

Traveling Outside the U.S.

In order to re-enter the U.S., you must have these documents with you:

- Valid Passport
- Valid F-1 Visa
- Valid I-20 or DS-2019 (Signed by the DSO for travel)

Bring your I-20 to the ISSS Office at least one week prior to leaving the U.S. to obtain a travel endorsement.

For visits to Canada or Mexico of less than 30 days, do NOT turn in your I-94 card at the border or airport. You will be able to re-enter the U.S. under Automatic Visa Revalidation with a valid I-94 card and valid immigration document (I-20, DS-2019, etc.) even if your visa may have expired. This option is not possible without your I-94 card. This is called "Automatic Visa Revalidation."

NOTE: Citizens of the following countries CANNOT use this method: Iraq, Iran, Syria, Libya, Sudan, North Korea, and Cuba.

Anyone currently in **Change of Status** proceedings with the Immigration Service should NOT travel abroad -- not even to Canada or Mexico. Traveling abroad means you are abandoning your application for a change of status.

Anyone currently in **Re-instatement** proceedings with the Immigration Service should NOT travel abroad – not even to Canada or Mexico. Traveling abroad means you are abandoning your application for a change of status.

If you are on F-1 **Optional Practical Training**, you will not be able to return to the U.S. in F-1 status unless you will be returning to a job in the U.S. If you travel, carry proof of employment (letter from your employer), valid passport, valid visa, valid EAD card, and your I-20 endorsed by your DSO for travel.

Questions? Contact the Office of International Student and Scholar Services at cip@notes.udayton.edu or (937) 229-2748.