

Travel Reminders

When you are traveling, it is important that you have all the necessary documents, even when taking a brief trip to Mexico, Canada, or islands adjacent to the United States!

Documents Required for Re-Entry in the U.S.

- 1. Valid passport:** Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months beyond the date of re-entry in the U.S.
- 2. Valid visa stamp:** A valid visa is necessary to **ENTER** the U.S. See the "Your Visa Stamp & Applying for a New One" document if you have an expired visa and want to travel abroad.
- 3. SEVIS Form I-20/DS-2019 with a signature** from a VISA advisor that will not be older than 6 months by the date you return to the U.S. You and each member of your family must have a SEVIS I-20 or DS-2019 to return to the U.S.
- 4. Evidence of financial support:** your personal bank statement, scholarship letter, etc. to prove you can afford to live and study in the U.S.
- 5. Proof of enrollment:** ODU transcript



After you return to the U.S., be sure to check that your I-94 entry record is updated and correct.

Please visit: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/>

Traveling While on Optional Practical Training (Regular & STEM)



If you are entering the U.S. from overseas to resume or begin employment on OPT, be sure to have the following with you:

- 1. Documents 1-5 listed in the first section at the top of the this sheet**
- 2. Your Employment Authorization Document** (also known as the OPT Card)
- 3. Proof of employment** (letter from your employer and any paystubs)
- 4. If your spouse is traveling alone, she/he needs to have his/her I-20 and copies of your I-20 and EAD**

If you have not yet received your EAD, please see an advisor about travel while your application is pending.

**Emergency Immigration Situations numbers:
(804) 505-4291 OR (804) 505-4131**

Travel Ban

A travel ban is currently in effect for seven countries: Iran, Libya, North Korea, Syria, Venezuela, Yemen, and Somalia. Entry is suspended for all non-immigrant categories for citizens of North Korea and Syria; F-1 and J-1 student visas are permitted for citizens of all other countries but will be issued after enhanced screening/vetting. Additionally, Iraq is not listed as one of the countries under the travel ban, but visa applicants will be subject to additional scrutiny. Information on travel and visa issuance changes frequently, so keep updated on any changes by reading all emails sent via the ISS mailing list and contact our office if you have any further questions.

Useful Tips to Consider

- 1.** Book flights with sufficient layover times. For example, if your port of entry is at JFK, make sure to have at least 3 hours before your flight to Norfolk.
- 2.** Be prepared to go through secondary or additional processing at the port of entry.
- 3.** Always double check that you have all necessary documents before your trip, including visas or paperwork needed to enter the country to which you will be traveling.



Enjoy Your Trip!

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