

Facts about SEVIS and the New Immigration Regulations:
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What is SEVIS?

SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Information System) has been designated as an integral part of the homeland security legislation of the US.

SEVIS implementation has two components:

- The Regulations (specifications of benefits and limitations of the F and J visas) which began January 1, 2003.
- The Electronic Database (for collection, monitoring, and reporting information) which began January 30, 2003.

SEVIS includes three major groups of people:

- Students and their dependents (on F and J visas).
- Students who have been authorized practical or academic training.
- Scholars (visiting faculty and researchers) and their dependents (on F and J visas).

SEVIS produces a new type of I-20 and DS-2019 for students and scholars.

What do SEVIS and the New Regulations Require?

SEVIS requires the institution to electronically monitor and report changes and updates in Personal Events for international students and scholars (and their dependents). *SEVIS* requires you to report to OISS within 10 days and for OISS to report to *SEVIS* within 11-30 days any changes in these events:

- Current local address
- Permanent foreign address
- Name and citizenship
- Completion of program
- Dependents
- Reporting to the institution when required
- Termination of studies or objectives
- Financial information
- Certain disciplinary actions resulting from convictions of crimes

SEVIS requires the institution to electronically monitor and report changes in Academic Events specifically related to the international student within 30 days:

- Enrollment
- Non-enrollment
- Full course credit load
- Course of study (F) or objective (J)
- Practical Training (F) and Academic Training (J)
- Transferring to and from UD

SEVIS limits the reasons and duration for dropping below a full-time course load. You must consult with OISS PRIOR to attempting to drop for the following reasons:

- Placement in a course for which the student is inappropriately prepared
- Medical problems
- English language difficulties (usually first semester only)
- Final semester of course work

What are the penalties for not following SEVIS requirements?

SEVIS requires the institution to terminate your legal status in the US for the following reasons:

- For students working on their thesis Or dissertation, failure to register for zero credit hours by the end of late registration each semester (excluding summer).
- For any international student failing to register full-time by the end of late registration each semester (excluding summer).
- Failure to request in ADVANCE permission:
 - To change your program of study
 - For employment
 - To drop below full-time enrollment
- Failure to meet timely obligations:
 - Requesting OPT or AT
 - Request an extension of your program if needed
 - Report completion of program of studies if earlier than completion date on I-20 or DS-2019
 - Report new local address within 10 days of change (for self and dependents)
 - Failure to enroll in Fall or Spring semester
- Termination will also occur for the following reasons:
 - Unauthorized withdrawal from UD or failure to attend classes
 - Suspension or expulsion or other disciplinary action as warranted
 - Inappropriate transfer from another institution
 - Authorized early withdrawal from UD
 - Illegal and or unauthorized employment
 - Absence from the US for more than 5 months

Key Penalties: (1) SEVIS creates nearly zero tolerance for errors of negligence and forgetfulness regarding deadlines of monitoring and reporting as specified above. The consequences of this failure are that you will have to leave the US and attempt return with a new immigration document. This can be a costly proposition. (2) If the institution poorly complies with SEVIS monitoring and reporting requirements, it could result in the loss of UD's ability to accept and enroll international students and scholars.

What role does OISS have?

OISS has the responsibility to interface with SEVIS, the Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Service (BCIS, formerly INS), and the Department of State (DOS). OISS is committed to interpreting the regulations of the BCIS and DOS in order to assist all foreign students and scholars in their educational objectives and progress at UD. To meet these goals, OISS requests that foreign students and scholars provide updates in their personal and academic data in a timely manner and in accordance with the regulations.

I have read and understand the information contained on these 2 pages.

Student/Scholar (Please print your name)

Signature

Date