

F-1 Travel Outside the United States

This form must be completed by the student and attached to the most recent copy of the I-20 form. The form and I-20 should be submitted to an International Student Advisor at least two weeks prior to leaving the United States.

F-1 students are eligible to travel outside the United States while they are pursuing their academic objectives (i.e. language training or associate degree) or are engaged in Optional Practical Training. In order to return to the United States, students must have:

- Passport valid for at least six months in the future
- Valid F-1 visa
- Current I-20 with an International Student Advisor's signature on the 2nd page

NOTE. NOVA recommends that the I-20 be signed within five months of the return date.

Students with Optional Practical Training must have the documents listed above as well as their **Employment Authorization Document**. Students who are employed should carry a letter from their supervisor stating that they are employed and listing their job duties.

Students who return late or miss too many classes will be dropped. Being dropped from classes will result in the I-20 being terminated. College students are expected to:

- Register for classes on time
- Know when classes begin and return on time
- Make arrangements with professors if classes will be missed

The International Student Advisor will confirm that the student is currently maintaining F-1 status and is eligible to continue their studies or OPT after they return to the United States. The I-20 will be signed and this form will be stapled to the I-20.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

NOVA ID#: _____ Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I have read the information about my responsibilities. I will be responsible to return on time for classes. If I will miss any classes during the semester, I will be responsible for making arrangements with my professors.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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