

03.01 Maintaining F-1 Status

If you are issued an F-1 student visa, this means that you are coming to the United States to study. During your studies in the Language and Culture Center (LCC), you are required to maintain F-1 status and study full time.

What am I required to do before beginning classes in the LCC?

- Apply for an F-1 visa and enter the United States using the Form I-20, Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant (F-1) Student Status, issued by the LCC. If you do not intend to study in the LCC, avoid using the LCC Form I-20.
- Arrive in the United States no earlier than the Earliest Admission Date indicated on the Form I-20.
- Attend the LCC Student Check-In, attend the Orientation, and take all placement tests.
- Contact the LCC immediately if you have arrived in the United States but you want to transfer to a new school before beginning classes in the LCC.

What am I required to do while studying in the LCC?

- Attend and pass all classes. Do not stop attending classes without first speaking with your teachers and the LCC Counseling Team.
- Keep your Form I-20 valid at all time. If you believe that you will be unable to complete studies in the LCC by the end date listed on your Form I-20, contact the Counseling Team and request a program extension before your Form I-20 expires.
- Keep your passport valid at least 6 months into the future.
- Update your address, if it changes, in your LCC student account at lcc.uh.edu within 10 days of the change.
- Update your phone number and email immediately, if they change, in your LCC student account at lcc.uh.edu.
- Contact the Counseling Team before you travel outside the U.S. if you want to take a break from school or if you want to transfer to a new school.

May I work?

- You may work up to 20 hours a week while school is in session.
- You may work up to 40 hours a week when school is not in session or during an annual vacation approved by the Counseling Team.
- You may not work off campus.

Meet the Counseling Team immediately!

- Before you stop attending classes.
- If you cannot study full time.
- If you are dropped from the LCC.

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