



Office of International Students & Scholars **F-1 Reinstatement**

Students who remain in violation of legal status cannot be employed on or off campus (such as OPT and CPT).

Some reasons that a student could violate their F-1 status:

1. Not taking enough credits one or more semesters.
2. Not registering for one or more semesters without prior authorization.
3. Not applying for an extension of stay before the end date on the I-20.

If the reasons above apply to you, then you need to bring the following to the OISS:

Passport, visa, I-94 card and I-20.

Unofficial transcripts, Account summary and Current registration.

Proof of funding dated within the past year (bank statement or department letter).

Application for reinstatement to F-1 student status in the US requires the following:

1. Complete I-539 form (Sample Attached).
2. Money order of \$300.00 USD payable to: **Department of Homeland Security.**
3. Student letter explaining the reasons as to why you violated your status, state that failure to receive reinstatement would result in extreme hardship to you, you are not engaging in unauthorized employment, you are currently pursuing a full course of study at USU. Also, include that you intend on exiting the US once program of study is finished, you are financially able to fund yourself, and that you are not just prolonging your stay here in the US.
4. Proof of finances for the rest of your study.
5. New reinstatement I-20 issued by the OISS.

Once everything has been reviewed and finalized you will send it to the California Service Center. If you are granted reinstatement, your new I-20 will be stamped with the date of reinstatement and sent back to you. This puts you immediately back into lawful status. If denied, you will be given a date for voluntary departure.

Procedure to regain F-1 status by re-entry in US from home country:

1. New I-20 issued by OISS for the semester of reinstatement. This I-20 will be taken to home country.
2. Proof of new finances (bank statement/department letter) if current I-20 is less than one year old.
3. Request for a new entry VISA at the American Consulate in home country (if needed).

****Student will be entering the US in legal status, but must begin a new nine month consecutive time in legal status before applying for off campus employment, including practical training.**