SEVIS

Student & Exchange Visitor's Information System (SEVIS) is the system that will help INS and schools collect and submit data. SEVIS is an internet-based system that allows schools and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to exchange data on the visa status of international students. Accurate and current information is transmitted electronically throughout an F-1 student's academic career in the United States. U.S. embassies and consulates also have access to SEVIS.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. WHAT DATA MUST BE REPORTED TO SEVIS?

The Department of Homeland Security has a number of "trigger points' it uses to monitor international students.

- Whether a student has enrolled at the school or failed to enroll.
- Any student who graduates prior to the end date listed on the I-20.
- Whether the student drops below a full course of study without prior authorization from the DSO (Immigration regulations refer to international student advisers as "Designated School Officials"-DSO's)
- Academic or disciplinary actions taken due to criminal convictions.
- Other data generated by standard procedures such as program extensions, school transfers, changes in level of study, employment authorizations, and reinstatements.
- Termination date and reason for termination.
- A change in the student's or dependent's legal name or address.
- Any student who fails to maintain status or complete his or her program.

2. HOW WILL THE OFFICE OF GLOBAL EDUCATION HELP STUDENTS COMPLY WITH THE IMMIGRATION LAWS?

The Office of Global Ed is committed to assisting students in ways that prevent status violations from ever occurring. The following procedures will be in place to help students stay on track. Others will be developed as the program develops.

- As soon as any major changes in immigration law occur, our office will notify all students.

- You will review your passport, visa and I-20 each semester when you register as a reminder. However, it is your responsibility to renew these documents. Our office will make copies for your file.

- All F-1 students who register for less than a full course of study (other than summer) without a waiver of the full-time requirement will lose their status. The Office of Global Ed must have an approved waiver for each semester you drop below the required full time status before you complete registration. All waivers for a reduced course load will require proper documentation and review **before** dropping a class will be permitted. This is **your** responsibility.