

AM I “IN STATUS” IN THE U.S.?

If you are “in status” or “maintaining your status” that means that you are legally allowed to remain in the U.S. If you are considered “out of status,” you have a short period to correct your status before you are considered deportable and are required to leave the U.S.

STATUS CHECK	IN-STATUS	OUT OF STATUS	IF YOU MARK “NO” YOU MUST DO THIS:
My latest address is listed in Pathway	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Update your Pathway record NOW
I have NO holds on my account that will stop me from registering for classes	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	See your ISAO advisor or come for daily transcript review with your official documents (if applicable)
I will enroll full-time every spring and fall semester	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Fill out a Full-Time Equivalency (FTE) form, have your academic advisor sign it and submit to ISAO immediately.
The program end date on my I-20 or DS-2019 is not for another year or more	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Request an I-20/DS-2019 extension IMMEDIATELY.
My passport is valid for at least 6 months beyond the end date/expiration date of my I-20 or DS-2019	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Contact your Consulate or Embassy immediately to request a passport renewal.
I am working off campus and I have applied for and received written and documented permission to work off campus	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	If you are working off campus without permission, see your ISAO advisor immediately.
I am enrolled in classes at another school and I received UMKC’s written permission to do so	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Complete a Concurrent Enrollment form and Full-Time Equivalency form through Online Services and submit to ISAO.
I will be travelling outside the US over the semester break and I have a valid travel endorsement.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	Request a travel endorsement through ISAO’s Online Services immediately.
I am a degree seeking student and I have fulfilled my mandatory Orientation participation requirement.	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	You must attend a makeup orientation.

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT	
ON-CAMPUS	Maximum of 20 hours a week, no authorization needed
OFF-CAMPUS	F-1: Must be mandated by degree program, eligible after 1 academic year has been completed. Must fill out a CPT application, take the Blackboard quiz, turn in signed and completed application .
POST-GRADUATION	F-1: Fill out OPT application completely, participate in Blackboard OPT Session, take and pass the OPT Test, then turn in your completed OPT application to ISAO at least 90 days before your program end date
PROGRAM END DATE	
GRACE PERIOD	Extra days to remain in the US legally beyond program end date. F-1: 60 days, J-1: 30 days
GRADUATING?	Program end date automatically changes to the last date of the graduating semester. Grace period starts that day.
I-20/DS-2019 EXPIRING?	If so, and you’re not ready to graduate, request an extension at least 30 days prior.
EMERGENCY DEPARTURE?	Request approval for early withdrawal from Academic and ISAO advisors before you leave and before dropping classes. Discuss tuition refund procedure with academic unit.
GOING TO A NEW DEGREE LEVEL?	Apply for admission to the new program at least one semester before your current program ends; must obtain I-20 within grace period.
TRANSFERRING?	Apply in advance. Submit admission letter & transfer form to ISAO.

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CHANGE IN GRADUATION PLANS?

If you discover that you are not graduating this semester as planned, you must request an extension **at least 30 days before** the program end date on your I-20/DS-2019.

If you think you may have to discontinue your program before graduation, you must see your Academic and ISAO advisors before leaving the United States.

If you are graduating next semester, begin now to decide if you will apply for a new degree program OR apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT).

If you are graduating this semester, & do not plan to participate in OPT OR start a new degree program, you & your dependents must leave the United States by the end of your grace period. **F-1:** 60 days, **J-1:** 30 days.