



Pledge of compliance with U.S. Immigration Rules and Regulations

Compliance to immigration rules and regulations is critical in maintaining legal status. International students are responsible for knowing the policies and procedures for F-1 students. Failure to comply can result in deportation.

- You must maintain at least twelve credit hours each semester. Permission to enroll in less than twelve credits during any given semester must be authorized by a Blackburn College Designated School Official (P/DSO).
- If you cannot complete your program by the date specified on your I-20, you must apply for an extension through a P/DSO prior to the expiration date. Requests for extension should be submitted 30-60 days prior to the expiration date so that it can be processed before the I-20 expires.
- You must receive authorization and obtain a new I-20 from a P/DSO before changing from one academic field to another.
- You must report a change of address to a P/DSO within ten days of the change. The change will be reported to the United States Customs and Immigration Services (USCIS) via SEVIS.
- You must notify a P/DSO prior to traveling outside the U.S. so that your I-20 can be endorsed for travel. P/DSO endorsement for travel is valid for 12 months and requires renewal(s). Failing to obtain a DSO's signature will prevent you from re-entering the U.S.
- You are prohibited from working any on or off-campus job for pay without approval from a P/DSO and the U.S. government. Part-time paid positions are available while classes are in session, full-time on-campus employment is permissible during holidays and summer breaks. While there are a limited number of jobs with paid hours, international students are not guaranteed to receive them.

I certify that I have read the above information concerning maintaining legal status to study in the U.S. I understand that I must fully comply with all rules and regulations for F-1 students in order to remain in good standing. I further understand that the information listed above is not exhaustive and that I can direct any questions or concerns about my legal status to Blackburn College's P/DSO.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

For more information on immigration rules and regulations, contact Blackburn's P/DSO. Information can also be found at www.uscis.gov or www.educationusa.state.gov