



Purpose of this Guide: To assist nonimmigrants (foreign nationals or non-U.S. citizens) who do NOT intend to apply for the F-1 visa and are seeking to study at Florida Polytechnic University. This guide is for informational purposes only and is not the direct source for all immigration information and requirements. It is the responsibility of the intended student to maintain their visa status and be aware of all study restrictions. For additional questions about immigration regulations for your status, please contact [United States Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\)](#).

Nonimmigrant Study: Individuals attending school incidental to their primary purpose for being in the U.S. may attend either part-time or full-time (unless otherwise noted), must abide by the rules of their current status, and cannot extend their stay in the U.S. for the purposes of completing a program of study or a degree.

Nonimmigrant Dependents: Spouses and children of the principal status holder may not remain in the U.S. beyond the period approved for the principal in order to continue schooling. In most cases, children lose their derivative status at the age of 21 and must apply for a [change of status to F-1](#) if they wish to remain in the U.S. to continue their course of study.

Financial Aid: Please keep in mind admissions requirements must be met, nonimmigrant status must be verified, and only specific nonimmigrants may be eligible for [U.S. federal financial aid](#). Please contact the [Office of Financial Aid](#) regarding tuition, estimated costs of attendance, and other financial aid inquiries.

Petitions for Residency: If your status is listed as eligible to petition for Florida Residency, you must meet the requirements for residency and complete the [Florida Residency Form](#) to be considered. Please note, applying does not guarantee approval.

Additional Immigration Assistance: ISS can provide general information and direct individuals to the applicable points of contact. It is recommended to speak with an immigration lawyer or other experienced immigration professional if you are seeking a change of visa or assistance with additional non-F1 immigration applications or processes.

HELPFUL RESOURCES: [U.S. Visas](#) | [Other Visa Categories](#) | [Change of Status](#) | [Study & Exchange Programs](#)

Nonimmigrants NOT Eligible to Study

(Must apply for a change of status to the F-1 visa to be eligible to study at Florida Poly)

Nonimmigrant Status	Actions to Complete for Study Eligibility
B-1 Visitor for Temporary Business	NO study allowed – see here on how to change B status
B-2 Visitor for Pleasure/Tourism	NO study allowed – see here on how to change B status
C-1, C-2 & C-3 Transit Visa	NO study allowed – see here on how to change C status
D-1 & D-2 Crewmember	NO study allowed – see here on how to change D status
M-1 Vocational/Technical Student	Must change status from M-1 to F-1 <i>(M-1 is for vocational/technical programs of study only, which are not offered at Florida Poly)</i>
WB/WT Waiver Business/Tourist	NO study allowed – see here on how to change WB/WT status



***Incidental Study:** Individuals eligible to study as long as they are non-degree seeking and enrolled in 6 credit hours or less per semester for graduate students or 9 credit hours or less per semester for undergraduate students (unless otherwise noted).

Nonimmigrants Eligible to Study

(Must provide required documentation as applicable status for admission requirement)

Status	Study Eligibility	Eligible to Petition Residency?	Documents Needed to Apply
A-1, A-2 Foreign Diplomats	<i>*Incidental Study</i>	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa (must have dependent notation if they are applying to study)
A-3 Servants of A-1/A-2		Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa
Application for Adjustment of Status to Permanent Resident	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-797 Notice of Action receipt notice for case type I-485 or EAC Category C-09
Application for Asylum Submitted	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	USCIS Asylum Office "Acknowledgement of Receipt" form, or EAC Category C-08
Asylum	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-94 stamped "Asylum Status Granted", or Asylum Office Letter indicating status has been granted, or order of Judge stating status has been granted
Citizens of Federated States Micronesia, Marshall Islands, or Palau	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	Passport with I-94 admissions stamp indicating CFA/FSN
Conditional Permanent Resident	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	Same documents as Lawful Permanent Resident but expires in 2 year or 1-year increments
Cuban Haitian Entrant Program (CHEP)	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-94 showing paroled in the U.S. as Cuban/Haitian Entrant (can be expired) or Cuban/Haitian passport with an I-94 stamp on or after 4/21/80 (can be expired)
Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA)	Yes, must maintain status	No (Except as provided in Florida Statute Section 1009.21(10))	EAD Category C-33 or I-797 Notice of Action granting DACA
E-1, E-2, E-3 Treaty Traders, Investors, Specialty Occupation Worker, sand Dependents	<i>*Incidental Study</i> (Dependents may study full/part-time; at 21 years of age, must change to F-1)	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa (must have dependent notation if they are applying to study)
F-2 Dependent of F-1	Less than full-time study only (must change status to F-1 to study full-time)	No	I-94, Passport, Visa, and Dependent I-20
Family Unity Beneficiaries	No study restrictions as long as status is maintained	No	EAD Category A-13
G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4 International Organization or NATO Officials	<i>*Incidental Study</i> (Dependents may study full/part-time)	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa (must have dependent notation if they are applying to study)



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G-5 Personal Employees of G1-4 Visa	<i>*Incidental Study (Dependents may study full/part-time)</i>	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa
Granted Stay of Deportation/Order of Supervision	Yes, must maintain status	No	I-94 stamped "Stay of deportation granted" or "Stay of Removal"
Granted Deferred Action Non-citizen Employment Authorization	Yes, must maintain status	No (Except as provided in Florida Statute Section 1009.21(10))	EAD Card – Category C-14
Granted Deferred Enforced Departure (DED)	Yes, must maintain status	No	EAD Card – Category A-11
Granted Suspension of Deportation or Cancellation of Removal	Yes, must maintain status	Yes (If no additional documentation designating Cuban-Haitian national)	Passport, and I-94 stamped "Suspension of deportation/special rule cancellation and removal granted"
Granted Withholding of Removal	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	USCIS Asylum Office Approval Letter
H-1B Specialty Occupations	<i>*Incidental Study</i>	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa
H-1C Registered Nurse for Disadvantage Areas	<i>*Incidental Study</i>	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa
H-2A, H-2B, H-3 Agricultural, Non-Agricultural Workers & Trainees	<i>*Incidental Study</i>	No	I-94, Passport, and Visa
H-4 Dependent of H1-B	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-94, Passport, Visa, and I-20
I-1 Representatives of Foreign Media and Dependents	<i>*Incidental Study (Dependents may study full/part-time)</i>	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa (must have dependent notation if they are applying to study)
J-1 Exchange Visitors (Student, Intern, Professor, Scholar, Teacher, Specialists, Au Pairs, Camp Counselors)	Student: Full-time Au Pair: Full/part-time Postsecondary study <i>*Incidental Study (others)</i>	No (Except as provided in Florida Statute Section 1009.21(10))	I-94, Passport, Visa, and DS-2019
J-2 Dependent of J-1	Yes, must maintain status	No	I-94, Passport, Visa, and DS-2019
K-1, K-2, K-3, K-4 Fiancé of U.S. Citizen, and Children of K-1	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa
L-1A or L-1B Intracompany Transferees	<i>*Incidental Study</i>	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa
L-2 Dependent of L-1	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa



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Nonimmigrant Status	Eligible to Study at Florida Poly?	Eligible to Petition for Residency?	Documents Needed to Apply
M-2 Dependent of M-1	Part-time only	No	I-94, Passport, and Visa
N-8 or N-9 Parent or Child of Special Immigrant	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa
NATO (1-7) Officials, Employees, and Dependents	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa
O-1 Workers with Extraordinary Abilities	<i>*Incidental Study</i>	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa
O-2 Essential Support Personnel of O-1	<i>*Incidental Study</i>	No	I-94, Passport, and Visa
O-3 Dependent of O-1/O-2	Yes, must maintain status	Yes, if dependent of principal O-1	I-94, Passport, and Visa
P-1A or B Athlete or Member of International Entertainment Group	<i>*Incidental Study</i>	No (Except as provided in Florida Statute Section 1009.21(10))	I-94, Passport, and Visa
P-2 Individual Performer or Part of a Group Entering to Perform Under a Reciprocal Exchange Program	<i>*Incidental Study</i>		
P-3 Artist or Entertainer Coming to Be Part of a Culturally Unique Program	<i>*Incidental Study</i>		
P-4 Dependents of P-1, P-2 or P-3	Yes, must maintain status		
Parolee: Humanitarian or Significant Benefit	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-94 stamped "Paroled"
Permanent Resident (Green Card)	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	Permanent Resident Card or I-551 notation on immigrant Visa, or I-797 Notice of Action approving Permanent Resident Status
Q-1, Q-2, Q-3 Workers in International Cultural Exchange Program	<i>*Incidental Study (Dependents: Yes, must maintain status)</i>	No (Except as provided in Florida Statute Section 1009.21(10))	I-94, Passport, and Visa
R-1 Religious Workers	<i>*Incidental Study</i>	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa
R-2 Dependent of R-1	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa
Refugee	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-94 stamped "Admitted as a Refugee"



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<u>S-5, S-6, S-7</u> Witness and Dependents	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa
<u>T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4</u> Survivors and Dependents	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa
<u>TD</u> Dependent of TN	Yes, must maintain status	No	I-94, Passport, and Visa
<u>TN</u> NAFTA Workers	<i>*Incidental Study</i>	No (Except as provided in <u>Florida Statute Section 1009.21(10)</u>)	I-94, Passport, and Visa
<u>Temporary Protected Status (TPS)</u>	Yes, must maintain status	No	I-797 Notice of Action for Case Type I-821
<u>Temporary Resident</u>	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-551 Annotation in Passport/Temporary Resident Card
<u>U-1, U-2, U-3, U-4</u> Survivor of Crime and Dependents	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa
<u>V-1, V-2, V-3</u> Dependents of Permanent Residents	Yes, must maintain status	Yes	I-94, Passport, and Visa