

Maintaining F-1 Status

FOR QUESTIONS RELATED TO YOUR F-1 STATUS, PLEASE VISIT THE WEIGAND CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH AN ADVISOR, OR EMAIL INTERNATIONAL@ELMHURST.EDU



1.) MAINTAIN CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION

U.S. federal law requires F-1 non-immigrant visa holders to maintain current contact information with the University at all times. Any changes to your address, telephone number or email address should be updated within 10 days of the change.

2.) MAINTAIN VALID DOCUMENTS

- Passport (check expiration date)
- I-20 (check expiration date)
- I-94 card (view and print at: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home>)



3.) MAINTAIN A FULL-TIME CREDIT LOAD DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR

Undergraduate students: 3 EC course credits
Graduate students: 1.5 EC course credits

4.) DO NOT WORK WITHOUT LEGAL AUTHORIZATION IN ADVANCE

You must obtain specific employment permission from your advisor to accept ANY employment off-campus whether it is paid or unpaid. Permission must be obtained IN ADVANCE! Your total combined number of hours of employment on and off-campus must never exceed 20 hours per week while school is in session.



5.) FOLLOW THE PROPER PROCEDURE TO TRANSFER SCHOOLS

If you are transferring to Elmhurst College from another U.S. institution or from EC to another U.S. institution, you must complete a legal (SEVIS) as well as an academic transfer. This must be completed in a timely fashion; as soon as you know that you will transfer, make an appointment with your advisor for information on the proper procedure, necessary documents, and deadlines.

6.) FILE THE PROPER U.S TAX FORMS EVERY YEAR, EVEN IF YOU HAVE NOT WORKED IN THE U.S

Please see your advisor for more information