



Travel Authorization for F1 and J1 Visa Holders

F-1 and J-1 students are allowed to travel during Summer and semester breaks (including spring break, fall break, and holidays). The Office of International Affairs will not approve travel for students during the semester unless it meets the criteria for emergency travel. Please note that there may be country specific travel restrictions in effect worldwide and in some places routine U.S. visa services have been suspended or delayed. Students who are switching programs or transferring to another school do not require travel authorizations and will enter the U.S. with their new I-20. If your visa is expired, delay travel until you have booked an appointment with enough time to renew your visa. Please note that airlines around the world frequently cancel flights. Before returning to campus, please make sure to review CDC travel guidelines. Please note that our staff cannot guarantee your re-entry to the U.S. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have all documents to enter the U.S. or any other country that you visit. Our office cannot provide advising on entry/exit for any country other than the U.S. It is important that students and scholars understand the risks of international travel. If you do decide to travel and are unable to reenter the U.S., you may:

- x be unable to keep your assistantship (Graduate students cannot hold assistantships while outside the U.S.)
- x be unable to keep scholarships and/or on-campus employment
- x be unable to complete your degree program
- x lose a semester of eligibility for OPT and CPT
- x owe rent even that you may be legally bound to pay
- x be required to reapply for admission - Students who skip a major term (Spring or Fall), are required to apply for readmission

Travel Information & Required Documents

Please travel with the items listed below for reentry to the U.S. in F-1/J-1 status:

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