

Are You Traveling?

To re-enter the U.S. you will need:



1. valid passport
2. valid visa¹
3. valid I-20 or DS-2019 with a recent travel signature²
4. proof of finances (this is required by law; although it is rarely requested)

We recommend that you also take proof of full time enrollment by means of one of the following forms:

1. official transcript (from Registrar's office 151 Strong, \$8.00), **OR**
2. certificate of enrollment³ (free from Registrar's office, 151 Strong), **OR**
3. ARTS form (free online with online ID)

In addition, it is recommended that you take in case you are asked questions:

1. a travel letter, only if your info was in the file that got hacked Fall 2002/Spring 2003; and
2. a copy of your upcoming class schedule, if possible; and
3. all of your old I-20s or DS-2019s/IAP-66s and
4. your SEVIS fee receipt if you had to pay the fee.

¹**VISAS** If you do not have a valid visa, you will need to apply for one while outside the U.S. Please take careful consideration before deciding to travel if you will need a new visa. All visa applications require a security check that could delay the application. If you decide to travel, we suggest applying for a visa as soon as possible after arriving at your destination. For the most current procedures for non-immigrant visa applications, review the website for the appropriate consular office. Most are listed at: <http://www.usembassy.gov/>

Exception: If you are traveling to Canada, Mexico or an adjacent island for 30 days or less, you **may** be able to re-enter the U.S. with an expired visa. See handout titled "Automatic Revalidation of Visa", available in ISSS.

²**TRAVEL SIGNATURES** When requesting a travel signature for a KU I-20 or DS-2019, you will probably be asked to leave your KU I-20 or DS-2019 for 2-3 days. If KU is not your J-1 program sponsor (listed in #2 of DS-2019), you will need to mail it to your sponsor (e.g. IIE, Fulbright, LASPAU, ACTR) to get a travel signature.

³**CERTIFICATES OF ENROLLMENT** may take a couple of weeks to process. Be sure to request verification of full-time enrollment for every semester you've been enrolled. It is also possible to request proof of full-time pre-registration for next semester, if you have pre-registered.

Do not be alarmed if you are pulled aside at the port of entry for further questioning. It is routine procedure for all students; however, it may take several hours. Please take this into consideration when arranging connecting flights.

If you encounter any problems, feel free to contact any one of the international student advisors

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