

D. Study Abroad Program

I am participating in a study abroad program.

In order for your SEVIS record to remain Active you must meet the following criteria:

- You must be pursuing a full-time course of study during your absence. Obtain a letter from your academic adviser stating that you will be engaged in a full-time study abroad program that meets your degree requirements. Carry that letter with you when you travel.
- You should submit a Reduced Course Load Form if you will be full-time but your credits will not appear on your UMN record at the start of the semester. A new Reduced Course Load Form is required every semester that you will be enrolled less than full time at UMN.
- You must continue to provide a U.S. mailing address in the "Current Mailing Address" section on MyU during your absence.
- Prior to returning, ensure that you have a valid re-entry signature on page 2 of your I-20.

Term(s) you will be participating in the study abroad program Country

Date of departure from the U.S. Expected month/year of return

E. Full-Time Research Outside of the U.S.

I am departing the U.S. for more than 5 months to conduct full-time research for my degree program.

- Your SEVIS record will remain active during your absence.
- Obtain a letter from your academic advisor stating that you will be engaged in full-time research while you are outside of the U.S. Carry that letter with you when you travel.
- You must maintain active academic status in the Graduate School by enrolling for thesis credits or Grad 999 during every semester of your absence.
- If you enroll for less than 6 credits (including Grad 999), you must also submit a Reduced Course Load Form every semester of your absence so your SEVIS record is not terminated due to less than full-time enrollment.
- You must continue to provide a U.S. mailing address in the "Current Mailing Address" section on MyU during your absence.
- Prior to returning, ensure that you have a valid re-entry signature on page 2 of your I-20.

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F. Change of Visa Status

I will apply or have applied to change my visa status to

- If you are applying for a new visa status, the application must be received by USCIS within 60 days of your degree, exchange program, or OPT completion date.
- If you have a pending change of status, you must provide documentary evidence of your application, such as your I-797 receipt notice.

My change of status has been approved. New visa type Effective date

G. Other

Date of departure from the U.S.

SIGNATURE

STATEMENT: I certify that I have discussed my intended departure with an ISSS advisor and I understand how my departure affects my F-1 SEVIS record and my ability to return to the U.S. in the future. I will notify ISSS immediately if my plans change.

Student's Signature

ISSS will complete this section:

Date submitted to ISSS International student advisor initials Transferred in SEVIS Evidence of COS included