or email address to your DSO within 10 days.
- Meet all financial obligations at Dallas College.
- Request travel authorization from a DSO at least two weeks before leaving the United States.

MAINTAIN A FULL COURSE OF STUDY

- **College Level Students (Associate/Bachelor)** = Enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours of degree-required courses. Enrolled in a minimum of 9 credit hours that meet in-person 50% or more of the time (BLND or LEC - not HYBRD or INET). In-person enrollment must exist for the entire session (no portion of the semester may be fully distance-learning).
- **ESOL Pathway Program Students** = Enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours of ESOL + degree-required courses. No distance learning (HYBRD or fully INET) counts toward a full course of study.
- **Language Training Students (ESOL)** = Enrolled in a minimum of 9 credit hours of 16-week courses or 13/14 credit hours of 8-week fast-track courses. No distance learning (HYBRD or fully INET) counts toward a full course of study.
- **Summer** = Summer is optional for continuing students. However, if summer is your first semester as a new student, or as a continuing student entering a new education level, you will be required to enroll in a full course of study. College level and pathway program students must enroll in a minimum of 6 credit hours of in-person courses. No portion of the summer semester may be fully distance learning. ESOL students must enroll in the full English program of 8 summer credit hours.

DO NOT DROP BELOW A FULL COURSE OF STUDY. Students who violate their F-1 status requirements will have their I-20 terminated and must depart the U.S. or apply for reinstatement.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I fully understand and agree to follow the guidelines above.

Printed Name

Signature

Date