

# IMMIGRATION UPDATES

Summer 2018



## Top 5 Things You Need to Know

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### Unlawful Presence Policy (F and J Visa Holders)

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) proposed a policy change. If approved, this policy change will go into effect August 9, 2018, and F and J visa holders will accumulate days of unlawful presence beginning the day after a status violation occurs. Status violations include dropping a class without permission, working without permission, and not extending your I-20 or DS-2019 before the program end date. F and J visa holders with status violations may be subject to 3-10 year bars to re-enter the U.S.

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### STEM OPT and Third Party Worksites (F-1 Visa Holders)

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) now requires that STEM OPT training must take place on site at the employer's physical location. STEM OPT training cannot take place at a customer's physical location. In other words, STEM OPT participants may not be employed through temp agencies or consulting firms that provide staff to work at another company's location.

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### SEVP OPT Portal (F-1 Visa Holders)

The Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) launched the SEVP OPT Portal so that you may now update your employer information directly through the portal. Please note, SEVP has sent several email reminders through the OPT Portal regarding the rules around OPT employment. If you have any questions, contact International Student and Scholar Services.

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### Travel Ban (All Visa Types from Specific Countries)

The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled the Presidential Proclamation, known informally as the "Trump Travel Ban," as legal. The impacted countries are Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen. Chad was removed from this list. If you are a citizen of one of these countries, please contact International Student and Scholar Services before traveling internationally.

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### Student and Scholar Assistance

International Student and Scholar Services stays up to date on all immigration rules, regulations and changes. We are your immigration resource and experts on campus.

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Additional Resources: [studyinthestates.dhs.gov](http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov) | [uscis.gov](http://uscis.gov) | [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)