

## OPTIONS ON REGAINING F-1 STUDENT STATUS

The termination of a SEVIS record by our office or by a previous institution is usually the result of a student that has not maintained F-1 student status during the regular standard semester terms, excluding Summer/Winter sessions. The following options are discussed between a student and an International Student Advisor, in an effort to resume F-1 student status at CSULB:

- 1. Apply for Reinstatement of F1 status through USCIS within the U.S.**
- 2. Depart the U.S. with an Initial Attendance I-20 with the intention of returning on valid F-1 student status.**

### 1

#### STEPS FOR REINSTATEMENT

1. Meet with an International Student Advisor either online or in person to discuss.
2. Collect the following documents for the advisor:
  - a. Updated Financial Documentation (no more than 3 months old).
  - b. A letter of explanation from the student as to why he or she is out of status.
3. Obtain a Reinstatement SEVIS I-20 via email from International Student Advisor. (Pay the [SEVIS I-901 fee](#) if out of status for more than 5 months)
4. File for Reinstatement with USCIS within the U.S. either [online](#) or through [paper form](#).
  - a. Process takes approximately 4-6 months;
  - b. Student must remain in the U.S. until Reinstatement is approved, in full time status;
  - c. Departing the U.S. will result in automatic cancelation of Reinstatement request.
5. USCIS will respond with either a requirement for further evidence, an approval, or a denial. Please email the International Student Advisor any/all updates from USCIS.

### 2

#### STEPS FOR DEPARTING THE U.S.

1. Meet with an International Student Advisor either online or in person to discuss.
2. Collect the following documents for the Advisor.
  - a. Updated Financial Documentation (no more than 3 months old).
  - b. Copy of valid passport, current visa, most recent I-94 entry document, and filled out I-20 Request form.
3. Obtain Initial Attendance SEVIS I-20 via email from the International Student Advisor.
4. Pay the [SEVIS I901 Fee](#).
5. Depart the U.S. and return on F-1 student status.
6. If current F-1 visa is expired, apply for a new one at the U.S. Embassy in your country.
7. Please make an appointment with an International Student Advisor upon returning to the U.S.

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