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## RE-ESTABLISHING F-1 STATUS THROUGH RE-ENTRY

### ISSC Re-Entry Application Checklist

The following two pages will help you prepare for re-establishing F-1 status by leaving and re-entering the U.S. Please be sure you have read Violation of F-1 Visa Status before proceeding.

**Please Note:** Receiving a dismissal from the University for *any* reason may make you ineligible for reinstatement through UMass Dartmouth. Please consult with the ISSC before proceeding.

- Set up an appointment with the [International Student & Scholar Center](#) (ISSC). A staff member will review all your documents and prepare a new I-20.
- To prepare for your appointment, complete an ISSC Re-Entry Application Form (page 2) and assemble **two** sets of the documents listed below; one for you to keep and one for your ISSC file.
  - If necessary, you may be asked to complete a [Program Extension Form](#).
  - Original financial documents, including sponsor statement, if your funding includes a sponsor. Please use the Declaration of Finances form found on the [ISSC website](#). Please note that you will need new notarized support letters if you have a financial sponsor. Financial statements older than six months will not be accepted. You will need enough money for the semester you re-enter, up to one year, or up to the date you and your adviser determine is the new end date for the I-20, if this period is less than a year. Your funding should include tuition, fees, and health insurance for your remaining period of study, plus living expenses of at least \$1000 per month for that period. If you have dependents in the U.S., you will need *extra* money for them for the remaining period, as specified in the Declaration of Finances mentioned above.
  - A copy of the biographical pages of your most recent passport (valid for at least 6 months into the future), F-1 visa, and I-94 record. When you leave the U.S. you will turn in your current I-94 record and receive a new one on re-entry.
  - Your most recent SEVIS I-20; a new I-20 will be created at the ISSC, pending a satisfactory review of your documents.
  - You will have to pay the SEVIS fee. You may find further information at the following web pages: <http://www.ice.gov/sevis/i901/faq3.htm>.
  - If your entry visa has expired, you will need to make an appointment with a consulate outside the U.S. and should arrange to pay the SEVIS fee at least three days before your consular appointment, so the fee payment can be seen in your SEVIS record. You should also review the [visa process at the consulate](#) that you plan to visit in case their process has changed.
  - We recommend that you carry the following documents with you while you travel; we will review this list at your ISSC appointment:
    - Official transcript showing enrollment in the semester of re-entry, or a certificate of enrollment, or both
    - If you will be traveling during the semester, a letter from your department showing permission to travel home for an emergency and to complete assignments online while traveling
    - Letter from ISSC explaining your circumstances and supporting your re-entry and return (optional)
  - Please visit the ISSC when you return so we can update your SEVIS records and report your enrollment.

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**RE-ESTABLISHING F-1 STATUS BY RE-ENTRY**

**ISSC Re-Entry Application Form**

**General Information**

This form must be completed and submitted to the International Student & Scholar Center (ISSC) along with **two** sets of the documents outlined on the **Re-entry Application Checklist**; one set is for your own files and one is for your ISSC file. We will be glad to answer any questions you may have when you meet with us about your re-entry application.

Please be sure you have read **Violation of F-1 Visa Status** before proceeding.

Students who fail to maintain their student status in the United States are required to obtain a reinstatement to F-1 student status. Students may fall out of status for many different reasons including but not limited to failure to enroll, failure to maintain academic progress, unauthorized part time enrollment, etc. The SEVIS record of a student who has fallen out of status must be “terminated” along with the appropriate reason. A student who is “out of status” is **not** eligible for any benefits of the F-1 status.

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| Family Name                         |        | Given Name                             |                   | Middle Name |          |
| UMass Student ID #:                 |        |  | SEVIS ID #:       |             |          |
| UMass Email Address:                |        |  | Telephone Number: |             |          |
| Date of Birth:                      | Major: | Date of completion on most recent I-20 |                   |             |          |
| Expected Graduation (Semester/Year) |        |  |                   |             |          |
| Local Address                       |        | City                                   |                   | State       | Zip Code |
| Permanent Address                   |        |  |                   |             |          |
| City                                |        | Province                               |                   | Postal Code | Country  |
| Do you have F-2 Dependents?         |        | Yes                                    |                   | No          |          |

I have fully and accurately completed the above application, have followed the Re-Entry Application Checklist, and I understand the regulations regarding loss of status. If I have any questions, I will consult with an ISSC advisor.

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| Signature: | Date: |
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