

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS FOR F-1 STUDENTS

While studying in the United States, all F-1 and J-1 international students must follow immigration regulations as outlined by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, in order to maintain their legal immigration status. Your status relates to the purpose of your visit to the United States: to study. You should not take any actions that detract you from that purpose. It is absolutely critical that you maintain your legal status at all times during your stay in the United States. Failure to do so or "falling out of status," could result in serious consequences and problems with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, such as denial of any attributes or benefits associated with your F-1 status, hindering your ability to get a U.S. visa or visit the country in the future, or deportation. The Undergraduate Admissions - Immigration Office at Tarleton is here to assist you and provide the information you need to maintain your legal immigration status. However, the responsibility of maintaining status is yours.

In order to maintain status you must:

- 1) Maintain a valid passport at all times.
- 2) Attend the school listed on your current I-20.
- 3) Be aware of the expiration date on your I-20. If you cannot complete your degree by the expiration date listed, you must request a program extension before the expiration date on your document. Student who do not file a program extension in a timely manner will be out of status.
- 4) Obtain a new I-20 if you change your major or degree level.
- 5) Request a travel endorsement signature on your I-20 from an international student advisor before traveling outside of the United States.
- 6) Enroll in a full course of study in classes that meet your degree requirements during the Fall and Spring semesters: 12 Credit Hours for Undergraduate and 9 Credit Hours for Graduate Students (Only one 3-Credit-Hour online class per semester is applicable towards your full-time enrollment).
- 7) Enroll in a full course of study in the summer if it is your first or final semester at Tarleton.
- 8) Not withdraw/drop courses before consulting with a DSO to determine how these actions affect your immigration status.
- 9) Report any changes to your enrollment status, address, telephone number, major area of study, transfer to another college or university, or a permanent return to your home of country within 10 days of moving. This information needs to be updated in your SEVIS record and required by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
- 10) Work only with proper employment authorization. Before applying for any job, ensure you are aware of the DHS's employment regulations for international students.
- 11) Abide by grace periods. F-1 students who complete an academic program or OPT have a 60-day grace period.

I, the undersigned, have read the above and agree to the rules and conditions.

Student's name (PRINT): _____ UID: _____

Student's Signature

Date