

#### **International Technological University**

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# **Travel for F-1 Students**

### Initial Travel to the U.S.

You'll need a valid passport and visa along with supporting documentation to enter the U.S. You will also be subject to secondary inspection upon arrival.

Canadian citizens do not need a visa

If you have questions about what documents are needed visit the <u>embassy or consulate</u> where you'll apply for your visa.

## Travel Within the U.S.

Whenever you travel, even in the U.S., you should carry your travel endorsement I-20, original passport, I-94 and any supporting documentation with you.

To Request a travel endorsement signature:

- 1. Please fill out <u>F-1 Student Travel Request Form</u> to the International Student Office
- 2. The standard processing time for the travel signature request is 3-5 business days (not including weekends and holidays). The ISO will sign the 2nd page of your I 20 once we verified that you are in valid F-1 status.
- 3. ISO will inform you when your I-20 request is complete.

## Travel to Mexico, Canada & Adjacent Islands

You should find out if you need to apply for a visa to visit Mexico or Canada before you make your travel plans.

- See entry requirements for Mexico at Visit Mexico
- See entry requirements for Canada at Visiting Canada

**Automatic Visa Revalidation:** You can usually revalidate an expired F-1 visa automatically when returning from a visit of less than thirty days to Mexico, Canada, or one of the islands adjacent to the United States (other than Cuba) provided that you have a valid I-20 (with updated travel signature on the 3rd page) and passport. This process is known as automatic visa revalidation. However, if you have a terminated SEVIS record indicating that you are out of status, or you have been out the United States for more than 30 days, you will not be able to automatically re-validate your visa. For additional information, see **automatic visa revalidation** on the U.S. Department of State website.



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# If your F-1 visa in your passport IS EXPIRED, you will need to bring the following documents to the U.S. Consulate or Embassy as part of your F-1 visa application:

- o Valid passport (must be valid for at least six months into the future);
- Valid Form I-20 (be prepared to show the consulate all of your previous I-20s to confirm your valid initial and continuous stay in the U.S.);
- o Travel signature on the bottom of page second of the Form I-20 signed by an ISO within the last 6 months;
- Enrollment verification letter from ITU
- o Current proof of financial support; and
- o Copies of transcripts for every semester that you have been enrolled including the current semester.

# If your F-1 visa in your passport has NOT EXPIRED, you will need to take the following documents to return to the U.S.:

- Valid passport (must be valid for at least six months into the future);
- Valid I-20:
- o Travel signature on the bottom of page second of the Form I-20 signed by an ISO within the last 6 months; and
- o Valid F-1 visa in your passport
- \*Although not required, it is also good to have the following documents with you:
  - o Current proof of financial support; and
  - Copies of transcripts

Upon re-entry to the United States, please give ISO a copy of your new I-94 (front and back) or electronic copy and a copy of any new passport or F-1 visa information.

