International Student and Scholar Services
Stephanie Dvorachek
Associate Director

F-1 AND J-1 REGULATIONS:
ORIENTATION

FALL 2018
What do you need to report to ISSS to maintain status?
YOUR ADDRESS!
Update Your Address

- To update your address, please use iStart, the new ISSS portal for all requests and edits to your immigration record.
- Click on ‘Biographical Information’ then ‘Address Update’. You will see the address that is currently being reported, as well as a fillable form allowing you to change this information.
- Once you’ve updated your address, just click ‘submit’. Updating this information should only take a minute, but is an important part of maintaining your status. Please note that non-Illinois addresses, department addresses, or PO Boxes will not be accepted.
**What is this?**

**F-1 Documentation**

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| School Name | University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
| School Official to Contact Upon Arrival | Stephanie Dvoracek, Associate Director  
| Program of Study |  
| Education Level | Bachelor's  
| Normal Program Length | 48 Months  
| Program Start Date | 15 August 2012  
| Financials |  
| Estimated Average Costs for 9 Months |  
| Tuition and Fees | $39,700  
| Living Expenses | $13,200  
| Expenditure of Dependents (0) | $0  
| Books and Supplies | $1,400  
| Total | $54,300  
| Student's Funding for 9 Months |  
| Personal Funds | $0  
| Funds from This School | $0  
| Family | $54,300  
| On-Campus Employment | $0  
| Total | $54,300  
| Remarks |  
| School Attestation |  
| I certify under penalty of perjury that all information provided above was entered before I signed this form and is true and correct. I executed this form in the United States after review and evaluation in the United States by me or other officials of the school of the student's application, transcripts, or other records of courses taken and proof of financial responsibility, which were received at the school prior to the execution of this form. The school has determined that the above named student's qualifications meet all standards for admission to the school and the student will be required to pursue a full program of study as defined by 8 CFR 214.2(a)(6). I am a designated school official of the above named student and am authorized to issue this form.  
| Date Issued |  
| Place Issued |  
| Signature of: Stephanie Dvoracek, Associate Director | 14 January 2016  
| Student Attestation |  
| I have read and agreed to comply with the terms and conditions of my admission and those of any extension of stay. I certify that all information provided on this form refers specifically to me and is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I seek to enter or remain in the United States temporarily, and solely for the purpose of pursuing a full program of study at the school named above. I also authorize the named school to release any information from my records needed by DHS pursuant to 8 CFR 214.3(a) to determine my nonimmigrant status. Parent or guardian, and student, must sign if student is under 18.  
| Signature of: X X |  
| Name of Parent or Guardian |  
| Address (city/state or province/country) |  

ICE Form I-20 (3/31/2018)

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Documents

What is this?
I-94 Form

Electronic version available at
https://www.cbp.gov/travel/international-visitors/i-94

U.S. Entry Visa

Note: this document can expire while in the U.S.
KEEP YOUR IMMIGRATION DOCUMENTS UP TO DATE!
Why are you here?
REGISTER FOR A FULL COURSE LOAD!
Full Course Load

- Maintain a Full-Course Load
  - 12 credits fall/spring semester.
  - Summer is *not* a required semester to register *IF* it is *not* the first or last semester of study.
  - If summer is your first or last semester of study you must register a minimum of 6 credits.

- Automatic Exceptions to Full-Course Load
  - Thesis Research: may register for zero credits
  - 25% - 50% Graduate assistantship: 8 credits
  - Fellowship
  - Mandatory ESL: may reduce one 4 credit course for every required ESL course.
Requesting a Reduced Course Load

- **Must** be requested prior to dropping or registering below full time.

- F:1 Three Reasons to request a reduce course load:
  - Academic Reason: One opportunity (semester)
  - Medical Reason: 12 months
  - Final term of study: One opportunity (semester)

- J-1: Always allowable for bona fide academic or medical reasons.
Are international students allowed to work in the US?
DON’T WORK ILLEGALLY!
On Campus Employment

**F-1 Visa**
- “University of Illinois
- Must be with an employer providing ‘direct services to students’
- Needs no additional authorization

**J-1 Visa**
- Must be in a University Building
- Requires ISSS authorization to be entered into SEVIS
- HR has asked these students be issued verification letters
Off Campus Employment

- **F-1 Visa**
  - Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
    - During course of study
  - Must have been a full-time student for two consecutive semesters prior to applying
  - Optional Practical Training (OPT)
    - After completion of program (in most cases)
  - Must be related to your field of study

- **J-1 Visa**
  - Academic Training (AT)
    - During and after studies
  - Available immediately/accrued
  - Cannot exceed 18 months OR the length of your studies
  - Additional 18 months may be available for students who have completed a Doctorate degree
  - Must be related to your field of study
Supporting our students

- https://uofi.illinois.edu/blog/view/7019/457316
Questions?

Refer to ISSS:

- [http://www.isss.Illinois.edu](http://www.isss.Illinois.edu)
- Phone: 217-333-1303
- E-mail: isss@Illinois.edu
- Facebook: “University of Illinois International Student and Scholar Services”