

F-1 Authorized Early Withdrawal Compliance

As an F-1 international student, your non-immigrant status requires you to be continually enrolled in a full course of study each long semester. If you withdraw from Tarleton or stop attending classes without obtaining prior DSO approval you will be in violation of status and your record will be terminated.

By signing below you certify that you understand the following.

- The completion of this form does not automatically give you approval to withdraw.
- Once a SEVIS record is terminated for Authorized Early Withdrawal (AEW), you have a 15 day grace period to depart the U.S. This grace period is only permitted for those who receive prior approval from a Designated School Official. If you do not leave within 15 days, you will be out of status and unlawfully present.
- If you withdraw from school or stop attending classes without DSO approval, you will be terminated for Unauthorized Withdrawal. There is no grace period and you will accumulate days of unlawful presence every day until you depart the U.S. Termination for Unauthorized Withdrawal can make it difficult to regain F-1 status in the future.
- If you return for the next available semester or within 5 months, a DSO can request reactivation of your SEVIS record. However, it is highly recommended that you apply for AEW prior to the first day of classes. Requesting AEW after the start of the semester can make it more difficult to reactivate your SEVIS record if you wish to return. If you request AEW after the first day of classes, you must be enrolled full-time and attending classes as SEVP may request proof in order to reactivate your SEVIS record.
- Upon termination, all F-1 benefits immediate end including employment. Do not work after your record has been terminated!
- If you have any F-2 Dependents, their SEVIS records will also be terminated. All F-2 dependents you sponsor will be required to leave the U.S. during the allotted grace period, if applicable.
- If you plan on returning, you must let a Tarleton DSO know BEFORE you return. Your Form I-20 will be inactive so you will not be able to use it to enter the U.S. in F Status. Failure to let a Tarleton DSO know your plans to return in sufficient time will result in your being unable to enter the U.S. in the correct status.
 - o **Outside U.S. Less than 5 Months:** Contact immigration@tarleton.edu at least 60 days before the start date of the next semester. A DSO will need to file a correction request. Tarleton cannot guarantee that SEVP will approve the correction request. If approved, you can enter on your current Form I-20. If your visa is expired, you will need to apply for a new one before returning. Do not enter more than 30 days before the semester which you will resume your studies.
 - o **Outside U.S More Than 5 Months:** You will need a new Initial I-20 to reenter the U.S. in F-1 Status. Contact immigration@tarleton.edu at least (90) days before the start of the semester which you will resume your studies. You will need to allow time to have the Form I-20 shipped to you and to obtain a new F-1 visa if necessary. You cannot enter more than 30 days prior to the program state date on your Form I-20.
- If you return, you will not be eligible for off-campus employment through Optional Practical Training (OPT) or Curricular Practical Training (CPT) for at least one academic year.
- You should speak with your Academic Department, the Office of the Registrar, and the Business Office about the effects of withdrawing from your academic program and any actions you should take with them.
- If you return at a later date, you will need to be readmitted into your program after your leave of absence. Graduate students may be able to be reactivated if you have not missed more than one year of enrollment. For details, contact Grad Studies.

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ UID: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return signed form to immigration@tarleton.edu. Contact a Designated School Official at 254-968-9632 if you have any questions.