J-1 REGULATIONS

UMass Dartmouth: International Student Orientation
http://www.umassd.edu/international_students/
REQUIRED CHECK IN

• The International Student & Scholar Center (ISSC) is located in Pine Dale Hall. Our hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5pm. We are closed weekends and holidays or University closings.

• All J-1 students are required to “CHECK IN” at the ISSC upon arrival to campus. Please bring your Student ID Card (UMass Pass).
WHAT HAPPENS AT CHECK IN?

• We verify your physical presence at UMass Dartmouth

• You will complete an electronic form (eForm) using your UMassD username and password.

• You will receive an urgent email after you complete the eForm which will require you to upload the following documents: J-1 Visa, I-94 Record, Entry Stamp, signed DS-2019
J - 1 EXCHANGE STUDENTS

International Programs Office (IPO)
• Success & happiness 😊
• Academic requirements
• Advising & processes
• Exchange agreement questions
• Billing & financial issues

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International Student & Scholar Center (ISSC)
• CHECK IN
• VISA COMPLIANCE
• VISA ASSISTANCE

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LET’S TALK ABOUT:

- The J-1 Visa
- How to Maintain Status
- Employment
- Resources/Communication

You MUST know this information to be successful during your time in the US. Just as students have certain regulations that must be followed to maintain status, the ISSC staff as representatives of the University have regulations to follow as well.
• Under both the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State
• Exchange Visitors participate in the Exchange Visitor Program within a particular EV category (20):

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• Funding for the participant is in part provided by home country and/or host institution or both as part of the agreement

• In the academic program for one or more semesters depending on the academic program

• Degree seeking student is registered at University until the degree is completed

• The non-degree J exchange student will return to their home institution to complete degree program after one or two semesters

• Must maintain full time registration and good academic standing
J-1 STATUS

Status refers to the actual activity for which a person has been admitted to the United States.

For example...for J-1 students that activity is being a “student.” Not maintaining status means not participating in the actions of a student.

- You may be part of a formal exchange program between your school and UMass Dartmouth
- Or you are here to seek a degree or for a specific academic program and you are funded by an institution, school, or government agency such as the US Fulbright, or another agency in your home country — not just by personal funds.
- You must be and remain a full time student, in good academic standing, working toward a formally defined academic program (a specially formulated program under an exchange agreement, or, in some cases, a degree program).
The visa is a document in the passport. It is authorization from the US Department of State to present yourself at a port or point of entry to the United States and request admission to enter the US in a particular status. For example, your J-1 visa indicates that you wished to enter the US as a J-1 “student.”
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EXCHANGE VISITOR STATUS (J-NONIMMIGRANT)

U.S. Department of State

1.  Surname/Primary Name: J-I

2.  Program Sponsor: UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS DARTMOUTH

3.  Form Covers Period: From 08-22-2016 To 12-20-2016

4.  Exchange Visitor: PAT MOONEY

5.  Alternate Responsible Officer:

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6.  During the period covered by this form, the total estimated financial support (in U.S. $) to be provided to the exchange visitor by:

- Current Program Sponsor Funds: 0
- Personal Funds: 0

7.  Beginning new program, accompanied by number (0) of immediate family members.

8.  Statement of Responsible Officer for Releasing Sponsor (for TRANSFER OF PROGRAM)

   Effective Date (mm-dd-yyyy):
   Signatures of Responsible Officer or Alternate Responsible Officer:
   Date (mm-dd-yyyy):

   Preliminary Endorsement of Consular or Immigration Officer Regarding Section 212(e) of the IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT AND PL 94-246, AS AMENDED

   RE:  2016-00000000

   Date (mm-dd-yyyy):
   Signature of Consular or Immigration Officer:

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   UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

   The U.S. Department of State reserves the right to make final determination regarding 222(e) status in its discretion.

   Exchange Visitor Certification: I have read and agree with the statement at item 2 on page 1 of this document.

   Signature of Applicant: 
   Date (mm-dd-yyyy):

   Filing Fee: $0.00

   Date of PRELIMINARY ENDORSEMENT: 2016-01-28

   Certification Due Date: 09/30/2017

   Estimated Return Date: 11-30-2017

   ESTIMATED BURDEN TIME: 45 min

   OMB APPROVAL NO. 1405-0036

   09/30/2017

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Student & Exchange Visitor Information System:

This is the database system that must be used to create records for each F-1 student and J-1 exchange visitor who comes into the United States. This database is how your DS-2019 was created and printed. The University or the agency must update your records, and report any changes such as your address, employment or completion of academic programs.
OTHER TERMS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

I-94 RECORD

- You can find your I-94 online at https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94
  Shows your last entry and travel history!

D/S: DURATION OF STATUS

- The notation marked on your I-94 and in your passport indicating you can remain in the U.S. as long as your DS-2019 is active and valid.

RO: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER

- The individual on campus who is responsible for the J-1 Program. The ARO is the Alternate Responsible Officer. Only these individuals can access the SEVIS database on behalf of the J-1s and sign the DS-2019.
Two-Year Rule

- Some J-1 students are subject to the “two-year home residence requirement.” This is often the case if some or all of the funding is from the home country or a US government agency. Fulbright scholars are an example.

- They may not remain in the U.S. to move to certain other U.S. visa types, they must instead return to their home country for at least two years.

- If you have a notation on your entry visa then you are subject. Basically it means you cannot return to the US in an H, K or L visa or as a permanent resident until you have spent two years in your home country.
How do I stay in status?

- Your primary activity is to study. You must study full-time in the program, meet its requirements (good academic standing), and make steady progress towards completion of your program or degree.

- Full time is defined at 9 credits for a graduate student and at least 12 credits for an undergraduate. The ISSC can refer you to academic advising. For the Exchange Students, the IPO can assist with this.

- You must update your local address in your COIN account within 10 days of any move. This information will then be updated in our systems in the ISSC (Sunapsis and your SEVIS record).
How do I stay in status?

• You may only accept on or off-campus employment with permission of the appropriate Responsible Officer first. (Note: different for F-1 students.)

• An extension of the time period on your DS-2019 might be possible if you are remaining for the same or a similar educational purpose in a new or extended program.

• An extension must be requested and approved on time, before the expiration date on your present DS-2019 by the International Student & Scholar Center (ISSC) or your agency.

What happens if I do not maintain my status?

The University is REQUIRED by law to report to SEVIS on your activities including failure to maintain status.
WHAT MUST THE UNIVERSITY REPORT TO SEVIS?

- Withdrawal from classes! (DS-2019 is cancelled)
- Your arrival
- Your full time registration every semester!
- Name change!
- School transfer
- No health insurance? (DS-2019 is cancelled)
- Your US ADDRESS
- If you are not making progress towards completing your program
- Dependent information!
- Leave of absence
- Site of activity
- Unauthorized work! (DS-2019 is cancelled)
- Your phone #, email address
- If J-2 departs the US (without intention of returning)

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN YOUR STATUS.

VISIT HTTP://WWW.UMASSD.EDU/INTERNATIONAL_STUDENTS FOR MORE INFORMATION!
EMPLOYMENT

• All J-1 students must receive the approval of the Responsible Officer (RO) or Alternate Responsible Officer (ARO) for any kind of employment, including on campus employment. This must occur before you begin employment.

• You must be in good academic standing.

• You must remain a full-time student in your program.

• You may not work more than 20 hours per week during academic semesters.
EMPLOYMENT

ON CAMPUS
• You will have to apply for and be approved for a Social Security Number before any employment paperwork can be processed. Some students find specific on-campus employment after arrival.
• You do not need to demonstrate financial hardship to work on campus.
• It is important to inform ISSC staff so they can update your DS 2019 and report employment to SEVIS. You must receive a letter from the RO in order to work on campus.

OFF CAMPUS
• Academic Training provides the opportunity for J-1 students to work in their field of study in an off-campus position.
• It can occur part-time during the academic program or full-time after the program.
• Part of the ISSC approval process requires two things:
  o An official offer of employment from the prospective employer, and
  o An approval letter from the academic department affirming this position is appropriate for your field of study and your degree level.
• The approval must occur before the end date on the DS-2019.
HEALTH INSURANCE

• All enrolled international students must carry health insurance.

• J-1 non-degree students in University exchange programs may be covered by health insurance from their home countries. It is your responsibility to determine if your insurance meets the US Department of State and Massachusetts requirements.

• J-1 degree student must purchase UMass Dartmouth student health insurance.

• J-1 Fulbright scholars may use the insurance provided by their agency but must request a waiver from the University health insurance.
HEALTH INSURANCE: NEW REQUIREMENTS

• New US Department of State insurance requirements for J-1 exchange visitors took effect on May 15, 2015.

• All J-1 visa holders and their dependents (J-2 visa holders) must have health insurance that meets the US Department of State minimum requirements:
  o [http://www.umassd.edu/international_students/informationforf-1andj-1students/j-1visainformation/healthinsurance/](http://www.umassd.edu/international_students/informationforf-1andj-1students/j-1visainformation/healthinsurance/)

• All J-1 visa holders must complete the Health Insurance Compliance Form, sign and return to the ISSC!
30 DAY GRACE PERIOD

A J-1 visitor may remain in the U.S. for an additional 30 days after the conclusion of the program of study (unlike the F-1 students, who have a 60-day grace period).

This time may be used for travel or tourism, but in the U.S. only. If you leave the U.S. even to travel to Canada or Mexico during the grace period you will NOT be able to return to the U.S. on the DS-2019.

You may not be employed or study during this grace period.
RESOURCES

• http://www.umassd.edu/international_students
• http://j1visa.state.gov
• http://travel.state.gov/content/visas/english/study-exchange/exchange.html

ISSC COMMUNICATION

• The ISSC will communicate with you using your UMASS DARTMOUTH email address!
• Please look out for emails from isolist or intl_office@umassd.edu or our ISSC team:
  Tina Bruen
  Meg Houghton
  Pat Mooney
  Anne Frates

GET INVOLVED in cross cultural ACTIVITIES!!!
Welcome! Enjoy this experience!

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