

Checklist of Procedures to Apply for F-1 Reinstatement

We encourage each student considering filing a reinstatement application to meet one on one with an International Student Advisor to assess their individual case and also so we can offer assistance with preparing the materials that will need to be mailed to USCIS to be considered for reinstatement to F1 student status.

- * Complete and sign Form I-539 (immigration form available in ISSO or USCIS website).
- * Write a letter addressed to USCIS requesting reinstatement, explaining the reasons for falling out of status and stating that you have not engaged in unauthorized employment.
- * Provide information that documents that you have been in status until the violation occurred and that you have intent to continue in F1 status (i.e., academic transcript).
- * Provide proof of financial support.
- * Provide photocopies of the passport, including the photo page, the page with the passport's expiration date, and the visa page.
- * Provide the original I-94 and a photocopy of the original I-20 (all I-20's issued by each school attended in the US).
- * Obtain a new Form I-20.
- * Pay a new SEVIS I-901 fee on line at www.fmjfee.com and include a copy of the printed receipt.
- * Include a check or money order for \$290 made payable to "USCIS"

If the reinstatement is approved, USCIS will endorse the new I-20 form to indicate that the student has been reinstated and return the I-20 to the student. If the reinstatement is not approved, the student will be given a "notice to appear" in immigration court to receive their deportation orders or can voluntarily depart the U.S.

Returning to F-1 status by Re-Entering the United States

An F-1 student who has failed to maintain status may not be reinstated to student status by leaving the U.S. and re-entering with a new Form I-20 that is marked "reinstatement". However, a student may depart the U.S. and return using a new Form I-20 marked "Initial Attendance" in Sect. 3(a).

Students may not regain status by taking part in the "automatic revalidation process" when returning to the U.S. after a visit of no more than thirty days to Canada, Mexico, or adjacent islands. **The entry visa of a student who has violated their status is no longer valid.**

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