



Important Information for F-1 and M-1 International Students

Staying Informed, Supported, and In Status

Why This Matters

Recent reports have highlighted a growing number of F-1 and M-1 student records being terminated in SEVIS, the system used by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to track international students. When this happens:

- You lose all employment authorization (on- and off-campus).
- You cannot re-enter the U.S. on the terminated SEVIS record.
- Your F-2 or M-2 dependent records are also terminated.
- ICE may investigate to confirm your departure from the U.S.

Sometimes, colleges learn of a termination before students do, and the reason for termination is not always clear.

How Bellevue College Is Supporting You

We are actively monitoring SEVIS and will notify you as soon as possible if your record is impacted.

We encourage you to:

- Keep your contact information up to date.
- Regularly check your student email and visa application email.
- Connect with International Education office for help and guidance.

Tips to Stay in Compliance

To maintain your F-1 visa status, make sure you:

- Carry your Form I-20, Form I-94 (print here), and EAD (if you're authorized to work).
- Keep your passport valid and carry a copy of the biographical page.
- Stay enrolled full-time, unless you have official approval for a reduced course load.
- Report any changes to your U.S. address, major, or sponsor to the International Education office within 10 days.
- Make sure your Form I-20 remains valid and does not expire.
- Follow federal, state, and local laws, including traffic laws.

Have Questions?

The International Education office is your best contact for:

- Visa and compliance questions
- Address and document updates
- Privacy rights (FERPA)

Note: Staff cannot offer legal advice.

Need Legal Help?

For immigration-related legal support, contact a licensed immigration attorney. Make sure any attorney you consult has experience with F-1 visa matters. These trusted resources can help:

- [Northwest Immigrant Rights Project](#)
- [American Immigration Lawyers Association \(AILA\) Directory](#)
- [Know Your Rights – American Civil Liberties Union \(ACLU\)](#)
- [WA State Attorney General's Immigration Resources](#)