LAMAR UNIVERSITY
INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICE
MAINTENANCE OF F-1, J-1 & J-2 STUDENT VISA STATUS
Update: December 2014

As an international student admitted to the United States, you must meet certain obligations in order to maintain status. You must:

1. Have a passport that is kept valid at all times;
2. Attend the school specified on the visa or transfer SEVIS I20;
3. Continue to carry a full course of study: **Undergraduate 12 hrs Fall/Spring, 8 hrs Summer**
   Graduate 9 hrs Fall/Spring, 8 hrs Summer
4. Must not drop below the minimum required hours (see#3) <u>without</u> written authorization from the P/DSO in the International Office.
5. Must attend class and maintain full-time enrollment for duration of stay.
6. Have a photocopy of your passport biographical & visa pages, SEVIS I20 (pages 1&3), and I-94 Arrival/Departure card on your person at all times for identification;
7. Follow certain procedures to change majors or levels of study;
8. Follow certain procedures to co-enroll at another institution under Lamar University or branch campuses SEVIS I20;
9. Follow certain procedures to transfer to a school authorized other than the one originally authorized;
10. If you are requesting to be transferred in SEVIS system to another U.S. University, your tuition & fees account must be paid in full prior to the transfer.
11. Apply for program extension if you cannot complete the educational program after having been in student status for longer than the anticipated length of the program (per item #5 on your SEVIS I20) prior to the program end date;
12. Limit on-campus employment to 20 hours per week while school is in session;
13. Must maintain a 3.0 (graduate) GPA & 2.0 (undergraduate) for on campus employment;
14. Refrain from off campus employment without authorization; if you are working off-campus without authorization and a p/DSO sees you, you SEVIS Record will be terminated and you will be out-of-status with DHS;
15. If you are apprehended by DHS or TABC for working off-campus without authorization, the P/DSO has the authority to terminate your SEVIS record
16. Report a change of address within 10 days to the International Student Office (Form AR-11).
17. Must have your SEVIS I20 endorsed for travel if you plan to depart & return to Lamar University. The signature is valid for 5 months and 1 entry into the U.S. If you request a travel endorsement and have an outstanding balance on your tuition & fees account for the current semester, this must be paid in full prior to the travel endorsement.
18. The Lamar University Email Account (my.lamar) will be the ONLY email account the international office will communicate with you concerning academic or immigration issues.
19. All international students and their dependents, if they arrive with the student or at a late date, or required to have health insurance coverage with the University Student Insurance Program (Academic Health Plans) for duration of stay. Dependents are not eligible for services through the Student Health Center.
20. Student are required to take an LLI Writing Course must complete this course satisfactorily to be eligible for graduation.

IN ADDITION: J-2 students may apply for employment, but they must report to the International Student Office before employment begins. F-2 Students must be reclassified to F-1 status by INS prior to enrollment.
HEALTH INSURANCE: All international students (and family if in the US) must have health insurance coverage for the duration of stay in the United States. Effective for the Fall 2004 Semester, all international students will be required to have coverage under the Lamar University student insurance carrier (Academic Health Plans). No outside insurance carriers will be acceptable.

By State law, an undergraduate student may be subject to the Texas Higher Education Assessment (TSI) test prior to enrollment if he/she has not earned a Bachelor's degree that is equivalent to a United States four-year Bachelor's degree.

Failure to comply with the above regulations will result in the loss of your student status and subject you to deportation.

You are admitted to the United States for "duration of Status," which is defined as the period during which you are pursuing a full course of study in any educational program (e.g., Associate, Bachelor's, Master's, Doctor, PhD degree program) and any periods of authorized practical training, plus sixty days within which to depart from the United States. **[8 cfr 214.2 (f) (5) (i)]**

I have read and understand the terms and conditions of my admission as an international student at Lamar University. I have received a copy of the Lamar University International Student Handbook.

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Print Name Student's Signature Date

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Local Address Apt# City State Zip Telephone No.

SEVIS No: N_____ Lamar ID No: _____