



September 2024 NEWS

Welcome to our new students! This is the Office of International Services (OIS) monthly update. It is full of immigration information and compliance reminders. This is general information and may not apply directly to everyone.

F-1 Student 30 day Reporting Period

At the beginning of each semester, our office is required by the Student Exchange Visitor Program to report your enrollment and updated US physical address. We do this by pulling data from the student database.

What do you need to do?

1. Update your mailing address in OASIS with your current address in the US.
2. Enroll in full-time credit hours.
 - a. Undergraduate Students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (only 3 credit hours can be online).
 - b. Graduate Students must be enrolled in at least 9 credit hours (only 3 credit hours can be online).
3. Take the majority of your classes at your home campus. This is the campus listed on your SEVIS I-20.

Our office is sending out automatic emails to students who are under enrolled, enrolled in too many online courses, and not enrolled in enough courses at their home campus. **If you get one of these emails**, please fix your situation OR contact our advisors via virtual drop in, walk in hours, or email F1status@usf.edu. You can also attend our weekly F1/J1 Status Maintenance Q&A Team Sessions.

Working On-Campus

International students should look for Student Employment or OPS positions since they do not qualify for FWS (federal work-study) positions. Go [here](#) to begin your job search and [here](#) for an overview of on-campus employment.

F-1 students are allowed to work up to 20 hours per week in an on-campus job ONLY at their home campus. This is the campus listed on the SEVIS I-20. J-1 students can also work a maximum of 20 hours per week but need special permission from OIS.

Permanent foreign address

F-1 students must maintain a permanent address outside the US. It is a status violation to change this address to a US address. If you get an email from our office about your foreign address, please take action immediately.

Workshops and Presentations

F1/J1 Status Maintenance Q&A – Sept 5 at 10am

Join our Current Student Team for an informative session via Microsoft Teams about the standard requirements for Program Extension, Reduce Course Load, Transferring Out, an Authorized Early Withdrawal, etc. This session welcomes all current and enrolled students holding F1 or J1 visas. <https://cglink.me/2k5/r1958924>

F1/J1 Status Maintenance Q&A – Sept 16 at 10am

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Optional Practical Training Q&A – September 20 at 10am

Students interested in employment after graduation as an F-1 student, should plan to join the Practical Training Advisors for a Q&A via Microsoft Teams. Students should have already reviewed the provided [OPT information](#) on the OIS website prior to attending the session. <https://cglink.me/2k5/r1961687>

F1/J1 Status Maintenance Q&A – Sept 26 at 10am

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Post OPT Work Visa Info Session – Sept 27 at 1pm

Join us to explore the complex array of US work visas available for pursuing employment throughout the US after OPT. Presented by the law firm of Ogletree Deakins. Location: Patel Center for Global Solutions (CGS) Auditorium. Limited seating availability – Reserve at <https://cglink.me/2k5/r1963954>

Tax Help Session

New this Fall! Our Tax Intern is offering two weekly tax help sessions this semester: one online and one in person. For updated tax information, please visit our website [here](#). If you have questions beyond what's available online, join one of these help sessions, where our Tax Intern will assist you.

Session Times:

- **Wednesday:** 5:30pm - 6:30pm (In person at BEH 255).
- **Thursday:** 1:30pm - 3:00pm (Online). Book your session [here](#).

Hurricane Season

September is the peak of Hurricane Season. You need to get prepared now.

- Learn more about storms at USF World's [Hurricane page](#).
- Celebrate **Hurricane Awareness Day** on Sept 10 from 4pm to 6- FAO 1st Floor Lobby. Brought to you by the [International Student Support Team](#). Seasoned experts in disaster preparedness lead this interactive and informative session. <https://cglink.me/2k5/r1963892>
- Take the USF World's **Hurricane Course** in Canvas as soon as possible. To access the course, log into your canvas account first, then click on this link - <https://usflearn.instructure.com/courses/1874164>

In the event of a storm, OIS will email your USF email with instructions. F-1 and J-1 students must use a special eform in iStart to Check in Pre and Post Storm.

Check out the OIS Help Videos

Our staff has produced a growing number of videos to guide you on various immigration topics. Go [here](#) to view.

USF Fall 2024 Semester Important Dates

- September 20 – Deadline to reinstate courses cancelled for non-payment
- October 11 – Tuition payment due for GA's, students with waivers, and deferments



Join our BullsConnect Group - https://bullsconnect.usf.edu/INTLSVCS/club_signup



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Virtual Drop-In via Teams ([E-Form](#) in [iStart](#)) - Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 11am-1pm & Thurs 1pm-2pm
Walk-in Hours Tampa Campus ([BEH Map](#)) - Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 1pm-2pm & Thurs 2pm-4pm
Visit Schedule to USF St Pete & Sarasota - <https://www.usf.edu/world/international-services/about-us/contact-us.aspx>