



# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

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## REINSTATEMENT INFORMATION FOR F-1 STUDENTS

A student who has failed to maintain F-1 student status and who wishes to return or transfer to Colorado State University must apply for and be granted reinstatement to F-1 student status by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Students who do not wish to apply for reinstatement or do not feel they will be successful in their reinstatement application may leave the U.S. and obtain a new visa using a new I-20 with a new SEVIS number.

Either option to regain status should be discussed with an International Student Advisor.

### Common violations of F-1 status include (but are not limited to):

- Failure to extend I-20 before the program expiration date
- Failure to complete F-1 transfer-in or transfer-out procedures in a timely manner
- Failure to enroll in a full course of study (without prior authorization from ISSS to do so)
- Failure to notify ISSS of an address change

**If you think you may be out of status, please visit ISSS immediately and meet with an International Student Advisor. The longer you wait to address the problem, the more difficult it can become to fix it.**

### Eligibility to apply for reinstatement:

An F-1 student may be reinstated to F-1 status by USCIS if the student can establish the following:

- S/he has not been out of status for more than 5 months at the time of filing the request for reinstatement
- S/he does not have a record of repeated or willful violations of F-1 regulations
- The need for reinstatement did not result from "a willful failure on the part of the student"
- S/he is currently pursuing, or intending to pursue, a full course of study at the school that issued the I-20
- S/he has not engaged in unauthorized employment
- S/he is not deportable on any ground other than the status violation for which reinstatement is being requested

### Application Checklist:

- A completed I-539 form: <http://www.uscis.gov/sites/default/files/files/form/i-539.pdf> with the word REINSTATEMENT written on the top of the form in red
- A \$370 filing fee made out to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- A copy of your previous I-20 form
- A printout of your I-94 form: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/consent.html>.
- Evidence of continued funding
- A copy of your transcript or class schedule
- A written statement requesting reinstatement which explains that the violation of student status resulted from circumstances beyond your control and/or that the failure to be reinstatement would result in extreme hardship
- Any other documentation that supports your claim

**Once all materials are gathered, have an international student advisor review the packet and issue you a new I-20 recommending you for reinstatement. ISSS will prepare your mailing packet.**