



F-1 STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

A person 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. Walsh has an International Student Advisor/DSO in the Academic 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. F-1 students are held to the same policies and procedures as all Walsh College students as this pertains to tuition refunds, financial responsibilities, add/drop policies, and the like, enumerated in the Walsh College Student Handbook and Course Catalog.

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 (bachelor's) students, a full course of study is 12 or more semester credit hours. For graduate (master's or doctoral) 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). All students can take only **one** online class per semester.
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 or master's to doctoral) 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).
4. Remain in the U.S. no longer than 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 off campus unless authorized or work on campus no more than 20 hours during active enrollment
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 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 their status.

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

Signature

Date

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