

I-20

The I-20 is the document that was provided to you after your acceptance to Saint Paul College. The I-20 is a legal document. Any time you receive a new I-20, you should print, sign, and date it, and keep a copy for your records. When you are provided an I-20, you are eligible to apply for an F-1 non-immigrant student visa.

It is your responsibility to notify your International Student Advisor or a Designated School Official (DSO) to any changes to the information on your I-20.

While your F-1 visa can expire while you are in the U.S., your I-20 cannot. You must complete your program by the program end date on your I-20, apply for OPT or transfer, or depart the U.S. within 60 days before this date. A program extension, if necessary, must be requested by the International Student Advisor in advance. More information can be found in the Maintaining your F-1 Status section of the International Student Services webpage.

Never throw out any of your I-20s. You may be issued many I-20s throughout your time as an F-1 student, but you must keep all of your I-20s to prove you have been in valid F-1 status throughout your time in the US. Copies of all past I-20s may be required for future USCIS applications or future visa applications.

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Information: studyinthestates.dhs.gov/students/prepare/students-and-the-form-i-20

F-1 Visa and F-1 Status

As an F-1 international student, you entered the United States on an F-1 visa, which is a non-immigrant student visa. From the moment you enter the US on an F-1 visa with an I-20, you are on F-1 status.

The F-1 visa is only used at the time to enter the US and go through Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Once you are in the US and in active F-1 status, it is ok if your F-1 visa in your passport expires, as long as your I-20 is still valid (see above) and you are maintaining your F-1 status.

More information can be found in the Maintaining your F-1 Status section of the International Student Services webpage.

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Every time you go through Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at your point of entry to the United States, you receive an I-94 number and record. You can find your I-94 number and record at i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94.

It is recommended that every time you enter or re-enter the US, you go to this website, find your I-94 number, and print it out to keep for your records. Your I-94 record is only kept for five years. Contact the International Student Advisor right away if you have difficulty accessing your I-94.

When you download your I-94, ensure that all the information is correct. If you entered on an F-1 visa, your Class of Admission should be "F1" and your Admit Until Date should be "D/S".

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Information: studyinthestates.dhs.gov/2014/08/what-form-i-94