

F-1 STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

An alien admitted to the United States as an F-1 student must meet certain obligations in order to maintain legal status. Here is an **overview** of USCIS regulations as they relate to F-1 students at Walsh College. Walsh College has International Student Advisor/DSO in the Admissions and Advising Office who can assist you with questions or problems. However, it is **your** responsibility to know and adhere to all USCIS and Walsh College regulations.

Under current USCIS regulations, an F-1 student must do the following to maintain status:

1. Attend the school he or she was authorized to attend (the school that issued the student's I-20). The student must make normal progress towards completing the course of study, by completing studies before the expiration date on the I-20.
2. Carry a **full course of study**. For undergraduate students, a full course of study is 12 or more semester credit hours. For graduate students, a full course of study is 6 or more semester credit hours. Students must pursue a full course of study during every academic session or semester except during official school breaks, or unless approved, in advance, under a specific exception by the Designated School Official (DSO).
3. Apply to the DSO to continue from one educational level to another (e.g. from the bachelor's program to the master's program) at the same school. Students must also notify the DSO when changing from one program to another (e.g. from the accounting program to the finance program) or when a name change occurs.
4. Remain in the U.S. no longer that 60 days after completing the full course of study, unless the student has followed procedures for applying for practical training, an extension or change of program, or school transfer.
5. Have a passport that is kept valid at all times, unless exempt from the passport requirement.
6. Not work, either on or off campus, unless specifically authorized to do so.
7. Report a change of address to the international student advisor/DSO within 10 days of the change.
8. Fully and truthfully disclose all information requested by USCIS.
9. Obey all federal and state laws.
10. Health insurance must be purchased from Walsh College and must be valid at all times.

Information provided here should not be construed as legal advice. You may want to consult an immigration attorney to see how the law may apply in your situation. It is the ***student's responsibility*** to notify the DSO of any changes that affect his/her status.

I, _____, certify that I have read and understand the above statements.
(print name)

Signature of Student

Date