



International Student Travel FAQ

Question: As an F1 or J1 student, what do I need to re-enter the U.S. after traveling abroad?

- Your F1 I-20 or J1 DS-2019, signed in the last 12 months by an ISSS advisor
- A passport that is valid six months from the date of re-entry to the U.S.
- A valid F1 or J1 student visa (Citizens of Canada do not need a visa)
- Verification of enrollment
 - (<http://www.colorado.edu/registrar/records-verifications/enrollment-verification>)
- Proof of funding
- Proof of having paid the SEVIS fee (I-901 fee)
 - If you no longer have your SEVIS fee receipt, you can print a copy at <https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/index.jsp>.

Question: Do I need my original I-20 or DS-2019 or can I use a copy?

- You must present an original I-20 or DS-2019 at the port of entry
- You must always present your **most recent** I-20 or DS-2019 for your current F1 or J1 record at the port of entry!

Question: Will I get an I-94 when I re-enter the U.S.?

- U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has automated the Form I-94 at air and sea ports of entry. The paper form will no longer be provided to an international traveler upon arrival, except in limited circumstances. A paper Form I-94 is still issued at the land border ports of entry.

Question: Where can I get a copy of my I-94?

- A copy of your I-94 (record of admission) can be obtained from www.cbp.gov/I94. Please print your I-94 upon return and confirm the status is correct (F1 or J1) and that you are admitted for D/S (Duration of Status)

Question: Should the Port of Entry Officer stamp my passport?

- Yes! The Port of Entry Officer should stamp your passport. The stamp should be a date stamp reflecting the date of entry and the correct port of entry. Please make sure the Port of Entry Officer also notates your status (F-1 or J-1), and writes D/S, which means you are admitted to the U.S. for Duration of Status

Question: I am currently outside the U.S. and I forgot my I-20/DS-2019 or the signature is more than a year old! What do I do?

- Please contact ISSS right away and ISSS will try to send you a new I-20 or DS-2019
- If ISSS cannot provide you with a new I-20 or DS-2019 prior to your re-entry, then you will most likely be provisionally admitted for a period of only 30 days with a form I-515. You will have 30 days to mail in Form I-515 with whatever missing documents you had at the time of entry. If you receive an I-515, please come speak with an ISSS advisor immediately.

Question: Can I re-enter the U.S. after I have completed my F1 or J1 program using my F1 or J1 visa?

- F1 or J1 students cannot re-enter the U.S. during their grace period using their F1 or J1 visa.
- If you have been authorized for OPT or AT, please email cusevis@colorado.edu for travel questions.

For any other questions you have regarding international travel, please visit the ISSS website at <http://www.colorado.edu/oie/information-all-international-students/preparing-travel> or speak with an ISSS advisor.

Safe travels!