

TRAVELING OUTSIDE OF THE US IN F1 STATUS

Students in F-1 status are permitted to leave the United States (US), and re-enter in F-1 status provided they have obtained the required travel signature and present the required documentation. If you intend to re-enter the US and continue full-time study, you must always re-enter the US in F-1 status.

Students are responsible for confirming [travel restrictions or bans](#) or [COVID-related testing requirements](#) issued by the government **prior to travel**. Remember, the US government determines your eligibility to enter the country and that your intended return can be delayed. Students are encouraged to have a back-up plan in case they are required to remain abroad, self-isolate or quarantine for a specified number of days.

TRAVEL SIGNATURE: Also called "travel endorsements" are the Designated School Official's (DSO's) signature on page two of the I-20, which confirms you are eligible to return to the US to study. Students traveling internationally **must have a valid travel signature for re-entry to the US**; travel signatures are also required for F-2 dependents.

TRAVEL SIGNATURE VALIDITY: Travel signatures are valid 12 months from the I-20 signature date. However, if you are an F-1 student on **OPT**, then your travel signature **will be valid for 6 months only**. Once expired, students must obtain a new travel endorsement. Remember to always have your most recently issued I-20 signed for travel.

TRAVELING WITHIN THE US: Special permission is not required to travel within the US. It is recommended to travel with your passport, I-94, and I-20 whenever you travel outside Lakeland, Florida area, but within the US.

DOCUMENTS NEEDED FOR TRAVEL

**Optional Documents: Evidence of financial resources, official academic transcript, and DSO contact information.*

STUDENT TYPE	REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO PRESENT AT PORT OF ENTRY
Current F-1 Student – Traveling Outside the US	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent I-20 with travel signature less than 1 year old Valid Passport (that will not expire for at least 6 months) Valid Visa (except Canadian citizens)
Current F-1 Student on OPT – Traveling Outside the US	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent I-20 with travel signature less than 6 months old Valid Passport (that will not expire for at least 6 months) Valid Visa (except for Canadian citizens) Valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card Employer offer letter start date, or other evidence of employment
Current F-1 Student on STEM OPT Extension or Pending Application for STEM OPT Extension <i>*Pending STEM: Carry USCIS I-797 Receipt to verify application is pending</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent I-20 with OPT recommendation and travel signature less than 6 months old Valid Passport (that will not expire for at least 6 months) Valid Visa (except Canadian citizens) Valid Employment Authorization Document (EAD) card Employer offer letter start date, or other evidence of employment
F-2: Dependent of Current f-1 Student – Traveling Outside of the US	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent I-20 with travel signature less than 1 year old Valid Passport (that will not expire for at least 6 months) Valid Visa (except Canadian citizens)
F-2: Dependent of Current F-1 Student on OPT – Traveling Outside of the US	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent I-20 with travel signature less than 1 year old Valid Passport (that will not expire for at least 6 months) Valid Visa (except Canadian citizens) Recommend copy of F-1's I-20 with OPT recommendation or EAD card

TRAVEL SIGNATURE REQUEST

Please complete the fields below to request a travel endorsement/signature after reviewing the Travel Signature Request Guidelines on page one, and provide additional items, as applicable. Incomplete requests will delay processing.

SEVIS ID: _____ Student ID: _____

Surname/Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Suffix: _____

Passport Name (as listed on passport): _____ Birth Date: (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Check One: Male Female Other Number of F-2 dependents traveling (if no one enter "N/A"): _____

US Departure Date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____ US Return Date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Please attached the following (required):

- A copy of your travel confirmation (ticket, receipt, itinerary)
- If traveling with F-2 dependents, please list their names below and provide travel confirmation(s)
 - Dependent Names: _____

I-20 DELIVERY OPTIONS: ALL I-20s will be signed electronically and emailed to students Florida Poly Email Accounts automatically. If you prefer another method of delivery, please notify your DSO when you submit this travel signature request form via e-mail.

STUDENT CERTIFICATION

My signature below certifies that all information provided by me on this form is accurate, and that I have read and understand the [guidelines and requirements](#) for traveling outside and within the US, with a valid visa. If my visa will expire prior to my return, I have reviewed the regulations for obtaining a new visa and will or intend to make the required arrangements to accomplish this upon my return. I have also reviewed the travel advisory [website](#) and identified any travel bans, restrictions, or requirements that must be met prior to returning to the US I agree to the conditions for obtaining a travel signature and understand that my I-20 will not be endorsed if all conditions are not met. I understand I am responsible for notify my DSO of any changes within 10 days, to include if I do not intend to return to continue studying the US, and failure to comply, may adversely affect my F-1 status.

I understand that I am required to provide an updated printout of my [I-94 Arrival/Departure Record](#) to my [DSO](#) upon my return to the US.

Student Signature & Date: _____