



HOW TO APPLY FOR REINSTATEMENT TO F-1 STUDENT STATUS

As a student in F-1 status, you are expected to comply with immigration regulations. If you fail to comply with these regulations, you will be "out of status". When you are out of status, you are no longer eligible for on-campus employment, practical training, recertification of your I-20 for re-entry to the U.S., or any other benefits of F-1 status.

The following are considered violations of your F-1 status:

- Failure to attend the school whose Form I-20 you used to enter the United States;
- Failure to report to Essex County College for initial registration upon arrival;
- Failure to maintain full-time registration (see [Maintaining F-1 Status](#) for more information) ;
- Failure to request a transfer from Essex County College within 60 days of completion date or OPT end date;
- Failure to apply for a Program Extension **before the completion date on your Form I-20**, if you need more time to complete your current program;
- Failure to obtain a new Form I-20 if you change your educational program;
- Failure to report address change to our office within 10 days moving.

Reinstatement allows you the opportunity to regain valid F-1 status and have the mistakes you made corrected by USCIS. You may be eligible for reinstatement only if you:

- Are currently enrolled or intend to enroll for a full-time course load;
- Can establish that the violation of status resulted from circumstances beyond your control;
- Have not engaged in unauthorized employment;
- Have not been out of status for more than 5 months;
- Can document sufficient financial resources to pursue a full-time course load;
- Do not have a history of repeated violations;
- Are not deportable from the U.S. on any other grounds.

If you meet all above requirements please make an appointment with International Student Advisor/DSO's to review your application for reinstatement.