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2025 TRAVEL RECOMMENDATIONS E-FORMS

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# 2025 CURRENT TRAVEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Updated June 5, 2025

CURRENT STUDENTS ▾

**This guidance is for the Northeastern Community on U.S. Campuses.**

*Please always review [OGS' resources on Travel \(https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/current-students/traveling/\)](https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/current-students/traveling/) prior to making plans to travel inside or outside of the U.S.*

*Please continue to review [OGS' Frequently Asked Questions on planning travel \(https://service.northeastern.edu/ogs?id=kb\\_article\\_view&sysparm\\_article=KB000022671\)](https://service.northeastern.edu/ogs?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB000022671) (requires NU credentials)*

## **June 20, 2025 Update**

The U.S. Department of State has officially resumed scheduling visa interviews for F-1 and J-1 student visa applicants. This means that students and scholars can now book their visa appointment at a local U.S. embassy or consulate. This is great news for all incoming international students preparing to join us for the upcoming academic term, and for all returning students who traveled home this summer and have an expired visa.

In addition, as part of new screening procedures implemented by the Department of State (DOS):

- Applicants must be prepared for their online presence to be reviewed as part of the visa application process
- Applicants are required to set their social media profiles to "public"

OGS continues to advise current students to avoid traveling internationally for the sole purposes of renewing their F/J visa.

For more information, please review OGS' Post here: [U.S. Department of State Resumes New Visa Issuance \(https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/u-s-department-of-state-resumes-new-visa-issuance/\)](https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/u-s-department-of-state-resumes-new-visa-issuance/)

### **June 5, 2025 Update**

The Trump administration has issued a presidential proclamation that will significantly impact international travel and the issuance of immigrant and nonimmigrant visas.

Beginning at 12:01 AM EST on June 9, 2025, visa issuance will be suspended for individuals from specific countries. This includes a full suspension for citizens of 12 countries across all visa types (including F and J), and a suspension of visa issuance for F, J, M, and B visa categories from 7 countries. These 19 countries include:

- Afghanistan
- Burma (Myanmar)
- Chad
- Republic of Congo
- Equatorial Guinea
- Eritrea

- Haiti
- Iran
- Libya
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Yemen
- Burundi
- Cuba
- Laos
- Sierra Leone
- Togo
- Turkmenistan
- Venezuela

Please review OGS' post here: [Travel Ban Restricts Visa Issuance and Travel to the U.S. for Nationals of Certain Countries](https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/travel_ban_restricts Visa Issuance and Travel to the U.S. for Nationals of Certain Countries)  
([https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/travel\\_ban\\_restricts Visa Issuance/](https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/travel_ban_restricts Visa Issuance/))

### **May 27, 2025 Update**

The U.S. Department of State temporarily paused the scheduling of new F-1/J-1 visa appointments while it reviews its procedures related to social media screening as part of the visa application process.

Due to this visa pause, OGS strongly recommends that students and alumni do not travel for the sole purpose of renewing their F/J visa.

Please review OGS' Post here: [U.S. Department of State Pauses New Visa Issuance](https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/u-s-department-of-state-pauses-new-visa-issuance/)  
(<https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/u-s-department-of-state-pauses-new-visa-issuance/>)

### **April 3, 2025 Update**

Please review OGS' [U.S. Immigration Legal Resources page](https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/immigration-legal-resources/#:-:text=your%20Northeastern%20credentials,-F%2D1/J%2D1%20VISA%20REVOCATIONS,-Updated%204/3)  
(<https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/immigration-legal-resources/#:-:text=your%20Northeastern%20credentials,-F%2D1/J%2D1%20VISA%20REVOCATIONS,-Updated%204/3>) where we have information for F-1 and J-1 students, scholars, and alumni, on F-1 and J-1 visa revocations.

Please also continue to  [\( \[\\*You will need to be logged into the self-service portal to access the FAQs. If you are unable to access the FAQs, click "login" in the top right corner of the page to log in with your Northeastern credentials.\\*\]\(https://service.northeastern.edu/ogs?id=kb\_article\_view&sysparm\_article=KB000022671&gl=1\*1r5kkkk\*\_gcl\_aw\*RONMLjE3Mzc0NzMzOTluRUJYUjRb2JDaE1JMMNPczRKQ0hpd01WVERNSUJSMWktd2VPRUFBWUFTQUFFZ0paZV9EX0J3RQ..\*\_gcl\_au\*MTc4ODE3MjcwLjE3MzYzNDY0MDE.\)](https://service.northeastern.edu/ogs?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB000022671&gl=1*1r5kkkk*_gcl_aw*RONMLjE3Mzc0NzMzOTluRUJYUjRb2JDaE1JMMNPczRKQ0hpd01WVERNSUJSMWktd2VPRUFBWUFTQUFFZ0paZV9EX0J3RQ..*_gcl_au*MTc4ODE3MjcwLjE3MzYzNDY0MDE.)

### **March 26, 2025 Update**

Upon taking office on January 20th, the Trump administration signed an [executive order](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whitehouse.gov%2Fpresidential-actions%2F2025%2F01%2Fprotecting-the-united-states-from-foreign-terrorists-and-others-national-security-and-public-safety-threats%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cj.christ%40northeastern.edu%7C3cb9512af6de40b1cfd108dd6c0b6d1d%7Ca8eec281aaa34daeac9b9a398b9215e7%7C0%7C0%7C638785518506966109%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydW)  
(<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whitehouse.gov%2Fpresidential-actions%2F2025%2F01%2Fprotecting-the-united-states-from-foreign-terrorists-and-others-national-security-and-public-safety-threats%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cj.christ%40northeastern.edu%7C3cb9512af6de40b1cfd108dd6c0b6d1d%7Ca8eec281aaa34daeac9b9a398b9215e7%7C0%7C0%7C638785518506966109%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydW>)

[UsllyiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIIAiOijXaW4zMilslkFOIjoiTWfPbClslldUljofyQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=tYGxkpqD3%2BHF BgpZ8mJobv8zUP5Jmf7xB1SPwPm5Duw%3D&reserved=0](https://www.dhs.gov/immigration-travel/entry-restriction) signaling its intention to restrict entry to the U.S. from “countries of particular concern.” We are writing to share resources and guidance for members of our global community and to urge those who might be affected to exercise caution when traveling or consider delaying international travel. Additionally, anyone who holds an Advanced Parole re-entry document (rather than a valid visa) and has discretionary protection (rather than legal status) may want to reconsider travel abroad.

While the administration has not announced any travel restrictions or bans, news reports suggest that it is likely to categorize nations in three groups — Red, Orange, and Yellow — with restrictions ranging from barred entry to a more rigorous visa application process. We expect these orders to face legal challenges and will keep you updated if there are additional updates to our travel guidance.

In addition, there have been increased reports of non-U.S. citizens encountering challenges when entering the U.S. Therefore, all travelers without U.S. citizenship should develop a contingency plan in case they have difficulty returning to the U.S.

1. If you are an enrolled student, plan any necessary travel during university vacations/recesses - students are strongly advised against traveling during required academic terms. Maintaining your status by making normal progress in your academic program, complying with attendance/absenteeism policies, and attending your on-ground courses in person is critical.

2. Follow all international travel guidance provided by OGS (<https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/current-students/traveling/international-travel/>)

3. Register Your Travel

(<https://globalsafety.northeastern.edu/travel-registry/>) with Northeastern. It is highly recommended that all students, faculty, and staff enter their travel itinerary and housing accommodations abroad in "My Travel Plans, (<https://globalsafety.northeastern.edu/travel-registry/>)" also called the "Travel Registry." This allows the university to communicate directly with travelers if unexpected events or conditions pose health or safety risks. In addition, it enables on-campus resources and external support providers to better respond to students, faculty, and staff who may need medical or security assistance.

4. Register your travel with your home country's embassy

5. Develop a contingency plan so that there are contacts on both sides of the port of entry who know to contact the appropriate Embassy if they don't hear from you within a certain amount of time.

6. Prepare for the possibility that your electronic devices may be searched.

7. Review OGS' FAQs for more guidance about planning your travel. ([https://service.northeastern.edu/ogs?id=kb\\_article\\_view&sysparm\\_article=KB000022671&gl=1\\*1r5kklk\\*gl\\_au\\*R0NMLjE3Mzc0NzMzOTluRUFjYUIRb2JDaE1JMmNPczRKQ0hpd01WVERNSUJSMWktd2VPRUFBWUFTQUFFZ0paZV9EX0J3RQ..\\*gl\\_au\\*MTc4ODE3MjcwLjE3MzYzNDY0MDE](https://service.northeastern.edu/ogs?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB000022671&gl=1*1r5kklk*gl_au*R0NMLjE3Mzc0NzMzOTluRUFjYUIRb2JDaE1JMmNPczRKQ0hpd01WVERNSUJSMWktd2VPRUFBWUFTQUFFZ0paZV9EX0J3RQ..*gl_au*MTc4ODE3MjcwLjE3MzYzNDY0MDE).) You will need to be logged into the self-service portal to access the FAQs. If you are unable to access the FAQs, click "login" in the top right corner of the page to log in with your Northeastern credentials.

F-1 and J-1 International students and scholars should reach out to the Office of Global Services (<https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/contact/>) with any questions. Students with other visa sponsorships or status should contact an experienced immigration attorney for additional guidance. We know that there is a great deal of uncertainty at this time, and we encourage you to stay informed and prepared.

**March 25, 2025 Update**

OGS has published a new resource and FAQ to help international students and scholars understand what documents they are required to carry while inside the U.S.

- [Required Documents for Non-Citizens in the U.S.](https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/forms-and-guides/required-documents-for-non-citizens-in-the-u-s/)  
(<https://international.northeastern.edu/ogs/forms-and-guides/required-documents-for-non-citizens-in-the-u-s/>)

### **February 11, 2025 update**

#### **Some international students, faculty, and staff may be considering travel outside the U.S. for academic programs or vacations. What should they keep in mind?**

Members of our international and immigrant community based at a U.S. campus should continue to be proactive about travel plans and prepare for the possibility of sudden change.

Any citizens of a country that was subject to a travel ban in the past may want to be particularly cautious about international travel in the coming months. Anyone who holds an Advanced Parole re-entry document (rather than a valid visa) and has discretionary protection (rather than legal status) may want to re-consider travel abroad.

International students, faculty, and staff who are not citizens of a country subject to a past travel ban, and who have a valid U.S. visa, face fewer risks when traveling internationally. Still, all international travelers should expect additional screening by U.S. immigration when you return from abroad.

OGS has also prepared a set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to provide basic guidance to F-1/J-1 students and recent alumni about planning for the coming months.

You can [access the FAQs here](https://service.northeastern.edu/ogs?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB000022671)  
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### **November 22, 2024**

To the International Community at Northeastern University:

With results of the U.S. presidential and congressional elections confirmed, we want to share important information for those in our community who hold re-entry visas, including international students, visiting scholars, faculty, researchers, and staff. We are encouraging members of the Northeastern community to be proactive with international travel plans during the upcoming months.

**To minimize potential disruption to your studies, work, or research, we strongly recommend returning to the U.S. no later than January 6, 2025, the start of Northeastern's Winter/Spring academic term.** This will allow you to be present on campus before possible restrictions take effect.

If you have questions about returning to the university after international travel, please contact:

- For international students and scholars, submit an inquiry form at [Contact – Office of Global Services](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Finternational.northeastern.edu%2Fogs%2Fcontact%2F&data=05%7C02%7C) (<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Finternational.northeastern.edu%2Fogs%2Fcontact%2F&data=05%7C02%7C>)
- For international employees, contact the Office of General Counsel at [OGCimmigration@northeastern.edu](mailto:OGCimmigration@northeastern.edu) (<mailto:OGCimmigration@northeastern.edu>)

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Please don't hesitate to reach out with concerns and take care when planning your trip.

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